

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

March 6, 2018

Call to Order: The Committee of the Whole meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Casey, on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Walsh, Scheckel, Zak, Barnhouse and Banasiak.

Absent: Alderman Touchie, Kurysz, Finnegan, Reynolds, Grochowski,
Also present were: Salvatore Roti, City Treasurer and City Clerk Hacker

Journal February 6, 2018: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve the journal of the Committee meeting of February 28, 2017 as published.

Roll call indicated:

Ayes: (2) Aldermen Banasiak and Zak

Nays:

Motion Carried

General Budget: Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Treasurer Roti. Treasurer Roti stated the anticipated revenue is still increasing, so he will adjust it. The Library and Park Board budgets are still outstanding and the Health Insurance will be coming soon. Treasurer Roti and Mayor Casey met and updated the Police budget. At that time they talked with Al Tregoning who does maintenance on the squads. He reported they have nine squads. It was decided we do not need to purchase a squad this year. Nothing really substantial in the other departments. You will notice Public Works is down 10,000.00. There was some discussions regarding shade at the park. St. Lighting has increased 1,000.00, Liability is figured in with a 3% increase and Audit Fund stayed the same. Treasurer Roti stated he will check the payroll and update IMRF. There has been an increase to the water account due to water breaks. Alderman Barnhouse asked how we are doing with street patching and Director Trlak stated we are fine. Treasurer Roti stated there are a few items on the wish list to discuss. Under Municipal Buildings, replace doors at Patterson Park and Hammond Hall for security reasons. Change Pole Mounted breaker box for street lighting. Water Main exercising and evaluation on 100 valves. Sanitary sewer cleaning and camera preventative maintenance inspections, cameras for four squads to comply with subpoenas. After full discussion it was decided most of the wish list items are either for safety, security or needed for legal reasons. The maintenance of the sanitary sewer cleaning and camera is extremely costly and will be discussed further. Treasurer Roti asked all the Aldermen to think about raises, the possibility of replacing the water meters with smart meters which may require a low cost loan from the EPA, the project pretty much pays for itself over time. We need to think about putting funds toward the unfunded balance in IMRF. Mayor Casey stated now that we have discussed the ups and downs of the budget, everyone needs to understand we are in very good shape and will be passing a balanced budget unlike other municipalities. We have the Bill Board still on the table, they are close to completing the lease agreement for the Southwest Highway location, and we have the 88th street cell tower coming so our revenue will be increasing.

Misc. City Business: NONE

Citizen's NONE
Hearing:

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Alderman Scheckel seconded by Alderman Banasiak to adjourn
the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk