

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

**March 13, 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 13, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Alderman Grochowski

Also present were: Salvatore Roti, City Treasurer and City Clerk Hacker

Journal March 6, 2018: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Scheckel to approve the journal of the Committee meeting of March 6, 2018 as published.

Roll call indicated:

Ayes: (6) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Touchie, Kurysz, Zak and Barnhouse.

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Grochowski

Abstention: (3) Aldermen Scheckel, Reynolds and Finnegan

Motion Carried

General Budget: Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Treasurer Roti. Treasurer Roti stated he tweaked the revenue as more came in. The Library will be wrapping up their budget at the next meeting later this month as well as Recreation. We received the Health Care numbers today and they are not bad. The recommendation would be to stay with the current carrier as they have the lowest pricing and it is not good for employees to constantly have to switch carriers and possibly doctors. Alderman Banasiak asked if we can seal the cracks in the street. Director Trlak stated this would prolong the streets life, Maul does this and he will get some pricing from them. There was full discussion on the wish list items. It was decided to approve all of them except the low priority phone lines and the sewer telescoping, that will be put in the appropriation. On the water main valves, Mayor Casey asked if we would be better off buying the gas powered tool and doing it ourselves. Director Trlak stated he would like a professional company to come in and do this and give us a detailed map and then we can do the maintenance on the valves with the tool we can buy next year. Treasurer Roti stated we are in a good position to make the 25k payment to IMRF and should probably budget the same for next year and decide toward the end of the budget if we should do this or not. At the last meeting we discussed raises, on the worksheet you can see the cost to the City for 2%-5%, last meeting everyone seemed comfortable with a 3% raise, if that is still true I can add it to the budget for the next meeting. There was full discussion on the meter reader pay. They are paid per meter and in the past they were reading one section of the town, since we went to reading the whole town, their pay has tripled. Treasurer Roti will talk to the City Attorney regarding freezing their pay where it is today. It was decided to cancel the March 20<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting and just meet March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Misc. City

Business: NONE

Citizen's

Hearing:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Kurysz to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Mary Jo C. Hacker  
Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk