

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

March 28, 2017

- 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 28, 2017 at 7:10 P.M.
- Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Touchie, Kurysz, Walsh, Finnegan, Reynolds, Grochowski, Carmody and Byrne.
- Absent: Aldermen Barnhouse and Banasiak
Also present were: Salvatore Roti, City Treasurer and City Clerk Hacker
- Journal March 14 2017: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Carmody to approve the journal of the Finance Committee meeting of March 28, 2017 as published.
Roll call indicated:
Ayes: (8) Aldermen Touchie, Kurysz, Walsh, Finnegan, Reynolds, Grochowski, Carmody and Byrne
Nays:
Absent: (2) Aldermen Barnhouse and Banasiak
- General Budget: Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Treasurer Roti. Treasurer Roti stated he has added the Health Insurance and Park Boards budget to the sheets that were handed out. The additional payment for the tree removal was added as well as the agreed upon 3 % raises. As the sheets passed out show, we have a balanced budget! Thank you to everyone that participated in this very important process. As in past years, we used Corporate Funds to plug any shortfall. There was full discussion on making payments to IMRF to reduce the shortage caused by the low return on IMRF investments due to a volatile market. It was decided that there would be 25,000.00 sent to IMRF per year from the unbudgeted Video Gaming and LDR funds. Treasurer Roti reported he sat with the Park Board and he was very impressed with some of their ideas for the future.
- Alderman Touchie thanked past and present officials for all of their hard work on the current and past budgets. It was not too long ago that things were not going well and we asked our Department Heads to cut, cut and cut again. It was the foresight of the Treasurer at the time and the Department Heads which brings us to today where things are very good for the City of Hometown. We can hold our head high, we are a small community with a balanced budget yet we continue to improve the City as best we can without raising anything for our residents.
- Treasurer Roti stated your exactly right Alderman Touchie and we also are building a savings for any unforeseen events. Alderman Walsh thanked the Finance Committee for all of their hard work and time on the budget. Treasurer Roti stated he sat down with incoming Alderman Glenn Zak to explain some of the ongoing things we are doing.
- Misc. City Business: Mayor Casey stated it looks like we will have a Bill Board soon. We have been negotiating for close to 2 years and we are now close. The Cainkar Firm has been involved from the beginning looking out for our interests. Alderman Grochowski asked if there were any updates on the Cell Tower for 88th Street. Mayor Casey stated he will be talking with the gentleman tomorrow night to

get an update. There was discussion regarding a POD behind Walgreen's. Mayor Casey stated he would have Director Ringbauer look into it tomorrow. Public Works will be starting work on the new park Monday and we still have a completion date of early June.

Citizen's
Hearing: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk