

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
July 28, 2020**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Kevin Casey on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Reynolds.

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

Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal July 14, 2020 Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve as published the Journal of July 14, 2020 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak  
Kurysz and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Touchie, Barnhouse and Walsh.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN’S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor**

Mayor Casey proclaimed PLOWS 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Zak to adjourn the Regular meeting temporarily for the purpose of the Public Hearing on the Appropriation Ordinance.

Voice Vote at 8:02 indicated 9 Ayes 0 Nays

Mayor Casey announced the public hearing is opened according to the published notice of July 17, 2020 on the annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Clerk Hacker announced the proposed appropriation Ordinance has been on file for inspection for over ten (10) days, which includes the proposed levy.

Mayor Casey asked if there were any comments from the audience on the proposed appropriation ordinance.

Mayor Casey stated “There were no questions”

Mayor Casey announced the public hearing is closed on the appropriation ordinance at 8:04 p.m.

Motion made by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Grochowski that the adjourned regular meeting be re-opened at 8:05.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak  
Kurysz and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Touchie, Barnhouse and Walsh.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**Office of the Treasurer:**

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti had no report.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief had no report.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director was not present.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner not present.

Public Health & Safety: Director Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll July 28, 2020: Moved by Alderman Banasiak seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$79,596.29 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$62,713.49 for a total expenditure of \$142,309.78.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak  
Kurysz and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Touchie, Barnhouse and Walsh.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman, had no report.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Daniel Walsh, Chairman had no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert Smith, Chairman had no report.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Brian Barnhouse, Chairman was absent. Alderman Kurysz notified the City Council of a meeting of the Building Board of Appeals on July 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of Kevin Luckett of 9031 Corcoran Road after his roof permit was denied due to the color matching his garage but not his neighbor’s house roof.

Alderman Kurysz notified the City Council of a meeting of the Building Board of Appeals on July 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of Eric Gonzalez of 4014 W. 90<sup>th</sup> Place after request to keep his house painted grey while his duplex neighbor’s house is white was denied. This is an L shaped house.

**LICENSE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman reminded everyone that vehicle stickers and animal tags are on sale until July 31<sup>st</sup> at regular price and starting August 1<sup>st</sup> the price doubles and tickets will be issued.

**CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman had no report. There was discussion regarding garbage cans brought out too early.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman had no report.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Luci Kurysz, Chairman stated she will be giving the Hi-lites reporter information regarding low or no cost breast cancer services and an item about fraudulent pharmacy scam.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Alderman Frank Finnegan, Chairman had no report.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison reported the circulation for June of 2019 was 551, June of 2020 the circulation was 411. The Annual report was completed and they are still waiting for their per capita funds. The Library Board hired a Recording Secretary for their meetings.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman was absent.

Fire Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak, Liaison had no report. Mayor Casey reported that he sat down with the two chiefs, Police and Fire and things are on track.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN**

ORD. No. 6-2020: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve Ordinance No. 6-2020. An Ordinance providing an Appropriation for the Corporate and other Purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2021 in the City of Hometown Municipal Code. Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak  
Kurysz and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Touchie, Barnhouse and Walsh.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Res. No. 5-2020: Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 5-2020. A Resolution of the City of Hometown authorizing for the Engineering Fees for the Reconstruction of Duffy Avenue to be Appropriated from the MFT Fund.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak Kurysz and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Touchie, Barnhouse and Walsh.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Res. No. 6-2020: Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to approve Resolution No.6-2020 A Resolution of the City of Hometown authorizing additional Tax for Street and Bridge Purposes.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Smith, Zak, Reynolds, Grochowski, Banasiak Kurysz and Finnegan.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Aldermen Touchie, Barnhouse and Walsh.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Alderman Grochowski had no report.

**HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming events.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Clerk Hacker reported the free shredding event would be in late August. There was a discussion regarding Solicitor permits and calling the police if someone knocks on your door. Clerk Hacker stated there has not been a solicitor permit issued in years.

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** NONE.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Alderman Zak Seconded by Alderman Kurysz to adjourn the regular meeting of the Hometown City Council.

MOTION STATED CARRIED  
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk