

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
August 8, 2017**

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, August 8, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Walsh

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

Also present: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, Mark Trlak, Director of Public Works, Howard Reinheimer, Chief of Police and James Berkery, Assistant Building Commissioner.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal July 25, 2017: Moved by Alderman Kurysz, seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve as published the Journal of July 25, 2017 regular City Council Meeting.

AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Finnegan, Walsh, Reynolds, Grochowski, Zak, Barnhouse and Kurysz

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTENSION: (1) Alderman Touchie

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN’S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor:**

Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Chief Reinheimer. Chief Reinheimer called Ken Zroski to come to the front. Chief Reinheimer thanked Ken Zroski for his many years of services with the Hometown Police Department. Josie Murphy and Deputy Chief Rowland presented Ken Zsroski with a plaque from the Hometown Police Association for his 38 years of service. Mayor Casey thanked Ken for his many years of service.

Mayor Casey stated everyone has a copy of Alderman Tom Carmody’s resignation letter, Tom is moving to Wisconsin. Mayor Casey stated he will have an appointment at the next meeting.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Revenue that the Sales Tax collected in the month of May 2017 was in the amount of \$15,123.15. The amount collected in the month of May 2016 was in the amount of \$14,388.58.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of May 2017 was in the amount of \$7,666.79. The amount collected in the month of May 2016 was in the amount of \$6,198.95.

**Office of the Treasurer:**

Treasurer Roti reported absent. Mayor Casey stated the treasurer is out of town on business and is available via text and email if you have any questions.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

City Attorney: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, absent. *Attorney Cainkar entered at 8:10.* No report

Police: Howard Reinheimer, Chief of Police no report.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported the reconstruction on 87<sup>th</sup> Place was started on July 5 and completed on July 31, 2017. There were extra funds in the grant so we were able to repair an additional sewer and an extra 500 feet of sidewalk. There was a street sweeping last night and the guys have been doing street striping getting ready for school. There has also been some asphalt patching throughout town.

Building: James Berkery, Assistant Building Commissioner had no report.

Public Health & Safety: Mike Ringbauer, Director of Public Health and Safety, no report.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll August 8, 2017: Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$36,884.62 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$67,802.24 for a total expenditure of \$104,686.86.

(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)  
Roll Call Indicated:

AYES: (9) Aldermen Banasiak, Walsh, Reynolds, Finnegan,  
Touchie, Grochowski, Zak, Barnhouse and Kurysz.  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)

Alderman Touchie acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report and the Clerk Collector's report.

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman, no report.

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Grochowski, no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman reported the Fall Fest will be held on October 21, 2017. There will be a Movie in the Park on August 19 and they are hoping the park will be completed on Saturday. Mayor Casey stated barring any more glitches and weather permitting, we hope the park will be done by Saturday. We will then start the next phase which we hope to finish this year. Mayor Casey stated District 123 is having their annual Back to School extravaganza, in the past Mayor Casey stated he and Clerk Hacker spent the day at this event giving out helium balloons. He is busy that weekend and asked if any of the Aldermen can help. Alderman Finnegan stated he would be able to help out. Alderman Barnhouse stated that there is a canopy that can be used, it is stored at Patterson Park.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman gave the Building report. Chairman Barnhouse stated we are waiting for Building Commissioner Forbes to give his opinion on Mr. Walsh's request to change the siding color on the back and side only until the neighbor can afford to do his. Chairman Barnhouse moved, seconded by Alderman Walsh to table this issue until the next meeting.

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Touchie, Grochowski, Zak, Barnhouse and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Chairman Barnhouse asked that this be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**LICENSE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Donna Grochowski Chairman, no report.

**CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Bob Reynolds Chairman, no report.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Rick Banasiak Chairman, no report.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Alderman Luci Kurysz Chairman, no report.

**POLICE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Finnegan Chairman gave the monthly report.

**159 Calls 188 MSI 128 State 3 Local Ord. Tickets**

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Library:** Alderman Grochowski reported the Circulation for July 2017 was 716, July 2016 was 645. The number of Patrons in July was 368, of that 170 used the Computer Room. There will be a Story Hour on Saturday, September 16, from 11:00 to Noon with the theme being fall. There will be a Family Night on September 19 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm which will include a scavenger hunt and coloring contest. The workers are now wearing name tags, there is a puzzle table and there is a suggestion box.

**Legislation:** Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman, no report.

**Fire Department** Alderman Daniel Walsh gave the July report.

**Personnel Review:** Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman, no report

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

**Ord. No. 9-2017:** Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Touchie to approve Ordinance 9-2017 an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Appointed City Officers, Article 2, Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, by deleting Section 2.16, Appointment of Chief of Police, by amending Section 2.23, discharge; suspensions, and Section 2.24, Chief's powers and duties; Fire Inspector, of the City of Hometown Municipal Code.

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Grochowski, Finnegan, Barnhouse and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Motion indicated passed.

**Special Events:** Alderman Grochowski reported the application has been submitted to the Army for September 11 event at OLL 7:00 p.m.

**Health, Welfare & Community Awareness:** Upcoming events were reported.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Casey stated that we are always looking for volunteers, we have the upcoming Movie in the Park, “Storks” on August 19, or just come out and enjoy the movie. Thank you to Mayor Sexton for all of his help, including the projector and screen for this event. Clerk Hacker stated everyone should have a flyer about the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative event for the Viet Nam War. You should also have a memo regarding the IML Conference which you must respond by the end of the week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

**CITIZEN’S HEARING:** NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Finnegan 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