

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
August 22, 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 22, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Barnhouse

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Zak, Walsh, Reynolds, Touchie, Barnhouse, Banasiak, Finnegan, Grochowski and Kurysz.  
Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney and Treasurer Sal Roti.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal August 8, 2017 Moved by Alderman Grochowski seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve as published the Journal of August 8, 2017 regular City Council Meeting.  
Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN'S HEARING**

Mary Germann of 8732 Beck Place addressed the City Council regarding her denied permit to roof her house. She wants to change the color of her shingles from a light gray to a charcoal gray and her neighbor has not applied for a permit to roof and change colors. She was advised to talk to her neighbor about changing colors and also to meet with Building Commissioner Forbes regarding her options.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor**

Mayor Casey reported the Park was completed a week ago Monday, the playground and splash pad. There is still more to come, benches, gazebo and garbage cans. Mayor Casey thanked the City Council for the sale of the Cell Tower to allow us to fund the park. Mayor Casey thanked a young lady that ripped us on social media for the condition of our parks. Instead of just complaining, she got involved and helped make this a reality. It is very nice to see how crowded the park is and to see several generations enjoying the park together. Mayor Casey thanked the Park Board for the endless meetings that lasted hours, past members like Jessica who was involved in the beginning to present members like Kim. The project was done in (8) eight months, it was very fast moving. We initially had Hitchcock, which we used many of their ideas in our final plans but we met a new firm in October at Conference and reworked the project. Of course there were glitches, as with any project. Thank you to Gary Perlman for his work on the contracts etc. with Team Reil, we did all of this without a project manager because we could not afford one. Huge thank you to the Public Works Department, Mark and his crew helped at every stage which saved us money. Thank you again to Jim Sexton, the Mayor of Evergreen Park, his PW Director Bill Lorenz and his crew. Mr. Sexton is a great Mayor, Friend and neighbor. Our Park Board is doing many things, the Park, Movie in the Park, which was the first event that Kim Casper ran and it was a success. Thank you to John Cruz, Patty Fadden and Mary Jo Hacker for helping in the concession and Brian Barnhouse for his assistance to the EP crew setting up the screen. Again thank you to Mayor Sexton for the screen and projector. I want to also thank the Police Department for taking time to go into the new park and meet and talk to the people and the kids, we are all coming together to make this a nice community. I will have my appointment for the open Alderman position next meeting. It is between two people right now.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

Clerk Hacker stated she attended the park with an Orland Park resident that frequents Orland Park several parks and she was very impressed with our park.

**Office of the Treasurer:**

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti, no report.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard, no report.

Police: Chief Howard Reinheimer, not present.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, not present.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner, no report.

Public Health & Safety: Michael Ringbauer, Director, not present.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll August 22, 2017 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$145,441.05 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$49,875.51 for a total expenditure of \$195,316.56.  
(List of vouchers marked "EXHIBIT A" attached to and made a part of this Journal)  
Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**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, no report.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Alderman Brian Barnhouse Chairman moved, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to remove item from the table from the last meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Alderman Brian Barnhouse Chairman moved, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the Building Board of Appeals recommendation to not allow Steven Walsh of 4626 West 89<sup>th</sup> Place to change the color of his siding.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen, Zak, Banasiak, Grochowski, Reynolds, Barnhouse, Touchie and Kurysz.

NAYS: (2) Aldermen Walsh and Finnegan

ABSENT: (0)

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**LICENSE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Donna Grochowski, no report

**CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Robert Reynolds Chairman, no report

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Rick Banasiak Chairman, no report

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Luci Kurysz Chairman, complimented the fence at the park by the railroad tracks.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Aldermen Frank Finnegan, Chairman, no report

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski, the next Board Meeting is September 6, 2017 at 7:30.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman reported he received an email from Jim Garrett, President & CEO of the Chicagoland Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau stating State lawmakers have introduced two bills, HB 4082 and HB 4083, that would retroactively end Cook County’s ability to tax sweetened beverages. This beverage tax has been bad for many businesses effecting consumers, restaurants, retailers, and the entire hospitality industry. While supporters of this tax cite the health benefits by making beverages with sugar cost more, they have remained silent on other non-sugary beverages that were lumped into this tax. Chairman Touchie stated he asked Clerk Hacker to email this to all the officials and he asked that each official use the link in the email to submit a witness slip in favor of these two bills. Mayor Casey stated he knows these witness slips can help so he urged officials to take a minute and submit a slip.

Fire Department: Alderman Daniel Walsh stated everyone should have a copy of the HFPD report and if anyone has any questions please bring them to him and he will bring them to the board.

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

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

NONE

Special Events: Alderman Grochowski had reported plans are underway for the 9-11 Memorial at OLL at 7:00 p.m.

Health, Welfare and

Community Events: Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming events. Alderman Grochowski wished everyone a safe holiday.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** Steven Walsh of 4626 West 89<sup>th</sup> Place stated he put in a new permit for residing only the back and side of the house because it seems that was what the Zoning Committee was leaning towards. Alderman Barnhouse stated all we can vote on tonight is the permit put before the Zoning Board and denied.

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

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Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk