

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
March 22, 2022**

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, April 26, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Robert Smith.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Zak, Banasiak, Barnhouse, Smith, Kurysz, Finnegan and Reynolds.  
Absent: Aldermen Walsh and Beyer  
Also present: Gary Perlman, City Attorney

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal April 12, 2022 Moved by Alderman Grochowski seconded by Alderman Finnegan to approve as published the Journal of April 12, 2022 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Alderman Beyer and Walsh

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN'S HEARING**

NONE

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor**

Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Chief Dominguez, Chief Dominguez stated we have two promotions to be sworn in tonight. Officer Hojek is being promoted to a Corporal, John has a long public service record, thirty years with the OLF, ten year with the HFPD and three years previously as a Hometown Police Officer. John is already making a big contribution to our department he has made sure each vehicle has a AED (automated external defibrillator). John knows the town, the residents and our system so it was a very nice addition and he will do well as a Corporal. We also have Kevin Duffin, a retired CPD Area Commander, he holds a B.A. in Political Science, Kevin is being promoted to Deputy Chief and will be a big asset to our department. Currently in the supervisory positions we have over 100 years of combined service. Clerk Hacker administer the Oath of Office to both officers. Mayor Casey stated both officers will be great assets, John knows the hot spots in town and his paramedic background will serve us well. I know Kevin will be very great in his new position, a few days after Kevin h joined us Mayor Sexton called and asked how we were able to get Kevin, he wanted him for their department. Mayor Casey stated our Police Department is getting stronger which is great because we have more serious crimes coming through our town, we are well protected. This is all a credit to Chief Dominguez, he attracts these officers because they know his history, training available and his extensive record speaks for itself. One of the big things that has been updated in the department is make sure we have a policy in place for everything that could come up. Deputy Chief Hoenselaar was a huge part of that, he worked on the Policies to cover everything.

Many Chiefs before Lou started the process but it never made it to completion until now. Nowadays if you charge someone for a crime they want to see the policy in place for that. One person here we need to thank is the Bridgeview Chief of Police Mancha, He sends retiring officers our way and has helped Lou immensely.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

City Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker stated her office had received a request from the Hometown Community Chest for a Sponsorship for the Annual Golf Outing.

**Office of the Treasurer:**

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti stated we will have the Committee of the Whole meeting after this meeting regarding the budget.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

**City**

**Attorney:** Elizabeth Attard had no report.

**Police:** Louis Dominguez, Chief was not present.

**Public Works:** Mark Trlak, Director reported that the street sweeper came through last night, they have been doing routine maintenance, meter repairs and B Box locates.

**Building:** James Forbes, Commissioner was not present.

**Public Health**

**& Safety:** Director Bonnie Gesiakowski reminded residents that the weather is changing, time to clean up their properties.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

*Alderman Grochowski entered at 7:15 p.m.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll March 22, 2022 Moved by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$102,594.02 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$68,716.00 for a total expenditure of \$171,310.02.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (10) Aldermen Banasiak, Zak, Grochowski, Walsh, Barnhouse, Smith, Finnegan, Kurysz, Beyer and Reynolds.

NAYS: (0)

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 had no report.

**LICENSE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report

**CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman had no report.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman had no report

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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Alderman Luci Kurysz, Chairman had no report.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Alderman Frank Finnegan Chairman commended the Police Department patrols on 90<sup>th</sup> Place and Komensky.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison reported the Circulation for February 2021 was 406 and 2022 was 403. The budget discussion was tabled, and they asked that Treasurer Roti attend the meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. They have been working on their Annual Report which is due in May.

Legislation: Alderman Christopher Beyer had no report.

Fire

Department: Mayor Casey, Liaison, reported things are going well and there are changes coming.

Personnel Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

Review:

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

**SPECIAL**

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

**HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Alderman Grochowski reported there will be no Facts not Facebook in Aril but the Home-Rule meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at Patterson Park at noon. The VFW is having a Penny Social on March 27, 2022.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** Alderman Kurysz reported she attended the Home Rule meeting which she thought was fantastic.

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mary Jo C. Hacker  
City Clerk/Collector