

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
March 28, 2023**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Acting Mayor Frank Finnegan on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Zak, Banasiak, Walsh, Smith, Reynolds, Beyer and Kurysz.

Absent: Aldermen Grochowski and Barnhouse.

Also present: Michael Cainkar, City Attorney, James Forbes, Building Commissioner and Bonnie Gesiakowski, Director of Public health and Safety.

Press: Jan Forney, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal March 14, 2023 Moved by Alderman Zak seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve as published the Journal of March 14, 2023 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Smith, Acting Mayor Finnegan
Beyer, Reynolds, Zak, Walsh, Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Grochowski and Barnhouse

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

Phil Mottl, 9048 Corcoran Road, stated he received a letter regarding a ward change. There was full discussion regarding the County Map error that is being handled by Cook County Election Board.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Library Board Appt.: Acting Mayor Finnegan stated he would like to nominate Kathy Rowe to the Library Board.

Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Beyer to approve the appointment of Kathy Rowe to the Library Board.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Smith, Acting Mayor Finnegan
Beyer, Reynolds, Zak, Walsh, Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Grochowski and Barnhouse

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Acting Mayor Finnegan stated he would like to nominate Mary Schwappach to the Library Board. Moved by Alderman Finnegan, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to approve the appointment of Kathy Rowe to the Library Board.

Roll call, the vote was:

- AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Smith, Acting Mayor Finnegan
Beyer, Reynolds, Zak, Walsh, Kurysz.
- NAYS: (0)
- ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Grochowski and Barnhouse

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Office of the City Clerk:

City Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker was absent. Deputy Clerk Sharon Harland had no report.

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore had no report.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

- City Attorney: Attorney Michael Cainkar had no report.
- Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police was not present.
- Building Department: James Forbes, Commissioner had no report.
- Health & Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski, Director has no report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Accounts Payable and Payroll March 28, 2023: Moved by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Walsh to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$277,684.02 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$67,269.32 for a total expenditure of \$344,953.34.

Roll call, the vote was:

- AYES: (8) Aldermen Banasiak, Smith, Acting Mayor Finnegan
Beyer, Reynolds, Zak, Walsh, Kurysz.
- NAYS: (0)
- ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Grochowski and Barnhouse

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. Acting Mayor Finnegan stated there was a televising and cleaning of a 30” sewer on Komensky with no damage found.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Smith, Chairman had no report. Acting Mayor Finnegan met with the baseball & softball teams using Patterson Park fields for the upcoming season and schedules have been set for the games and practice times.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Brian Barnhouse, Chairman was absent.

LICENSE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman was absent.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman had no report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman had no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Luci Kurysz, Chairman had no report.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Acting Mayor Frank Finnegan, Chairman reported he met with Director Trlak, Co-op Manager Byrne and Maintenance Manager of the Co-ops Jim Berkery regarding putting a barricade at 87th street and Kenton to stop traffic from going through the co-ops, it was decided to hold off for now.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison was absent. Acting Mayor Finnegan reported the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. They will be closed Friday for Good Friday.

Legislation: Alderman Christopher Beyer reported on the LGDF Bill. Acting Mayor Finnegan stated he will be emailing the Aldermen on another bill that will be coming up for vote.

Fire

Department: Acting Mayor Finnegan, Liaison, reported the HFPD has a new CPR Machine that they received through a grant. There was discussion about getting an AED machine for Patterson Park.

Personnel Acting Mayor Finnegan, Chairman no report.

Review:

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

NONE

SPECIAL

EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski was absent. Acting Mayor Finnegan reported the Easter Bunny will come through town on April 8.

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski was absent. Acting Mayor Finnegan reported the next Facts not Facebook meeting will be held on April 15, 2023 at the Patterson Building at noon. City Hall will be closed Good Friday April 7, 2023. The VFW is hosting an Italian Night on April 15, 2023 4pm-7pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Acting Mayor Finnegan reported repairs are being done at the Shopping Center. Two new water fountains have been installed at City Hall. There will be a new fence put up by the Public Works yard. All the vertical banners along Southwest Highway have been removed, and there are plans for a new electronic sign.

NEW BUSINESS: Alderman Reynolds reported cars and delivery trucks are cutting through between the schools. Acting Mayor Finnegan stated the Eternal Flame will be turned on for Memorial Day and we are still looking for a long term options to keep the flame operational.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: John Forney asked about the Gaming Ordinance and he was advised it was still being worked on. He also asked if there will be a Citizens Committee for Home Rule. Acting Mayor Finnegan stated he was not aware of one being formed. Mr. Forney stated it was talked about at the Home Rule meetings.

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Jo C. Hacker
City Clerk/Collector