

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
June 28, 2022**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Banasiak on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Banasiak asked for a moment of silence for longtime resident Ted Kramer. Ted was a Library Board member for 49 years and served as the board Treasurer. Ted passed away over the weekend.

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

Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney, Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police, Bonnie Gesiakowski, Director of Public Health and Safety and Mark Trlak, Public Works Director.

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal June 14, 2022 Moved by Alderman Walsh seconded by Alderman Kurysz to approve as published the Journal of June 14, 2022 regular City Council Meeting.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (7) Aldermen Kurysz, Grochowski, Smith, Walsh, Banasiak, Zak and Beyer.
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (0)
ABSTENSION: (3) Aldermen Barnhouse, Finnegan and Reynolds.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN'S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Pro-Tem Banasiak introduced Tim O'Connor from Midwest Meter to give a presentation regarding the Smart Water Meters.

There was discussion after the presentation and Mr. O'Connor answered all questions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Banasiak stated Mayor Casey will give us all the updates at the next meeting.

Office of the City Clerk:

City Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker stated her office received a request from the Salvation Army to conduct their annual Red Kettle Campaign Monday-Saturday, November 1st thru December 24, 2022.

Moved by Alderman Grochowski, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve the request from the Salvation Army.

Voice Vote indicated: 10 Ayes 0 Nays

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore reported he will miss the July 12, 2022 City Council Meeting but will be available via email for any issues or questions.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City

Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief had no report.

Public

Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported the branch pick up went well, they will do another branch pick up the first two Mondays in October.

Public Health

& Safety: Director Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll Moved by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$183,863.71 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$64,743.85 for a total expenditure of \$248,607.56.

June 28, 2022 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 notified the City Council there will be a Building Board of Appeals held on July 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of John and Laura Dicharo of 8765 S. Kildare due to the denial of the siding permit they submitted where the color will not match the attached neighbor.

Additionally, Chairman Barnhouse notified the City Council there will be a Building Board of Appeals held on July 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of Terry Testa of 4202 W. 87th Place due to the denial of the siding permit they submitted where the color will not match the attached neighbor.

LICENSE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman reminded the residents that vehicle stickers and animal tags are on sale until June 30th at the regular price, after June 30th the price is double.

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

Alderman Frank Finnegan Chairman had no report

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison reported the next Library Board meeting will be held Tuesday July 6, 2022.

Legislation: Alderman Christopher Beyer had no report.

Fire

Department: Mayor Casey, Liaison, had no report.

Personnel Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

Review:

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

ORD. No. 6-2022: MOVED BY ALDERMAN WALSH, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FINNEGAN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 6-2022, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, APPOINTED CITY OFFICERS, BY REVISING SECTION 2.21(A), OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES, OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN MUNICIPAL CODE

On the question; Alderman Grochowski asked the City Attorney to explain this ordinance.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

RES. NO. 5-2022: MOVED BY ALDERMAN BEYER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALSH TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5-2022, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN ADOPTING A 28-DAY WORK PERIOD FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

On the question; Alderman Grochowski asked the City Attorney to explain this ordinance.

Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

SPECIAL

EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski stated details for the 9-11 event will follow.

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski thanked residents for all the donations they have received for the soldiers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN’S HEARING: Jan and John Forney of the Home Rule Committee and Dave Muir talked about working hard to pass it and they thanked Bonnie for her work. It was announced that from the tapes from the polling place Home Rule passed by 9 votes. Official results will be certified July 19th according to the County Clerk’s Office.

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mary Jo C. Hacker
City Clerk/Collector