

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
May 11, 2021**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Casey on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Cingrani Children.

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

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal April 27, 2021: Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to approve as published the Journal of April 27, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Indicated:

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

NAYS: (0)

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor:

Mayor Casey stated we have many goals for the next four years that he hopes to achieve. Mayor Casey thanked his wife Cathy for all her support over the many years he has served as an Alderman and then as Mayor. We were both born and raised in Hometown and we raised our four kids here, two of our kids live here in town. Mayor Casey thanked the Aldermen and Department Heads for the trust and support they have given him over the years.

Mayor Casey called City Attorney Elizabeth Attard up to administer the Oath of Office to City Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker. City Clerk Hacker administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected officials.

Mayor	Kevin Casey	City Treasurer	Salvatore Roti
Alderman Ward One	Frank Finnegan	Alderman Ward Two	Brian Barnhouse
Alderman Ward Three	Robert Reynolds	Alderman Ward Three	Christopher Beyer
Alderman Ward Four	Daniel Walsh	Alderman Ward Five	Glen Zak

Mayor Casey reported Advocate has been sold to another medical group which will not bring sales tax but will bring additional foot traffic. The church property sale should be completed by the weekend and then we can talk to the doctor about the B Building. The traffic study at Ghosiens was completed and given a green light and is now in the hands of IDOT, there is Federal money coming we hope to put it towards the Smart Meters. We are still chasing money for the streets, Commissioner Daley reached out to congratulate me on my re-election and I am hoping the County can come through with more funds for us. Mayor Casey thanked the Department Heads saying the town is looking better, things are opening up and the Senior Bus will be operating again soon.

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 December 2020 was in the amount of \$18,205.46 the amount collected in the month of December 2019 was in the amount of \$17,342.89.

Clerk Hacker reported that her office received notification from the Department of Transportation that the MFT collected in the month of December 2020 was in the amount of \$12,313.42 the amount collected in the month of December 2019 was in the amount of \$14,437.02.

Clerk Hacker stated her office had received a request from District 123 Educational Foundation for a foursome and hole sponsorship for their annual Golf Outing.

Moved by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Kurysz to approve a Foursome and Hole Sponsorship in the amount of \$465.00.

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NAYS: (0)

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Clerk Hacker thanked her family for attending tonight’s swearing in. Her husband Chris, her son T.J. Cingrani and his wife Kelly, her son Mark Cingrani and his wife Heidi and their children, Sophia, James and Andrew. Clerk Hacker thanked Mayor Casey, the Aldermen and the Department Heads for their support over the years.

Office of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have a copy of the reports generated by his office, we are seeing regular activity on our accounts. Treasurer Roti thanked his wife Jackie and son Matt for attending tonight. Matt recently graduated from college.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief of Police reported the lane in the Co-ops where Lt. Kouski grew up will be dedicated to his name on Memorial Day. Chief Dominguez introduced a new addition to the Police Department, Demi, a German Shepard that will be trained as a K-9 dog.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director reported Metra will finish paving tomorrow. We are anticipating the tracks to be open Thursday. The rubber mulch installation at Patterson Park should also be completed by tomorrow.

Building: James Forbes, Building Commissioner had no report.

Public Health and Safety: Bonnie Gesiakowski reminded residents they have to mow the dandelions also.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable Payroll Moved by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$76,758.57 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$65,354.73 for a total expenditure of \$142,113.30.

May 11, 2021: (List of vouchers marked “EXHIBIT A” attached to and made a part of this Journal)

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NAYS: (0)

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Alderman Beyer acknowledged receipt of the City Treasurer’s Report and the Clerk Collector’s Report for April.

Alderman Beyer thanked his wife Stacy and daughter Bree for attending the meeting.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman had no report.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Walsh, Chairman had no report.

Alderman Walsh thanked his Mom, his wife Sue and daughter Jessica for attending the meeting to support him.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Smith, Chairman reported they will meet tomorrow.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Barnhouse, Chairman gave the Building Report.

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman reminded residents that vehicle stickers and animal tags will be on sale May 3, 2021 until June 30, 2021.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Bob Reynolds, Chairman had no report.

Alderman Reynolds thanked his wife and sister in-law for attending the meeting to support him.

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

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

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

195 Incident reports 214 P Tickets 7 Compliance Tickets 113 Warnings 20 State Tickets

Alderman Finnegan thanked his wife Maureen for attending the meeting to support him.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski reminded everyone of the new Library hours. The renovation has been completed. The circulation for April 2021 was 320, April 2020 (Covid) was 40. They have received \$2,300.00 in RE Tax revenue.

Legislation: Alderman Beyer had no report.

Fire Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak reported they are still operating a three-man crew due to financing. The new ambulance 472 is in service.

Personnel Review: Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report. Chief Dominguez had no report. Alderman Beyer had no report.

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

Resolution NO. 6-2021: MOVED BY ALDERMAN REYNOLDS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FINNEGAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO.6-2021 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN SUPPORTING RESTORATION OF LGDF REVENUE.

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Grochowski, Barnhouse, Banasiak and Kurysz.

NAYS: (0)

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Special

Events: Alderman Grochowski reported she still does not have information on the rabies program starting up again.

Health, Welfare & Community Awareness: Alderman Grochowski reported on upcoming events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker
City Clerk/Collector