

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
June 23, 2020**

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, June 23, 2020 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Banasiak

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

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal June 9, 2020 Moved by Alderman Zak, seconded by Alderman Grochowski to approve as published the Journal of June 9, 2020 regular City Council Meeting.
Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Alderman Touchie

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Casey stated he has been on many conference calls regarding Covid and as of today we can move to Stage 4 on Friday. We will be opening the Splash Pad allowing 50 or less people at one time. We will hire attendants, High School or College students, seven days a week to clean and watch the park. I have been getting constant texts and calls about the Splash Pad. They have started saw cutting on 89th Street for the resurfacing.

Office of the City Clerk:

City Clerk Hacker had no report.

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti had no report.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief reported everything is back to normal, with officers on the ready, if needed.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director was not present. Mayor Casey stated the Branch Pick-up program is very successful, most weeks it takes them two days to get all the branches picked up.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner reported he had just received the plans for the District 123 project between the schools. They are enlarging the parking area and adding a walking path. Commissioner Forbes suggested our City Engineers look over the plans.

Public Health
& Safety:

Director Bonnie Gesiakowski had no report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts
Payable
and
Payroll
June
23, 2020

Moved by Alderman Banasiak seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$53,517.42 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$63,784.71 for a total expenditure of \$117,302.13.

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Mayor Casey stated the check from the Trailer Court has been received and deposited into our account.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman notified the City Council of a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of Juan Ramirez after his fence permit was denied due to the setbacks set by Ordinance.

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 reminded everyone that vehicle stickers and animal tags are on sale until July 31st at regular price and starting August 1st tickets will be issued.

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 stated she will be giving the Hi-lites reporter information for seniors regarding Social Security. If you have trouble sleeping you can try pistachio nuts to help.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Alderman Frank Finnegan, Chairman had no report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library:

Alderman Grochowski, Liaison reported they are now open regular hours. No book sale information or summer reading program information. They were notified of the per capita amount of \$5,436.25. The next meeting will be July 1, 2020.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman was absent.

Fire

Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak, Liaison reported this was the first meeting in 3 months. The Trustees officially welcomed Gary Flavin as a Trustee, he will serve as Vice President, Trustee Nevels will serve as President and Trustee Reinheimer will serve as Secretary. They have had many assists to surrounding communities. Training has been minimal due to Covid19. The Air Packs were delivered and they are being fitted.

Personnel Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

Review:

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

Alderman Kurysz said thank you for fixing of the Veterans Memorial, it looks great.

ORD. NO. 05-2020: Moved By Alderman Finnegan, Seconded by Alderman Zak to Approve Ordinance No. 5-2020, 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: Mayor Casey stated this creates a FT Investigator position which is needed in today's world, you can't investigate two days a week. Chief Dominguez stated what has happened in the past was investigations went by the wayside because it's hard to investigate as a PT officer. The officer will also be managing the many systems in our department. Currently we have seven or eight active cases. During the shooting incident near the co-ops, John had identified the shooter within days, Chicago has not charged him yet due to back log but our investigator made the case.

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SPECIAL Alderman Grochowski had no report.

EVENTS:

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski reported the VFW has a band on June 27th. The Queen of Hearts will re-start July 10th. Monday is the last Branch Pick-up and Alderman Grochowski wished a Happy 4th of July to all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Barnhouse asked about the new Car Wash and Mayor Casey stated the closing is set for Labor Day. Alderman Walsh asked about the OLL property, Mayor Casey said there have been some discussions but nothing solid and he will touch base with the Archdioceses. It has been hard with so many businesses operating with a skeleton crew.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN'S HEARING: NONE

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

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk