

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
January 24, 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, January 24, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Clerk Hacker.

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

Absent: Aldermen Grochowski and Barnhouse.

Also present: Beth Attard, City Attorney, James Forbes, Building Commissioner and Bonnie Gesiakowski, Director of Public Health and Safety.

**Press:** Jan Forney, Hometown Hi-Lites.

**Journal January 10, 2023** Moved by Alderman Walsh seconded by Alderman Zak to approve as published the Journal of January 10, 2023 regular City Council Meeting.  
Roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Grochowski and Barnhouse.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CITIZEN’S HEARING**

Jan Forney asked if the officials were going to attend the meet and greet, many responded undecided.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Office of the Mayor**

Acting Mayor Finnegan stated he had no appointments.

**Office of the City Clerk:**

City Clerk Mary Jo C. Hacker reminded officials to watch their email accounts for Ethics Statements that must be completed.

**Office of the Treasurer:**

City Treasurer Salvatore introduced John Hoffman from Wagner Sim & Co. Mr. Hoffman offered heartfelt condolences to the city for the loss of Mayor Casey. Mr. Hoffman presented the City Council with a copy of the Annual Audit Report. Mr. Hoffman thanked Clerk Hacker and her staff for all of the help he received from them during the audit process. Mr. Hoffman directed everyone to the pages that summarize the audit findings. Mr. Hoffman noted the pension liability is now in the positive due to the good markets. Mr. Hoffman asked the officials to call him with any questions once they read the report. Treasurer Roti reported the budget documents went out to the Department Heads and they are due back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, then our first finance meeting will be February 14, 2023 for general revenue discussion. Treasurer Roti stated he should have the IML new projections by then also.

**REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

City  
Attorney: Attorney Attard had no report.

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

Public  
Works: Mark Trlak, Director was not present.

Public Health  
& Safety: Director Bonnie Gesiakowski asked residents to make sure the lids are closed on all the cans they put at the curb.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Accounts Payable and Payroll  
 Moved by Alderman Beyer, seconded by Alderman Zak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$243,124.76 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$63,693.89 for a total expenditure of \$306,818.64.

January 24, 2023  
 Roll call, the vote was:

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Robert Smith, Chairman had no report.

**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 has been talking with the chief and we have a lot going on and he stated he commends the department.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Library: Alderman Grochowski, Liaison was absent. Acting Mayor Finnegan reported the next meeting will be Thursday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. They are still looking for one board member.

Legislation: Alderman Christopher Beyer had no report. Treasurer Roti reported there is a bill coming up to raise the LGDF from the 6.5% back to the 10% it used to be. There is a bill where local tax increase or levy would have to be by referendum, also new restrictions on Home Rule communities.

Fire

Department: Acting Mayor Finnegan, Liaison, reported in December they had 141 runs, 45 of those were billable. 2021 total runs were 1376, 2022 the total runs were 1503. The Air Packs were flow tested. The Department is searching for grants.

Personnel Acting Mayor Finnegan, Chairman no report.

Review:

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

SPECIAL

EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski was absent.

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski was absent. Acting Mayor Finnegan reported that Joe Burke is having a breakfast to benefit Amvets on Saturday, February 12, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hometown VFW.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN'S HEARING: John Forney stated a driver for Republic told them in the summer that the city wanted the cans placed on the sidewalk. Clerk Hacker stated in a recent Hi-Lites there was a picture of where we and the company wanted the cans placed which is at the front of the grass with a small amount on the sidewalk.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Alderman Kurysz 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