

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

March 8, 2022

- Call to Order: The Committee of the Whole meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Casey, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 8:00 P.M.
- Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Smith, Walsh, Zak, Barnhouse, Finnegan, Reynolds, Banasiak, Beyer and Kurysz.
Absent: Alderman Grochowski.
Also present were: Salvatore Roti, City Treasurer and Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk.
- Minutes: Moved by Alderman Banasiak, seconded by Alderman Beyer to approve the Finance Committee Journal from the meeting held on February 22, 2022.
Roll call indicated: Ayes 3 Nays 0
Motion declared passed.
- Budget: Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Treasurer Roti. Treasurer Roti stated there was no change on the revenue side of things since the last meeting, this could change if the state publishes new numbers. We received some numbers on the health insurance and our broker is in negotiations with BC/BS to bring the increase down a bit. We are expecting the library budget numbers in early April. Treasurer Roti asked Director Trlak to tell the City Council about the truck he is requesting. Director Trlak stated the quote he has is from October and the amount is \$120,000.00. There was full discussion with these details emerging. The current Hi-Lift Truck is a 33 ft. lift, the new one is 44 ft., which will allow the PW personnel to reach half way up the Patterson Park Light poles to replace those bulbs not half to sub out the work. The bucket is insulated, not sure on the stabilizer, this will be checked and reported back. The current truck has a 350 chassis, the new truck has a 550 chassis. It was reported the one quote was a state contract price. The standard warranty/maintenance package which is 1 year. The plow blade will be 8.5 Boss Electric Hydraulic. The Director was asked to get another quote and an updated quote from the company that quoted in October. There was discussion regarding what the lift was used for and how the trailer they recently purchased from the Boy Scouts was used as well as the Tahoe. After the full discussion Mayor Casey asked Director Trlak to:
1. Get a price for a new Utility truck. (No lift)
 2. Have Runnion check the current lift out for safety issues and feasibility of the length of use.
 3. Gather data on how often the lift was used.
 4. Get an updated price for the October quote.
- Mayor Casey stated then we can have another discussion regarding the truck purchase at the next meeting. There will be a new truck purchased, we just must see the best route to go, maybe a new Utility Truck for everyday use and the current lift just when needed.
Treasurer Roti stated we will meet again on March 22, 2022 after the City Council meeting and on April 5, 2022. We can plan on passing the budget April 12, 2022.
- Misc. City Business: NONE

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Citizen's
Hearing: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Alderman Beyer seconded by Alderman Reynolds to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk