

## CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 24, 2026**

**Call to** The Finance Committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to  
**Roll Call:** order by Mayor Frank Finnegan on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:40 P.M.

Roll call indicated that the following committee members were present:

Aldermen Forney, Weber

Absent: Alderman Reynolds

Quorum present

Also present were Aldermen Barnhouse, Kurysz, Dolan, Zak and Rivas.

Treasurer Roti said we will be going over the anticipated revenue. I included the MFT anticipated funds. Mark Trlak will share it with our City engineer, Mark Volk. IML has the allotment numbers. I always provide the MFT numbers to Mark Trlak so he knows what he has to spend, but he never gets near that number. CDBG Grants, we pay ahead and get reimbursed. The state is proposing to decrease the LGDF (money from the state per capita). It is all on the IML website. Municipalities have to make up for the decrease somewhere. Hopefully it doesn't pass.

General taxes are based on the tax levy. Permits and licenses go in cycles based on the time of year. Sales tax is going pretty well. Use tax has dropped. Video gaming is increasing. We budget 90% so that is really good. Nicor and ComEd are based on average, they vary depending on the season. We can't gauge an amount on fines, that all depends on tickets the PD and code enforcement is writing. The towing fines are increasing. Local Debt Recovery gets higher during tax season. Red light fines are starting to come up. There is less in sundry as we are working on getting all miscellaneous revenue into the correct accounts. Cable is sporadic.

Water is consistent. Water funds itself. The \$300,000.00 grant for the sewer is also in there. I am assuming Chicago is going to increase the water by about 4% this year. Penalties will be less due to the Water Affordability Grant. We got a better interest rate from the bank.

The Library has not turned in their budget yet. Mayor Finnegan said he received their wish list, and they are not asking for much so it shouldn't be much of a difference.

Parks and Rec, the tax levy is combined so I split it. Corporate funds rec throughout the year. Rec gets income from their programs, Zumba and Hammond Hall. The Pickleball Grant is included in there.

I received some budgets, still waiting on Police and Public Works.

**Miscellaneous:** Health Insurance is increasing. Need to decide whether to stay or change companies. Still waiting on quotes. One company already said no.

**City Business:** NONE

**CITIZEN'S**

**HEARING:** NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Alderman Forney seconded by Alderman Weber to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting.

**MOTION STATED CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

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Christina Walker, City Clerk

