

# Minutes of Regular Meeting Of Homecroft Town Council

Thursday, April 28, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.  
*Homecroft Town Hall – 1400 Tulip Dr.*

Present:

Mr. Zachary Frizzell – Council President  
Mr. Robert Lutz - Town Attorney  
Mrs. Melissa May – Council Member  
Mr. Bryan Wolfe – Council Member

Mr. Kevin Kehlbeck –Clerk/Treasurer  
Mrs. Susan Fleck-Council Vice President  
John Ryan, Jr. - Homecroft P.D.  
Chief James Leonard - Homecroft P.D.

1. Call to Order – 7:00 pm - Mr. Zachary Frizzell. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**The Clerk/Treasurer's report:**            **Kevin Kehlbeck**

1. A motion was made by Mrs. May to approve the March 24, 2022 minutes for the Regular Council Meeting and the Public Hearing for the Cumulative Capital Fund (No members of the public were present); motion was seconded by Mrs. Fleck. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to approve the Claims for March 25, 2022 thru April 28, 2022. Mrs. May seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Public Works Report –**                            **Melissa May**

1. (Attached)

**Special Projects Report -**                        **Susan Fleck**

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2. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to purchase a Bunny Suit for future Easter Egg Hunts for approximately \$150.00. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. (Attached)

**Chief Leonard –**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Wolfe to purchase new Police Vehicle #2 (2022 Dodge Durango), for up to \$40,000 (with a trade-in offset from the Ford Taurus of approximately \$7,000). The motion was seconded by Mrs. May. The motion carried.
2. Officer of the first Quarter of 2022 is Andy Upton.

**Upcoming events: National Night Out – August 02, 2022.**

**Old Business –**

1. Adoption of Homecroft’s ARP Fiscal Recovery Plan for Use of the ARP Funds Allocated to the Town of Homecroft (approximately \$172,000). A motion was made by Mrs. May to adopt Resolution #2022-01-01 for the above stated purpose. Mrs. Fleck seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to accept the settlement from WalkerHughes Insurance for the 2016 Dodge Charger that was totaled on January 15, 2022 (see attached). Mrs. May seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**New Business–**

1. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to approve spending above the currently authorized amount of \$40,000 for new police vehicle #1 (\$5,989.50 additional). The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe. The motion carried.

**Public Comments- None**

**Council President Remarks**

**Zachary Frizzell**

1. Perry Township has a new Liason to the Indianapolis Mayor’s Office – Catlin Morgan.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Fleck @ 8:17 pm; the motion was seconded by Mrs. May. The motion carried.

**Next Regular Meeting:** –Thursday May 26, 2022 – 7:00 PM – 1400 Tulip Dr. (Town Hall)



Zachary Frizzell  
Homecroft Town Council President



Kevin Kehlbeck  
Homecroft Clerk/Treasurer

Public Works Report  
April 2022  
Melissa May

Chris has done his first mowing of the year of the grass strip along Madison.

DPW has repaired the potholes on Banta at Linden and Orinoco at Banta.

There are several street lights along Madison Avenue that are damaged or not working properly. These have been reported to AES for repairs.

I've met with a project manager from Crossroads to get budget-level construction costs to address the issues at Loretta and the frontage road along Madison. I should have those numbers to share at the May Town Council meeting. (The project manager at Shrewsberry left the company about 3 weeks after we met, so I am waiting for their numbers and hope to have them soon.)

#### 4.28.22 Report to Town Council - Susan Fleck - Special Projects

- **Easter Egg Hunt** was a success despite the weather. Special thanks to Angela Hodge for all the work she put into it. Kids had fun and Asst. Chief Hodge may have found his true calling. Great to see all the officers there. I purchased a photo backdrop that the town may use each year. It's at my house along with the Christmas backdrop and Santa suit. Happy to keep them at the town house, though.
- **Easter Bunny Suit** - I propose we purchase a new suit for future events. We have used one owned by Laurie Layton. Currently having trouble finding one of that quality now. Will keep looking. Approximate cost: \$150 S/B MC
- **Homecroft Community Sale** is set for Friday, June 17, 7AM - 4PM and Saturday, June 18, 7AM - 2 PM. Christa DeJesus, 6755 Orinoco, made some graphics I will use to promote. Will put out a map of sales as people notify me they will be hosting one. Should we run an ad or anything in the Southside papers?
- **Aw'sum Snoballs** - In conjunction with the Community Sale I have reached out to Aw'sum Snoballs to be at the shelter from noon- 2PM on Saturday, June 18. I wonder if we can get officers there like last year? It's a good way for the community to talk with the officers. (No sunglasses please! Let them see your friendly eyes!)
- **Town Newsletter** should come out in the next month and will include information about events: Community Sale, Aw'sum Snowballs, National Night Out. Last newsletter was late fall and included brief write ups from each councilor. **Could each of you have one to me in the next couple weeks? Zach wait to see what others have written and yours can be a brief into.**



**Town of Homecroft**  
Indiana



March 2022

*Police Liaison Report to the Town Council*

14 Members of the Homecroft Police Department contributed 542 cumulative hours protecting and serving residents and visitors of the town in March 2022.

Officers wrote 92 town ordinance tickets, 15 state tickets, issued 117 warnings, and completed 5 crash reports. Their enforcement efforts resulted in 16 vehicles towed. They oversaw 133 total calls for service and assisted with 100 other calls for service. Most of these service calls were agency assist runs helping the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department with calls in the vicinity of town.

Officer Derek Wilson assisted IMPD Officers and Southport Officers with a homicide investigation at the Baxter YMCA on Shelby Street near Stop 11 Road about a mile from the town limits.

In another instance, HPD conducted a welfare check in the 1700 block of Maynard Drive.

Finally, Officer Dowdy assisted IMPD suspect driving a stolen vehicle. After a foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody.

Monthly training involved firearms; the training was held at Indy Arms and was conducted by Captain Gregory and Lt. Dunn.

HPD received the anticipated Dell Rugged Laptop and also two 26" displays from Dell at no charge to the agency.

HPD conducted a hiring process which ended on March 31, 2022. 15 applications were received. Background investigations are in progress, and interviews will be scheduled for those who pass background investigations.

The Chief reports he purchased a 2022 Durango and he expects to take delivery of the vehicle in the week of April 17-23, 2022.

The Chief was requested to develop a vehicle replacement plan. He has completed his vision outlined in this document and will discuss it at the April town council meeting. It is attached to this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bryan Wolfe*, Police Liaison  
Homecroft Town Council

## Homecroft Police Department Current Fleet & Approximate 10-Year Plan

April 2022

This document describes our current fleet, individual vehicle conditions, and provides a replacement plan. It will also describe how recent insurance claims may be used to outfit our fleet.

Make	Model/Year	Miles	Plate#	Condition (1-10)	Approx Yr of replace	Make	Model
Dodge	Durango 2020	4962	23143	10	2030		
Dodge	Durango 2020	5442	23144	10	2030		
Ford	Explorer 2017	68578	19308	8	2027		
Dodge	Charger 2016	57491	17886	N/A	2022	Dodge	Durango
Dodge	Charger 2014	77295	16219	7	2026		
Dodge	Charger 2013	114253	20488	6	2024		
Dodge	Charger 2013	143831	20491	6	2023		
Ford	Taurus 2013	76159	19910	7	2022	Dodge	Durango
Ford	Crown Vic 2018	110545	12995	5			

### History and Current Situation

For the past five years, the town budget has included \$40k for new police vehicles. The recent accident involving the 2016 Charger resulted in a \$43k insurance settlement, plus an additional \$3,600 from the sale of the totaled car, bringing the total monies received to \$46,600.

This past month the town used \$35,700 in insurance monies to replace that 2016 Charger with a 2022 Dodge Durango having a 5-year/60,000 mile warranty.

## **Issues and New Opportunity**

The 2013 Ford Taurus is having mechanical issues, most recently a there is a problem with the air conditioning. Further, tires will need to be replaced later this year, and shocks and struts are showing wear. In talking to various mechanics, it seems Ford Police Vehicles tend to go into the shop 3x more frequently than Dodge Police Vehicles.

An opportunity recently became available to purchase another 2022 Dodge Durango. The dealer will give us \$7k in trade for our 2013 Ford Taurus toward the purchase of the Durango, for a net price of \$28,500. Monies for this vehicle would come out of the approved 2022 budget (the \$40k). This Durango will also have a 5 year/60,000 mile warranty. Interestingly, the 2013 Ford Taurus was purchased 4-5 years ago for \$10k. The \$7k trade value in would result in a \$3k depreciation over a 4-5 year span. Pretty remarkable!

## **Moving Forward**

I propose we continue budgeting \$40k every year for vehicle replacement. Under this plan we anticipate replacing a car in 2023, 2024, 2026, 2027, and 2030. Looking forward it is very difficult to accurately predict vehicle prices and availability. If we purchase this additional Durango we would have four vehicles with a 5-year/60k mile warranty. This warranty period helps reduce expenses to the town for mechanical issues. We will be keeping cars approximately 10 years and then replacing them. As we average 7-8k miles per year per vehicle, these vehicles will have lower mileage, for the year of vehicle, resulting in better trade/resale value.



WALKER HUGHES Insurance SETTLEMENT

In order to clarify that the council at its meeting in February 2022 council meeting authorized the council president to accept an offer from the town's auto insurance carrier that was at least \$45,000.00 to settle the town's claim for damage to its police car in the January 15, 2022 accident. Councilor Fleck made a motion to ratify the council president's acceptance of the offer of \$43,000.00 plus the town keep the salvage valued at \$3,600.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor May. After discussion the council voted to ratify the president's action in accepting the insurance company's offer \$43,000.00 plus the town keep the salvage valued at \$3,600.00 for a total settlement of \$46,600.00. 46,600 -