



Town Council Regular

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

7:00pm

Homecroft Town Hall – 1400 Tulip Dr.

Present

Mr. Bryan Wolfe - Council President
Mrs. Melissa May - Council Vice-President
Mr. Kevin Kehlbeck - Clerk/Treasurer
Mrs. Susan Fleck – Council Member

Kyle Squillace – Council Member
Chief Jim Leonard – Town Marshal
Mr. Robert Lutz – Town Attorney

1. Town Board President Bryan Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 - a.) Adoption of 2023 Additional Appropriations – A motion to adopt the 2023 Additional Appropriations for the Loretta/Madison Dr. Project was made by Mrs. Fleck. The motion was seconded by Mrs. May. With (4) members of the public present and no comments made, The motion was carried unanimously. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:03pm.

The Clerk/Treasurer's report:

Kevin Kehlbeck

- 1 A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to approve the October 26, 2023 minutes for Regular Council Meeting; motion was seconded by Mrs. May. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to approve the Claims for October 27, 2023 thru November 16, 2023. Mrs. May seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Works Report -

Melissa May

1. Pavement Assessment Due by end of November

Special Projects Report - (No Report this month)

Susan Fleck

Communications Report - (Attached)

Kyle Squillace

1. Updating email addresses for Newsletter.

1. Body Cameras – Researching Data Storage Solution
2. Walmart made a \$1,000 donation and 100 pumpkins for Halloween activities.
3. A motion to spend up to \$600 for Halloween Activities was made by Mr. Wolfe. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Fleck. The motion carried.

Chief Leonard – (Remarks)

1. Training – Gang Task Force.

Upcoming events: Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 09, 2023, 9:00 – 11:00 AM – At Homecroft Elementary School

New Business –

1. 2024 Salary Ordinance – Update (Attached)
2. Rainy Day Transfer Resolution (Max 65,000)
3. Following a presentation by Jeff Utzinger & Officer Matthew Wright (IMPD) on availability of AED devices. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to purchase (3) AED’s for use in patrol vehicles for \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. May. The motion carried.
4. Resolution to increase Uniform Reimbursement by an additional \$400 was made by Mrs. May. The motion was seconded by Mr. Squillace. The motion carried. (2023-11-01)

Old Business–

1. Loretta/Madison Dr. Street Project wrap-up.
2. Speed Trailer – Grant Available – Bryan Researching.
3. Lease Expiration – July 2024.

Public Comments –None

Council President Remarks - None

Bryan Wolfe

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. May @ 8:54 pm; the motion was seconded by Mr. Squillace. The motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: –Monday, December 04, 2023– 6:30 PM, Bynum’s Steakhouse. (Policemen’s Appreciation Dinner).

Bryan Wolfe
Homecroft Town Council President

Kevin Kehlbeck
Homecroft Clerk/Treasurer

11.15.2023 Town Council Report – Kyle Squillace – Communications

1. September newsletter stats

- a. Just under 60% open rate; consistent with previous months
- b. Next release will be Monday before Thanksgiving
 - If Police Dept. would like a section please get that to me
 - Need topics besides Santa visit and leaf collection; snow removal/street parking?
- c. Will be printing physical newsletters to distribute targeting **elderly, new or disengaged** neighbors with QR code to sign up directly for the digital version
 - What important info should be included for safety, public health, utility, etc?
 - Council are there any home referrals you can provide?
 - New residents at 1738, 1739, and 1748 Southview

2. Community Recycling Grant

- a. No official award, but had a positive call with grant spokesperson on Nov 7th indicating good chance of full award



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Police Liaison Report to the Homecroft Town Council
October 2023 Report for the November 16, 2023 Council Meeting

Dear Fellow Council Members et al:

15 members of the Homecroft Police Department contributed 503 cumulative hours protecting and serving the residents and visitors of Homecroft in September 2023.

While patrolling 2,960 miles, officers wrote 33 town ordinance tickets and issued 79 warning citations. Their enforcement efforts resulted in 10 vehicles being towed. They oversaw 70 total calls for service and assisted with 48 other calls for service. Officers worked 3 crash incidents. Most of these services calls were agency assist runs helping the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department with calls in the vicinity of town.

In October, monthly training focused on "STOPS" training, an acronym for Strategies & Tactics of Patrol Stops. This refresher training reminds officers of proper safety tactics for conducting traffic stops. The training goes into detail of the safest places to move to as you are approaching a vehicle should the subject you are approaching present a threat.

HPD was present for the annual Pumpkin Painting event, and they report that it went very well. Halloween Night 2023 was also very well attended by the greater community at large and was very successful. From the draw this event brings each year, it is evident that Homecroft is a favorite community destination. It is felt that is largely in part to the overt presence of law enforcement offering a safe environment for visitors to enjoy the festivities. Kudos to all who engaged to make this annual tradition a safe and successful event.

I have not yet heard back from Greenwood City officials on Charger #2 of 2 and await their call that they are ready for us to go look at options.

We must steadfastly continue to be vigilant, highly visible, leverage available technologies, strengthen partnerships, and prepare our officers with the best training & equipment possible to respond to and abate violence in and near our town.

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