

Minutes of Regular Meeting & Public Hearing for Adoption of 2023 Town Budget Of Homecroft Town Council

Thursday, October 18, 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.
Asst. Chief David Hodge – Homecroft P.D.

*Attended by Phone

1. Call to Order – 7:00 pm - Mr. Zachary Frizzell. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. (a.) Adoption of 2023 Town Budget (Separate Minutes) – A motion to adopt the 2023 town budget was made by Mr. Wolfe. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fleck. The motion was carried unanimously. (Roll Call Vote)
- (b.) Public Adoption Hearing on the 2023 town budget was opened at 7:02p.m. No members of the public were present at the public hearing. With no further questions or comments and no public in attendance at the Public Hearing for the budget the Public Hearing on the 2023 budget closed at 7:09 p.m.

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

3. A motion was made by Mr. Wolfe to approve the September 29, 2022 minutes for the Regular Council Meeting; motion was seconded by Mrs. Fleck. The motion carried. (Roll Call Vote)
4. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to approve the Claims for September 30, 2022 thru October 18, 2022. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Roll Call Vote)

Public Works Report – **Melissa May**

1. (None at this Time)

Special Projects Report -

Susan Fleck

1. Mrs. Fleck requested the town to provide a donation letter in lieu of reimbursement for the cost of the pumpkins used at the public event (\$267.04)

Police Department Report -

Bryan Wolfe

1. (Attached)

Chief Leonard – 1. Request from Chief Leonard to spend up to \$500 for Halloween Candy to hand out. A motion was made accordingly by Mrs. Fleck and seconded by Mr. Wolfe. Motion Carried. (Roll Call Vote)

2. On Saturday, November 12, 2022 Homecroft Police Dept. will host a multiple Roll Calls with IMPD.

**Upcoming events: Halloween Trick or Treat - Monday, October 31, 2022, 5:00 -8:00 pm.
Santa Visit – Saturday, December 17, 2022, 1:00-3:00 pm.**

Old Business –

1. None

New Business–

1. Possible Town Ordinance to limit housing to three unrelated people. (Mrs. Fleck). (A discussion of this lead to the conclusion that this is covered by the City of Indianapolis.)

Public Comments- *Sam Hay of Flock Safety gave a presentation on town security surveillance system. The Town Council thought this is worth consideration. Councilman Wolfe will look into a grant for installing such a system.*

Council President Remarks - None

Zachary Frizzell

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Fleck @ 9:05 pm; the motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe. The motion carried. (Roll Call Vote)

Next Regular Meeting: –Thursday , November 17, 2022 – 7:00 PM – 1400 Tulip Dr. (Town Hall)



Zachary Frizzell

Homecroft Town Council President



Kevin Kehlbeck
Homecroft Clerk/Treasurer

10.18.22 Report to Town Council - Susan Fleck - Special Projects

- **Public Safety Event** - Helped Tony Gregory and Jeff Dunn with their public safety presentation to the town on October 10.
- HPD and our tow truck driver helped distribute door hangers made by Zach. Met at the town house and divided up the town for distribution.
- Worked with Homecroft Elementary to house the event. Visited school a few times to coordinate logistics. (Will hold in cafeteria next time.)
- Worked with Zach for information for flyers and newsletter.
- Talked with Tony and Jeff after the event to discuss ways to improve the next event.
- **Pumpkin Painting** - The Chief secured 150 pumpkins. Last year we had 50 and used them all. This year we used 120. Huge success and thanks to the police and council president for attending. (Other councilors were tied up with previous commitments.)
- **Santa Visit** - December 10, 1 to 3 PM.



Kevin Kehlbeck <kkehlbeck@townofhomecroftin.gov>

Crime Response

2 messages

Bryan Wolfe <bwolfe@townofhomecroftin.gov>

Sun, Oct 16, 2022 at 9:15 PM

To: Town Board <board@townofhomecroftin.gov>, James Leonard <jleonard@townofhomecroftin.gov>

All,

As we discussed in our last meeting, we need to be proactive in an intelligent and impactful way to encourage criminals to not choose our town and our residents. Our first response to recent events was to put on a class to teach our residents how to not be a victim. Our second response was to invite several other jurisdictions to join our HPD in patrolling our town. Finally, a third consideration is the potential implementation of a FLOCK camera system for our town.

Attached is a map I created of where I think the most effective use of Flock Cameras might be. I welcome thoughts and observations of improvements to this plan. This map would create two "weak spots" and I will discuss them in person at the meeting rather than putting them in writing.

I have had discussions with representatives from the Flock Camera company. I received information that the price of the cameras are \$2500. There is a one-time installation fee of \$350 per camera. This would put the **cost for implementation** at about **\$22,800**, and an **ongoing cost of \$20,000/year**. If a camera is damaged or destroyed, we would be responsible for a fixed cost of \$500.00 for any repairs regardless of the extent of repair required.

This is a pretty significant chunk of change to spend, and honestly as I said previously, I truly hate it that we have to consider spending money on something like this. However, I feel that the significant violent crime events which have occurred in and around Homecroft in the last few years (murder of Lt. Allen, 2 unsolved homicides near Southport/Orinoco, 3 persons shot Maynard/Shelby) must not be shrugged off as a do-nothing affair. We can do something.

I would make the suggestion that we pay for this system using income received as a result of violators paying traffic tickets, and not with taxpayers funding from our town. I cannot think of a more appropriate use of violator proceeds than funding a system that will help catch those who might be prone to victimizing our residents.

Deploying this system will have the effect of having 8 officers on duty at all times, constantly monitoring who enters our town. If a property crime or violent crime occurs, and we have a suspect vehicle description, we will have a method to find out an important lead as to who might be responsible.

We can set up this system to alert our on-duty officers to receive real-time alert notifications in their squad cars of via SMS to their cell phones of stolen vehicles, wanted persons, missing person, wanted sex offenders, and/or even suspended drivers if we choose to set up those alerts - all at no extra cost. I do not know to what extent we are allowed to share these alert capabilities with other agencies, but if sharing across other jurisdictions is permitted, I would like to widely share these alert capabilities with any of our area law enforcement partners who are interested as this will further increase police visibility, patrol, and crime reduction in our town.

I have arranged for a salesperson named Todd to be at our meeting on Tuesday night and asked him to give a presentation on the system. Chief, feel free to invite the SPD chief, Perry Schools Chief, and/or anyone else you want who might also be interested in Flock Cameras. I would ask that he be placed at the beginning of the agenda so he is not waiting around unnecessarily. He should have a written quote for us to review/consider.

I wanted to share all this, especially the updated cost number I learned, prior to the meeting so you could digest it. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

While I hate spending this kind of money (especially recurring annually), I do feel in my heart that this is the right direction for us to maximize deterrence and investigative leverage as we do everything within our power to encourage the criminal element to bypass our town.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Town of Homecroft
Indiana



September 2022 Report for the 10/18/22 Council Meeting

Police Liaison Report to the Town Council

15 Members of the Homecroft Police Department contributed 506 cumulative hours protecting and serving residents and visitors of the town in September 2022.

While patrolling 3,395 miles, officers wrote 77 town ordinance tickets, 12 state tickets, and issued 75 warnings citations. Their enforcement efforts resulted in 15 vehicles towed. They oversaw 65 total calls for service and assisted with 38 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.

Training this month was conducted by Captain Gregory and Lieutenant Dunn and consisted of shooting while moving training, meant to simulate more of a real-life environment of a police action shooting rather than simply standing forward and facing a stationary paper target.

A collaboration between Perry School Police/Southport/Homecroft is in the formative stage to create a Gang Task Force.

During our Town Council meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2022, the increase of crime in the area was discussed. It was suggested that we begin planning proactively to make efforts that might thwart crime from affecting within our town limits as it continues to approach from both the north and the south. On Sunday, October 2nd at about 0245 hours, 3 people were shot in the 1100 blk of Maynard Drive in Homecroft. All survived and IMPD Aggravated Assault is investigating the incident.

In response, on October 3, 2022, HPD set up a well-attended (37) seminar to teach town residents how to lessen their chances of becoming a victim of crime. A discussion will commence this evening 10/18/2022 about potentially entering into an agreement with FLOCK Camera systems to install automated license plate reading systems at the entrances to our town. In addition, letters (attached) were sent to the Southport Police, IMPD, State Police, Perry Twp School Police, and Marion County Sheriff's Office requesting increased patrols to supplement our officers in town. Finally, we will continue to explore and discuss all other measures possible to proactively lessen the chances of criminals choosing this town to commit crime of any kind.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Wolfe

Police Liaison
Homecroft Town Council

1400 Tulip Drive
Homecroft, IN 46227

October 11, 2022

Perry Township School Police Department
Attn: Chief David Stalcup
6548 Orinoco Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46227



Dear Chief Stalcup:


We are writing to elicit some assistance from your agency. In recent years, our usually quiet small town has been no stranger to the effects of rising crime that all communities in the Indianapolis vicinity seem to be experiencing. Sadly, our small community of 768 residents have experienced a police action shooting involving the death of a beloved Southport Police officer within our town, and within eyesight of our town limits there are two unsolved homicides. Last week, we had a triple shooting incident within the town limits.

Leadership of the town has conferred and have proposed a **three-step response** to these incidents. First, last night, we hosted a 3-hour well attended community seminar to teach our residents how to minimize their chances at becoming a crime victim. Secondly, we are exploring the installation of FLOCK cameras at all entrances to our town. Finally, the third tier of our response is a request to you and your agency for mutual aid in the form of additional patrol.

Part-time Police Chief Jim Leonard and his cadre of 17 volunteer Reserve Officers can fulfill an average of 478 hours of patrol per month; while this number is impressive for a small largely volunteer agency, the reality is we have *no officer on duty greater than 34% of the time*.

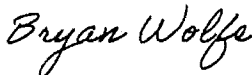
We would like to ask if your agency can assist us by stepping up officer presence in our town. As your officers patrol your jurisdiction and/or as they move from school to school, we would like to invite them to take an extra moment to drive down a street or two in Homecroft to increase police visibility. This simple act would both help residents feel safer and might act as a deterrent to the criminal element. Please consider asking your officers to assist us by increasing visible patrol in our community. We continue to appreciate and value the close working relationship between our town and your agency. We truly appreciate your consideration and assistance.

Most Respectfully,


Jim Leonard (Oct 11, 2022 11:14 EDT)
Chief Jim Leonard
Homecroft Police Department

Zachary D. Frizzell

Zach Frizzell
Town Council President



Bryan Wolfe
Town Council Police Liaison

Signature: 
Zachary D. Frizzell (Oct 12, 2022 15:19 EDT)

Email: zfrizzell@townofhomecroftin.gov

1400 Tulip Drive
Homecroft, IN 46227

October 11, 2022

Chief Tom Vaughn
137 Worman St.
Southport, IN 46227



Dear Chief Vaughn:

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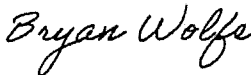
Most Respectfully,


Jim Leonard (Oct 11, 2022 11:12 EDT)

Chief Jim Leonard
Homecroft Police Department

Zachary D. Frizzell

Zach Frizzell
Town Council President



Bryan Wolfe
Town Council Police Liaison

Signature: 
Zachary D. Frizzell (Oct 12, 2022 15:17 EDT)

Email: zfrizzell@townofhomecroftin.gov

1400 Tulip Drive
Homecroft, IN 46227

October 11, 2022

IMPD Southeast District
Attn: Commander Ron Hicks
1150 S. Shelby St.
Indianapolis, IN 46203



Dear Commander Hicks:

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Most Respectfully,

Jim Leonard

Jim Leonard (Oct 11, 2022 11:10 EDT)

Chief Jim Leonard
Homecroft Police Department

Zachary

Zach Frizzell
Town Council President

Bryan Wolfe

Bryan Wolfe
Town Council Police Liaison

Signature: Zachary D Frizzell
Zachary D Frizzell (Oct 12, 2022 15:16 EDT)

Email: zfrizzell@townofhomecroftin.gov

1400 Tulip Drive
Homecroft, IN 46227

October 11, 2022

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Kerry Forestal & Deputy Chief Tony Ardizzone
695 Justice Way
Indianapolis, IN 46203



Dear Sheriff Forestal and Deputy Chief Ardizzone:

We are writing to elicit some assistance from your agency. In recent years, our usually quiet small town has been no stranger to the effects of rising crime that all communities in the Indianapolis vicinity seem to be experiencing. Sadly, our small community of 768 residents have experienced a police action shooting involving the death of a beloved Southport Police officer within our town, and within eyesight of our town limits there are two unsolved homicides. Last week, we had a triple shooting incident within the town limits.

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We would like to ask if your agency can assist us by stepping up officer presence in our town. As your Warrant teams, SOR units, Admin and JED units are working, we would like to invite them to take an extra moment to drive down a street or two in Homecroft to increase police visibility. In addition, we would love to make a special request for the MCSO Reserve Division to focus some patrol time in our town for the next month or two. These simple acts would both help residents feel safer and might act as a deterrent to the criminal element. Please consider asking your Deputies to assist us by increasing visible patrol in our community. We continue to appreciate and value the close working relationship between our town and your agency. We truly appreciate your consideration and assistance.

Most Respectfully,

Jim Leonard

Chief Jim Leonard
Homecroft Police Department

Zachary D. Frizzell

Zach Frizzell
Town Council President

Bryan Wolfe
Town Council Police Liaison

Signature: Jim Leonard
Jim Leonard (Oct 11, 2022 11:16 EDT)

Email: jleonard@townofhomecroftin.gov

Signature: Zachary D. Frizzell
Zachary D. Frizzell (Oct 12, 2022 15:19 EDT)

Email: zfrizzell@townofhomecroftin.gov

1400 Tulip Drive
Homecroft, IN 46227

October 11, 2022

D52 Commander Lt. Terry J. Watson
Superintendent Doug Carter
8620 E. 21st St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219



Dear Lt. Watson & Supt. Carter:

We are writing to elicit some assistance from your agency. In recent years, our usually quiet small town has been no stranger to the effects of rising crime that all communities in the Indianapolis vicinity seem to be experiencing. Sadly, our small community of 768 residents have experienced a police action shooting involving the death of a beloved Southport Police officer within our town, and within eyesight of our town limits there are two unsolved homicides. Last week, we had a triple shooting incident within the town limits.

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Most Respectfully,

Jim Leonard

Jim Leonard (Oct 11, 2022 11:13 EDT)

Chief Jim Leonard
Homecroft Police Department

Zachary D. Frizzell

Zach Frizzell
Town Council President

Bryan Wolfe

Bryan Wolfe
Town Council Police Liaison

Signature: Zachary D. Frizzell
Zachary D. Frizzell (Oct 12, 2022 15:18 EDT)

Email: zfrizzell@townofhomecroftin.gov

Minutes of 2023 Budget Adoption Hearing

Town Council of Homecroft

Thursday, October 18, 2021

1400 Tulip Dr.

Indianapolis, IN 46227

Present: Mrs. Melissa May – Council Member *
Mr. Zachary Frizzell- Council President
Mrs. Susan Fleck- Council Vice President
Mr. Bryan Wolfe - Council Member
Mr. Kevin Kehlbeck- Clerk / Treasurer
Mr. James Leonard – Police Chief
Mr. Robert Lutz – Town Attorney

* Attended by Phone

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. There were no (0) members of the public in attendance.

A motion to approve the 2023 Budget as submitted was made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mrs. Fleck.

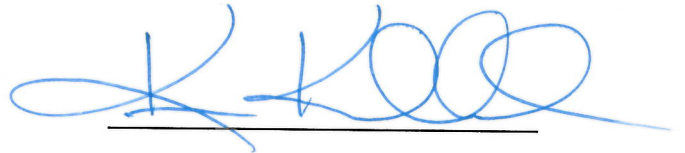
On motion by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mrs. Fleck, the council unanimously approved the 2023 budget. (Roll Call Vote)

A motion was made to adjourn the budget hearing by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mrs. Fleck. The motion passed. (Roll Call Vote)

The budget hearing was adjourned at 7:09 pm.



Zachary Frizzell - Council President



Kevin Kehlbeck - Clerk/Treasurer