



# Town Council Regular

## Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2023

7:00pm

Homecroft Town Hall – 1400 Tulip Dr.

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### 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.) Introduction of 2024 Town Budget (Separate Minutes) – A motion to introduce the 2024 town budget was made by Mrs. May. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fleck. The motion was carried unanimously.
  - (b.) Public Hearing on the 2024 town budget was opened at 7:04 p.m. No (0) 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 2024 budget closed at 7:06 p.m.

### **The Clerk/Treasurer's report:**

**Kevin Kehlbeck**

1. A motion was made by Mrs. May to approve the September 28, 2023 minutes for Regular Council Meeting; motion was seconded by Mrs. Fleck. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to approve the Claims for September 29, 2023 thru October 26, 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 - (Attached)**

**Susan Fleck**

**Communications Report -**

**Kyle Squillace**

- 1. Newsletter Out.
- 2. IDEM Recycle Grant submitted.

**Police Department Report – (Attached)**

**Bryan Wolfe**

**Chief Leonard – (Remarks)**

- 1. Logistics down this past month – Officers off-duty due to various reasons (Health & Medical)
- 2. Relations with Perry School Police going very well.

**Upcoming events: Halloween – Tuesday, October 31, 2023 - 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**New Business –**

- 1. State Senator Carrasco Letter from Town Board.
- 2. Loretta/Madison Dr. - Street Project wrap-up.

**Old Business–**

- 1. IDEM Recycle Grant - Submitted

**Public Comments –None**

**Council President Remarks - None**

**Bryan Wolfe**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. May @ 8:39 pm; the motion was seconded by Mr. Squillace. The motion carried.

**Next Regular Meeting:** –Thursday, November 16, 2023– 7:00 PM, Homecroft Town Hall.



Bryan Wolfe

Homecroft Town Council President



Kevin Kehlbeck

Homecroft Clerk/Treasurer

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

- **Pumpkin Painting** - Held October 21. Fabulous weather and fabulous turnout. We owe a big thanks to the police officers who ALWAYS show up to help. This year was no exception. In addition to helping on the day of the event, they secured nearly 100 pumpkins. This year they were large pumpkins so additional paints and brushes were required. (NOTE: Parents requested smaller pumpkins as these pumpkins were hard to carry home.) Thanks also to Melissa who could not be there but sent her mother, Andy, Clara to help with setup. The best thing is the neighbors are excited about this event and are grateful to the town for hosting it.
- **Breakfast with Santa** - December 9 at ~~11 AM~~ <sup>9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM</sup> at Homecroft Elementary. (KYLE - would you please put this on the calendar?) We are transitioning from a Santa Visit with photos at the picnic shelter/garage to joining forces with Homecroft Elementary as our event is somewhat a duplication. Principal Jody Matthews has requested a four officers be available to play Connect Four games with the students during the event. Kids love this game and would enjoy playing with the officers. Homecroft Elementary also welcomes any additional volunteers. They want to have presents for all kids and could be 300-400 kids. The gift could be little educational games or Santa boots for hot chocolate. This will all depend on whether the gifts Angela Hodge requested from the foundation come through. **If not, I propose we purchase the gifts spending up to \$1,000.**
- **Leaf Collection** - Nov. 6 to Friday, Dec. 1, 2023. DPW released the following information but I wonder about putting a **Leave the Leaves** link on our website recommended by Purdue urban gardening educator Brooke Alford? <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2022/10/17/fall-leave-leaves> If people do choose to bag leaves there are the requirements:
  - Residents can leave up to 40 bags of leaves for pick-up per week on their regularly scheduled collection day during the four-week collection period at no additional cost.Here are a few guidelines to follow during leaf collection season:
  - Place leaves in plastic bags. Paper bags can deteriorate and break apart in inclement weather.
  - Keep bags at least three feet away from your trash cart for easy pickup.
  - Leaf bags should be outside by 7 a.m. on your normal trash day.
- **Newsletter** - Should we put out a brief newsletter announcing leaf collection, reminding residents to keep the gutters free of leaves, and Breakfast with Santa?



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**Police Liaison Report to the Homecroft Town Council**  
**September 2023 Report for the October 26, 2023 Council Meeting**

Dear Fellow Council Members et al:

15 members of the Homecroft Police Department contributed 443 cumulative hours protecting and serving the residents and visitors of Homecroft in September 2023.

While patrolling 3,086 miles, officers wrote 33 town ordinance tickets and issued 51 warning citations. Their enforcement efforts resulted in 14 vehicles being towed. They oversaw 61 total calls for service and assisted with 51 other calls for service. Officers worked 4 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 September, monthly training consisted of Emergency Vehicle Operations Course training. Officers were placed in a track environment with certified instructors to refresh intersection clearing skills and other emergency vehicle operation techniques in an effort to avoid or mitigate crash incidents.

HPD was present for the annual Homecoming parade, which was well attended; there were no significant events and the parade went smoothly.

On 8/31/23 HPD had a 2013 Charger with greater than 154K miles involved in a total loss crash incident resulting in a necessary alteration to our fleet management and replacement plan. I coordinated with officials with the City of Greenwood and on 9/26/23, Chief Leonard, Asst. Chief Hodge and I looked at a 2018 Police Dodge Charger AWD marked with 51K miles that city officials made available for our potential purchase.

Our fleet replacement plan outlined intentions to replace the crashed 2013 Charger involved in the total loss incident in 2023. With the blessing of the council during the September 28, 2023, a motion was made and passed to purchase the 2018 Charger from Greenwood for an agreed upon price of \$10,000 with an additional amount of up to \$3,000 approved for any additional necessary costs to ready the vehicle for service (Note: Greenwood agreed to leave lights/siren/emergency equipment in the vehicle which will significantly reduce our upfitting costs which in the past have exceeded \$10K-12K for new vehicles). On Friday, October 6, 2023, the purchase was completed and the town took possession of the vehicle.

Additional discussion added that City of Greenwood officials will have additional 2018 Dodge Chargers available soon, and they will reach out to me when we can view them. A discussion was had with council members during





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the meeting that obtaining reasonably priced high quality low mileage used police vehicles fully upfitted with emergency equipment is a unique opportunity.

Our fleet replacement plan indicates an intention to replace our last 2013 Charger with 130K miles in 2024. In 2022 when we purchased the last new vehicle (2022 Dodge Durango) the purchase price was \$35,796.00. There were additional costs of upfitting which ranged between \$10K and \$12K if my memory serves me correctly for a total cost of approximately \$46,800.00. We now have an opportunity to replace this vehicle for \$13,000 rather than \$46,800. The council unanimously agreed, and authorized spending an additional \$10,000 for another 2018 Police Dodge Charger from the City of Greenwood with an additional allowance for up to \$3,000 approved for additional necessary costs to ready the vehicle for service. I continue to await a call from City of Greenwood officials to come view the available vehicles.

I am very thankful that Greenwood officials have afforded us the opportunity to have the first pick of the vehicles available prior to removal of emergency equipment and the cars being sent to public auction. The two purchases combined will save the town approximately \$67,600.00 rather than if we had elected to purchase new vehicles.

*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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**Police Liaison Report to the Homecroft Town Council**  
**August 2023 Report for the October 26, 2023 Council Meeting**

Dear Fellow Council Members et al:

15 members of the Homecroft Police Department contributed 484 cumulative hours protecting and serving the residents and visitors of Homecroft in August 2023.

While patrolling 2,859 miles, officers wrote 34 town ordinance tickets and issued 55 warning citations. Their enforcement efforts resulted in 11 vehicles being towed. They oversaw 45 total calls for service and assisted with 60 other calls for service. Officers worked 4 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 August, monthly training consisted of continued Legal Updates for 2023 and rifle certification. Officer Andy Upton has been off since the first week of August due to surgery; he continues a successful and nice recovery. Officer Scott Beaty has been released from Field Training. We welcome Officer Beaty to the ranks of HPD and congratulate him on his accomplishment. Thank you sir for your dedication.

Officer Lynn Attkisson has continued a good and successful recovery from the injuries he suffered in the commission crash incident on 8/31/23 at Shelby and Southport Roads. He has returned to work. Our insurance company has determined the vehicle is a total loss (as expected), and will be sending the town a check for \$9,600.00.

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State Senator-Elect Cyndi Carrasco, District #36  
200 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Senator-Elect Carrasco:

*Congratulations* on your recent selection by precinct committee members as our new State Senator for District 36. The Homecroft Town Council is very pleased that you will be representing us; your focus on public safety is appreciated by our Town Board and our residents alike.

We enjoyed a very special relationship with our neighbor and friend, the late Senator Jack Sandlin. Residing almost within eyesight of our Town Hall, Jack was an integral member of the greater Homecroft community. His dedication to the public good will be sorely missed.

We look forward to working with you Senator Carrasco. Please know that you always have an open invitation to all of our Homecroft Town Council meetings, the next of which is held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Homecroft Town Hall located at 1400 Tulip Drive in Homecroft. Whether you can attend that meeting or not, know that you are always welcome.

Congratulations once again and thank you for your dedication to public service and willingness to serve our community. We are excited to see the positive outcomes we are confident you will bring to matters affecting our community.

Sincerely,

Bryan Wolfe  
Council President

Susan Fleck  
Council Member

Melissa May  
Council Vice President

Kyle Squillace  
Council Member

