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| <div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</div> <div>2025</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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| Part I                                                                                     | Annual Report Identification Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| A                                                                                          | This return/report is for: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____</div></div> |
| B                                                                                          | This return/report is: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div>                                                                                                 |
| C                                                                                          | If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| D                                                                                          | Check box if filing under: <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)</div></div>                                                                                                                            |
| E                                                                                          | If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1a      | Name of plan<br>HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN & TRUST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1b      | Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1c      | Effective date of plan<br>12/24/1979                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2a      | Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br>HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.<br><br>721 WEST JACKSON STREET<br>MORTON, IL 61550 |
| 2b      | Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>36-4156822                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2c      | Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br>309-266-5337                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2d      | Business code (see instructions)<br>522110                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.**

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 08/04/2026 | AMANDA GARNETT                                               |
|           | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| SIGN HERE |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|           | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| SIGN HERE |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|           | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor<br><br>HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.<br><br>721 WEST JACKSON STREET<br>MORTON, IL 61550                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br>36-4156822<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br>309-266-5337<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px;"></div>                                                                                |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>5</b> 773                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <b>6a(1)</b> 543<br><b>6a(2)</b> 505<br><b>6b</b> 103<br><b>6c</b> 136<br><b>6d</b> 744<br><b>6e</b> 6<br><b>6f</b> 750<br><b>6g(1)</b> 726<br><b>6g(2)</b> 747<br><b>6h</b> 32 |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

2H 2O 2Q 3I

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>SCHEDULE C</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Service Provider Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>2025</b>                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
| For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br>HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN & TRUST                                                                                                                           | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                                                                                                                                                                                | 002                                            |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.                                                                                                                         | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>36-4156822                                                                                                                                                            |                                                |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Service Provider Information (see instructions)</b> |
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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| <b>(b)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |
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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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SUITE 102  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22911

13-4238973

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 15                     | NONE                                                                                              | 38899                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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301 SW ADAMS ST  
PEORIA, IL 61656

41-0746749

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 10                     | NONE                                                                                              | 0                                                                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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|                        |                                                                                                   |                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

**3.** If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
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| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
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Explanation:

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| <div>SCHEDULE H</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Financial Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                      |
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| For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025 |                                                      |     |
| A Name of plan<br>HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN & TRUST   | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>36-4156822 |     |

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| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Asset and Liability Statement |                       |                 |
| 1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions. |                               |                       |                 |
| Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1a                            | 0                     | 0               |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                       |                 |
| (1) Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1b(1)                         | 3750000               | 4150000         |
| (2) Participant contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1b(2)                         |                       |                 |
| (3) Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1b(3)                         | 0                     | 0               |
| c General investments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |                       |                 |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1c(1)                         | 6122246               | 3891741         |
| (2) U.S. Government securities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1c(2)                         |                       |                 |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |                       |                 |
| (A) Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1c(3)(A)                      |                       |                 |
| (B) All other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1c(3)(B)                      |                       |                 |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |                       |                 |
| (A) Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1c(4)(A)                      |                       |                 |
| (B) Common .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1c(4)(B)                      |                       |                 |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1c(5)                         |                       |                 |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1c(6)                         |                       |                 |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1c(7)                         |                       |                 |
| (8) Participant loans .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1c(8)                         |                       |                 |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1c(9)                         |                       |                 |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1c(10)                        |                       |                 |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1c(11)                        |                       |                 |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1c(12)                        |                       |                 |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1c(13)                        |                       |                 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1c(14)                        |                       |                 |
| (15) Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1c(15)                        |                       |                 |

| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                               |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities .....                                         | <b>1d(1)</b> | 190570043             | 194235381       |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                      | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>1e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....   | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>1f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) ..... | <b>1f</b>    | 200442289             | 202277122       |

**Liabilities**

|                                                                            |           |   |   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| <b>1g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>1h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b> |   |   |
| <b>1i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b> |   |   |
| <b>1j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>1k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b> | 0 | 0 |

**Net Assets**

|                                                            |           |           |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>1l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) ..... | <b>1l</b> | 200442289 | 202277122 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

**Income**

|                                                                                                            |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>a Contributions:</b>                                                                                    |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....                                        | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 4150000    |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants .....                                                                              | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....                                                              | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 4150000   |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>                                                                          |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....       | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> | 325411     |           |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                        | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                         | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(F)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                              | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 325411    |
| (2) Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....                                                            | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock .....                                                                              | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> | 13253247   |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                  | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                  | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 13253247  |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....                                 | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                              | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                  | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            | 0         |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....                         | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> | 15370261   |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....         | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            | 15370261  |

|                                                                                                 |               | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                              | <b>2b(6)</b>  |            |           |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | <b>2b(7)</b>  |            |           |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | <b>2b(8)</b>  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                            | <b>2b(9)</b>  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | <b>2b(10)</b> |            |           |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....                                                                     | <b>2c</b>     |            |           |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....        | <b>2d</b>     |            | 33098919  |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                             |               |          |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |               |          |          |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....             | <b>2e(1)</b>  | 31225111 |          |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                               | <b>2e(2)</b>  |          |          |
| (3) Other .....                                                                             | <b>2e(3)</b>  |          |          |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                 | <b>2e(4)</b>  |          | 31225111 |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | <b>2f</b>     |          |          |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | <b>2g</b>     |          |          |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense .....                                                             | <b>2h</b>     |          |          |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses:                                                           |               |          |          |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....                                                           | <b>2i(1)</b>  |          |          |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....                                                       | <b>2i(2)</b>  |          |          |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees .....                                                                | <b>2i(3)</b>  | 38975    |          |
| (4) IQPA audit fees .....                                                                   | <b>2i(4)</b>  |          |          |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                                | <b>2i(5)</b>  |          |          |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                                      | <b>2i(6)</b>  |          |          |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....                                                                    | <b>2i(7)</b>  |          |          |
| (8) Legal fees .....                                                                        | <b>2i(8)</b>  |          |          |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....                                                          | <b>2i(9)</b>  |          |          |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....                                                  | <b>2i(10)</b> |          |          |
| (11) Other expenses .....                                                                   | <b>2i(11)</b> |          |          |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....        | <b>2i(12)</b> |          | 38975    |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | <b>2j</b>     |          | 31264086 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                                               |              |  |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------|
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | <b>2k</b>    |  | 1834833 |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:                                                 |              |  |         |
| (1) To this plan .....                                                        | <b>2l(1)</b> |  |         |
| (2) From this plan .....                                                      | <b>2l(2)</b> |  |         |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

**b** Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☒ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP

(2) EIN: 41-0746749

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                 | No                                  | Amount   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)                 |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)                                                                                                                  |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | 10000000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                                                                                                                       |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)                                                                                                                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)                                                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?                                                                                                                                              |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.                                                                                                                        |                                     |                                     |          |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s) | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> PN(s) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                     |                    |
|                              |                     |                    |
|                              |                     |                    |
|                              |                     |                    |

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

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| <div>SCHEDULE R<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service<br/><br/>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br/><br/>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>                                                                                                                            | <div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2025</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |
| For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| A Name of plan<br>HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN & TRUST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002                                                            |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>36-4156822                                            |
| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Distributions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                 |
| All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 15769517                                                                                      |
| 2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):<br><br>EIN(s): 37-1432723                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                               |
| Part II                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                 |
| 4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6a                                                                                              |
| b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6b                                                                                              |
| c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6c                                                                                              |
| If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Part III                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Amendments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |
| 9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... <input type="checkbox"/> Increase <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> No          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Part IV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |
| 10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                             |
| 11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                             |
| b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.).....                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                             |
| 12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                             |
| For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Schedule R (Form 5500) 2025 v. 250312                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

- 14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

**a** The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

**14a**

**b** The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

**14b**

**c** The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

**14c**

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

**a** The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

**15a**

**b** The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

**15b**

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

**a** Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

**16a**

**b** If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

**16b**

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

## **Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%

High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

- 20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

**a** Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

- 21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- 21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☒ N/A

- 22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number \_\_\_\_\_.

**HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN  
AND TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
ERISA-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES  
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**HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Trust Committee  
Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust  
Morton, Illinois

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets (held at year-end) and reportable transactions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Oak Brook, Illinois  
July 28, 2026

**HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
December 31, 2025 and 2024**

|                                                   | <u><b>2025</b></u>               | <u><b>2024</b></u>               |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                     |                                  |                                  |
| Nonparticipant directed:                          |                                  |                                  |
| Investments at estimated fair value:              |                                  |                                  |
| Hometown Community Bancorp,<br>Inc. common shares | \$ 194,235,381                   | \$ 190,570,043                   |
| Interest bearing cash                             | 3,891,741                        | 6,122,246                        |
| Contributions receivable                          | <u>4,150,000</u>                 | <u>3,750,000</u>                 |
| <br><b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>      | <br><u><b>\$ 202,277,122</b></u> | <br><u><b>\$ 200,442,289</b></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST  
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024**

|                                                                       | <u>2025</u>           | <u>2024</u>           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS<br/>ATTRIBUTED TO</b>                      |                       |                       |
| Investment income:                                                    |                       |                       |
| Net unrealized appreciation in estimated fair<br>value of investments | \$ 15,370,261         | \$ 5,929,951          |
| S-Corporation dividends on Company shares                             | 13,253,247            | 14,944,717            |
| Interest                                                              | 325,411               | 468,693               |
| Employer contributions                                                | <u>4,150,000</u>      | <u>3,750,000</u>      |
| Total additions                                                       | <u>33,098,919</u>     | <u>25,093,361</u>     |
| <br><b>DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS<br/>ATTRIBUTED TO</b>               |                       |                       |
| Distributions to participants                                         | 31,225,111            | 18,954,183            |
| Administrative expense                                                | <u>38,975</u>         | <u>45,111</u>         |
| Total deductions                                                      | <u>31,264,086</u>     | <u>18,999,294</u>     |
| <br><b>NET INCREASE</b>                                               | 1,834,833             | 6,094,067             |
| <br><b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR<br/>BENEFITS</b>                      |                       |                       |
| Beginning of year                                                     | <u>200,442,289</u>    | <u>194,348,222</u>    |
| End of year                                                           | <u>\$ 202,277,122</u> | <u>\$ 200,442,289</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.**  
**EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The following brief description of the Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for complete information.

**General**

The Plan was established on January 1, 1979 and has been amended throughout the years to comply with tax legislation. The Plan was last amended effective January 1, 2023. The Plan operates as an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP), and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Code and IRC) and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Over the years, the Plan has purchased Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. ("Company") common shares using either dividend distributions or the proceeds of a bank borrowing guaranteed by the Company, and holds the stock in a trust established under the Plan. The borrowing is to be repaid by Company contributions to the trust fund. As the Plan makes each payment of principal, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Code. All borrowings were paid in full in 2019.

**Eligibility**

Employees of the Company and its participating subsidiaries are generally eligible to participate in the Plan after attaining the age of 18 and completing six months of service. Plan entrance dates are January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during such Plan year or are not employed on the last working day of a Plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of Company contributions for such year.

**Contributions**

Contributions to the Plan are based upon contribution provisions included in the Plan agreement. The Company's contributions may be paid in cash or in shares of stock, as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. However, the combination of Company cash contributions and cash distributions on Company stock must annually be at an amount at least equal to the current principal and interest payments due on any outstanding loans. Employees are not permitted to make contributions under the Plan.

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**NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)**

**Participant Accounts and Forfeitures**

Separate employee stock accounts and cash accounts have been established to record the participants' interests under the Plan. Employee stock accounts maintained under the Plan are credited as follows:

- A. Allocable shares of the Company's stock (including fractional shares) purchased and paid for by the trust are allocated at the end of each Plan year.
- B. Forfeitures of the Company's stock caused by participants leaving the Company prior to the time when their accounts are fully vested are allocated at the end of each Plan year.

Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested account balances allocated to remaining participants at December 31, 2025 and 2024 were \$76,133 and \$44,337 in cash and 219 and 140 in shares of stock, respectively. There were no balances in forfeited non-vested accounts at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations of Company contributions and Plan forfeitures are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation for the Plan year.

The other Plan assets are held in an investment/cash account for Plan participants and are maintained and credited (or debited) in a similar fashion. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's beginning of the year account balances to all participants' beginning of the year account balances.

**Voting Rights**

On most corporate matters, the Trustees vote the Company stock in the Plan as directed by the Plan administrator. With respect to certain corporate issues, participants are entitled to vote the shares of the Company stock allocated to their accounts.

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**NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)**

**Vesting**

Vesting in a participant account is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested after six years of credited service in accordance with the following table:

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Less than 2 years       | 0%   |
| 2 years but less than 3 | 20%  |
| 3 years but less than 4 | 40%  |
| 4 years but less than 5 | 60%  |
| 5 years but less than 6 | 80%  |
| 6 years or more         | 100% |

Notwithstanding the above, a participant is fully vested upon reaching normal retirement age, death, or permanent disability.

**Plan Termination**

Although there is no intent to do so, the Company reserves the right to discontinue contributions and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in the Plan terms, the Code, and ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, participants would become fully vested in the full value of their accounts.

**Payment of Benefits**

A participant is entitled to benefits from the Plan upon attainment of normal retirement age (65), death, or disability while working for the Company, or depending upon the number of years of service, if the participant terminates employment for other reasons.

On termination of service, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to their vested account balance, direct rollover to another qualified retirement plan or individual retirement account (IRA), or installment payments for a specified number of years. Distributions will be in the form of whole shares of the Company's stock or cash. However, the Company has the right to make distributions in cash in lieu of Company stock since the Company has elected S-Corporation status. All fractional shares will be paid in cash.

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**NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)**

**Put Option**

Under federal income tax regulations, the Company stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the fair market value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

**Diversification**

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company stock into investments that are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over an unlimited period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25 percent of the number of post-1986 shares allocated to his or her account and direct the investment thereof among investment options (other than Company stock) offered by the Plan. In the sixth year and for future years, the percentage changes to 50 percent.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual method of accounting.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost.

Investments are reported at estimated fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

S-Corporation dividend income is accrued on the ex-distribution date.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

**Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan primarily invests in Company stock which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows and/or other techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with this investment security and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of the security, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the security will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and participants' individual account balances.

**Administrative Expenses**

Administrative expenses for Plan accounting and audit services are paid by the Plan. Certain legal and professional fees incurred to maintain the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

**Subsequent Events**

The Plan evaluated subsequent events through July 28, 2026 the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS**

The following tables present the Plan's investment in Company common shares as of December 31:

|                                                    | <b><u>2025</u></b>    | <b><u>2024</u></b>    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Hometown Community Bancorp,<br>Inc. common shares: |                       |                       |
| Number of shares                                   | <u>1,228,638</u>      | <u>1,309,040</u>      |
| Cost                                               | <u>\$ 168,910,099</u> | <u>\$ 167,946,975</u> |
| Estimated fair value                               | <u>\$ 194,235,381</u> | <u>\$ 190,570,043</u> |

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under GAAP are described below:

Level 1            Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2            Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3            Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair market value measurement.

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

*Common shares of Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc.:* Valued at estimated fair value as of the last day of the Plan year, as determined by an independent appraisal firm. This appraisal was based on a minority basis using a combination of market and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The appraiser took into account historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, and market comparables.

*Interest bearing cash:* Valued based on cost, which approximates fair value in a non-inflationary economy and is protected up to the FDIC limit.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, certain Plan assets at fair value as of December 31:

|                                                | <b>2025</b>                |                       |                              |                              |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                | <b><u>Level 1</u></b>      | <b><u>Level 2</u></b> | <b><u>Level 3</u></b>        | <b><u>Total</u></b>          |
| Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. common shares | \$ -                       | \$ -                  | \$ 194,235,381               | \$ 194,235,381               |
| Interest bearing cash                          | <u>3,891,741</u>           | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>                     | <u>3,891,741</u>             |
| <b>Total assets at fair value</b>              | <b><u>\$ 3,891,741</u></b> | <b><u>\$ -</u></b>    | <b><u>\$ 194,235,381</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 198,127,122</u></b> |

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

|                                                | <b>2024</b>                |                       |                              |                              |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                | <u><b>Level 1</b></u>      | <u><b>Level 2</b></u> | <u><b>Level 3</b></u>        | <u><b>Total</b></u>          |
| Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. common shares | \$ -                       | \$ -                  | \$ 190,570,043               | \$ 190,570,043               |
| Interest bearing cash                          | <u>6,122,246</u>           | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>                     | <u>6,122,246</u>             |
| <b>Total assets at fair value</b>              | <u><b>\$ 6,122,246</b></u> | <u><b>\$ -</b></u>    | <u><b>\$ 190,570,043</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 190,692,289</b></u> |

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the Plan's level 3 assets (Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc. common shares) for the years ended December 31:

|                                                                          | <u><b>2025</b></u> | <u><b>2024</b></u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Shares purchased, 27,920 @ \$145.58 in 2025 and 7,853 @ \$141.05 in 2024 | \$ 4,064,594       | \$ 1,107,666       |

**NOTE 5 – PLAN TAX STATUS**

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Company, by a letter dated September 18, 2023, that the Plan is qualified and the trust established under the Plan is tax-exempt, under the applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

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**NOTE 6 - ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS**

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of Company common shares, are held by the Trustees of the Plan.

Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee who invests cash received, interest, and dividend income and makes distributions to participants. Also, the Plan's interest-bearing cash is held at Morton Community Bank, a custodian and bank subsidiary of the Company. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions. All of the party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company or its subsidiaries. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

## **ERISA-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**HOMETOWN COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.  
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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
December 31, 2025**

Name of Plan Sponsor: Hometown Community Bancorp, Inc.  
Employer Identification Number: 36-4156822  
Three-Digit Plan Number: 002

| <b>(a)</b> | <b>(b)<br/>Identity of Issue,<br/>Borrower, Lessor or<br/>Similar Party</b> | <b>(c)<br/>Description of Investment<br/>Including Maturity Date,<br/>Rate of Interest, Collateral,<br/>Par or Maturity Value</b> | <b>(d)<br/>Cost</b>  | <b>(e)<br/>Current<br/>Value</b> |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| *          | Hometown Community Bancorp Inc.                                             | Common shares,<br>1,228,638 shares                                                                                                | \$168,910,099        | \$ 194,235,381                   |
| *          | Morton Community Bank                                                       | Interest bearing cash                                                                                                             | <u>3,891,741</u>     | <u>3,891,741</u>                 |
|            |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                   | <u>\$172,801,840</u> | <u>\$ 198,127,122</u>            |

\* Denotes party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA.

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SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS  
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| (a)                                                                                           | (b)                             | (c)                       | (d)                      | (g)                      | (h)                      | (i)                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Identity of<br/>Party Involved</u>                                                         | <u>Description<br/>of Asset</u> | <u>Purchase<br/>Price</u> | <u>Selling<br/>Price</u> | <u>Cost of<br/>Asset</u> | <u>Current<br/>Value</u> | <u>Net Gain/<br/>(Loss)</u> |
| <b><u>Category (i) – A Transaction Involving an Amount in Excess of 5% of Plan Assets</u></b> |                                 |                           |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Hometown Community Bancorp                                                                    | Common Stock                    | -                         | \$ 14,950,629            | \$ 13,182,715            | \$ 14,950,629            | \$ 1,767,914                |
| <b><u>Category (iii) – A Series of Transactions in Excess of 5% of Plan Assets</u></b>        |                                 |                           |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Hometown Community Bancorp                                                                    | Common Stock                    | \$ 4,604,594              | -                        | \$ 4,604,594             | \$ 4,604,594             | -                           |
| Hometown Community Bancorp                                                                    | Common Stock                    | -                         | \$ 15,769,517            | \$ 13,902,546            | \$ 15,769,517            | \$ 1,866,971                |

*There were no category (ii) or (iv) reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2025. Columns (e) and (f) are not included as they are not applicable.*

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| (a)                                                                                           | (b)                             | (c)                       | (d)                      | (g)                      | (h)                      | (i)                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Identity of<br/>Party Involved</u>                                                         | <u>Description<br/>of Asset</u> | <u>Purchase<br/>Price</u> | <u>Selling<br/>Price</u> | <u>Cost of<br/>Asset</u> | <u>Current<br/>Value</u> | <u>Net Gain/<br/>(Loss)</u> |
| <b><u>Category (i) – A Transaction Involving an Amount in Excess of 5% of Plan Assets</u></b> |                                 |                           |                          |                          |                          |                             |
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| <b><u>Category (iii) – A Series of Transactions in Excess of 5% of Plan Assets</u></b>        |                                 |                           |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Hometown Community Bancorp                                                                    | Common Stock                    | \$ 4,604,594              | -                        | \$ 4,604,594             | \$ 4,604,594             | -                           |
| Hometown Community Bancorp                                                                    | Common Stock                    | -                         | \$ 15,769,517            | \$ 13,902,546            | \$ 15,769,517            | \$ 1,866,971                |

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