

TOWN OF GRIFFITH  
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2023

Commission President Larry Ballah called the April 25, 2023 meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. at the Griffith Town Hall 111 N. Broad Street, Griffith, Indiana.

**Those in Attendance**

Larry Ballah	Redevelopment Commission President
Richard Miller	Absent
Rick Ryfa	Redevelopment Commission Member
Tony Hobson	Redevelopment Commission Secretary
Melissa Robbins	Redevelopment Commission Member
Gina Smith	Clerk Treasurer

Also in Attendance:

Alfredo Estrada	Town Attorney
Steve McDermott	Building Commissioner
Tina Adams	School Board Liaison

Approval of Minutes	Redevelopment Commissioner Tony Hobson motion to approve March 28, 2023, Minutes, Redevelopment Commission Member Melissa Robbins seconded the motion. All in Favor.
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Appropriations:	Commission Member Rick Ryfa presented 3 claims totaling \$57,348.60. Barnes & Thornburg \$5,445.00, Kopka Pinkus Dolin \$300.00, Reedy Financial \$6408.50, Van Ryn Design (nail salon) \$45,195.00. Commission Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the bills, Commission Member Melissa Robbins seconded the motion. All in Favor.
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Old Business:

Menards Development:	Commission Member Rick Ryfa stated that they are working with Menards to determine with the demolition will occur and we will time our Tif accordingly. Commission President Larry Ballah asked about the progress of the Dollar Store, Commission Member Rick Ryfa stated they appeared in front of the Plan Commission and Building Commissioner Steve McDermott stated they will be submitting their own site plan for that building alone.
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New Business:

Fund Reports:

Commission Member Rick Ryfa read the Fund Report and stated we had \$196,053.00 in the Redevelopment Non-Reverting fund, with the potential purchase of Andy's Auto Body within the next 30 days Commission Member Rick Ryfa made a motion to allow the Clerk's Office to utilize those dollars to purchase the building according to the purchase agreement with the approval from Attorney Pitman that we can utilize those funds. Commission Member Tony Hobson seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Facade/Sign Improvements:

Larry Fisher

Commission Member President Larry Ballah stated Larry Fisher who owns a strip mall on South Broad is asking for some Facade reimbursements on the work that needs to be done on his property upfront and in back. Commission Member Rick Ryfa asked that the Redevelopment Commission speak with him and get into negotiations providing he sends us a plan and that it is approved, and we will reimburse up to \$10,000.00. Commission Member Melissa Robbins seconded the motion. All in Favor.

New Oberpfalz:

Commission President Larry Ballah stated we received a request from New Oberpfalz to reimburse him some money for their sign he already had installed, Commission Member Rick Ryfa said we need to contact him and tell him we do not have a Facade Program in place at this time and that we will potentially have a new one June 1, 2023 in place but he would like to wait until the Tax Draw brings in before we can commit to anything. Commission Member Melissa Robbins seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Pending Items:

Real Estate Matters:

Commission President Larry Ballah stated we may need to have a Phase Two done on Andy's Auto Body, Commission Member Rick Ryfa made a motion to allow Attorney Estrada to draw the purchase agreement and proceed to closing. Commission Member Tony Hobson seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Property on Lake & Broad

Commission President Larry Ballah questioned what was happening with that property. Commission Member Rick Ryfa asked Commission President Larry Ballah to contact him before the next meeting.

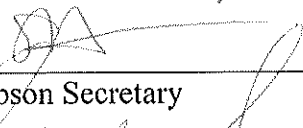
Public Comment:

None

Meeting closed at 7:00 p.m.



Rich Miller – Vice President



Tony Hobson Secretary



Michelle Sims- Recording Secretary