

TOWN OF GRIFFITH  
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2014

Commission President Rich Miller called the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Griffith Franklin Center, 201 N. Broad Street, Griffith, Indiana.

**ROLL CALL**

Robert Kurtz, present  
Rich Leber, present  
Rich Miller, present  
Susan Schaub, not present  
Don Wiltfong, not present

**ALSO ATTENDING**

Glen Kuchel, Attorney  
Rick Ryfa, Town Council Member  
George Jerome, Clerk Treasurer  
Gus Parianos, Economic Development Commission  
Tom Wichlinski, Economic Development Commission

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commission member Rich Leber motioned to approve the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes, seconded by Bob Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Commission member Bob Kurtz motioned to approve two claims for July and August 2014 services from Green & Kuchel for the total of \$795.00, seconded by Rich Leber. All in favor, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rich Miller reported that the 2014 Commercial Revitalization Program closed down on September 15, 2014.

**NEW BUSINESS**

George Jerome reported that no TIF monies were received for the Griffith Billiard Building for 2013 taxes, payable in 2014; Glen Kuchel to investigate status of monies and filing status.

Rich Miller suggested that a notice be put on the Town of Griffith website about vacancy for Recording Secretary for Redevelopment Commission Meetings. Rich Miller reported that he would inquire with Robert Bubula. All inquires about the position are to be e-mailed directly to Rich Miller.

## **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

The Redevelopment Commission gave Rich Leber the authority to solicit pricing to clear the growth at the property located at River Road and Cline Avenue.

Tom Wichlinski, also a member of the Little Calumet River Basin Commission reported that at an earlier meeting for the LCRBC that monies were available for the Town of Griffith to maintain areas along Griffith Levee System.

Rich Leber previously solicited pricing from Wiltjer Excavating to clear the growth at the property located at River Road and Cline Avenue. Bob Kurtz motioned to proceed with Wiltjer for a not to exceed cost of \$12,000.00 for five (5) days of work, including machinery. Rich Leber was also given the authority to extend the contract price and additional \$7,200.00, seconded by Rich Miller. All in favor, motion carried.

George Jerome reported that the Town Paving Project would not be fully completed in 2014.

Rick Ryfa reported that Mr. Mike Schriber would be contacted to draft a standard boilerplate non-binding letter of intent for the Town of Griffith and Griffith Economic Committees to provide to businesses interested in re-locating or opening in Griffith with financial support.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Rich Miller reported on the following Commercial Revitalization Applicants:

Quick Scripts, the company leasing 303 N. Broad Street, has been previously approved for \$5,000.00 for interior work. To date, approximately \$7,000.00 in receipts have been submitted. More information is forthcoming.

The project for Tom Jerome from State Farm that has been approved for \$4,826.07 for exterior work is nearing completion.

The project for Blythe's Safe Shop that had been approved for \$6,540.00 for interior work has been completed.

Construction is continuing on Studio 4.

Construction is in progress at Fagan Miller.

Rich Miller of Knight Miller Insurance Agency LLC has temporarily withdrew his application for \$10,000.00 for interior work and may re-visit the application in the future. Rick Ryfa reported that he was informed that a conflict of interest with State Statutes pertaining to members of Committees requesting public funds would arise if the application was approved.

Construction to the exterior façade at Moses Eyecare has yet to commence.

Construction at Wild Rose Brewery is well underway and continuing. The Town of Griffith has committed \$30,000.00 towards their parking lot.

Interior construction at Pokro Brewery is continuing.

Exterior renovations at 101 N. Griffith Blvd., owned by Manny Papadakis has yet to commence.

No Update: Susan Schaub informed the commission that Tom Wichlinski did draft a letter intended to be mailed to all Griffith businesses. Susan Schaub will get back to Tom Wichlinski regarding corrections.

Rich Leber said the proposal for the LED sign at Ridge Road and Broad Street has been revised and that Reddington Design will be sent to Mr. George Jerome for signature and deposit by the end of the month to commence with fabrication of the sign that is tentatively scheduled for installation in Spring 2015. NIPSCO has yet to be contacted regarding the electrical feed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.


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Rich Miller, President

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Robert Kurtz, Secretary

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