

TOWN OF GRIFFITH
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING OF APRIL 2ND, 2014

Commission President Rich Miller called the April 2nd, 2014 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Griffith Franklin Center, 201 N. Broad Street, Griffith, Indiana.

ROLL CALL

Robert Kurtz, absent
Rich Leber, present
Rich Miller, present
Susan Schaub, absent
Don Wiltfong, present

ALSO ATTENDING

Carol Green-Fraley, Attorney
George Jerome, Clerk Treasurer
Gerry Potacki, Griffith School Board
Rick Ryfa, Town Council Member
Tom Wichlinski, Economic Development Commission

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission member Don Wiltfong motioned to approve the minutes from March 5th, 2014 meeting, seconded by Rich Leber. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commission member Rich Leber motioned to approve two claims payable to Carol Green-Fraley totaling \$690.00. Don Wiltfong seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Miller reported that the Commercial Revitalization Program revisions have been completed. Mr. Wiltfong motioned to approve the revised application, seconded by Rich Leber. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Miller informed all attendees that Mr. Rich Leber and Mrs. Susan Schaub will head the Revitalization Program Committee. Mr. Leber confirmed that the new program is strictly for exterior improvements.

Mr. Miller met with the owners of Pokro's Brewery and offered to help fund a new awning and sign. The Redevelopment Commission will cover half of the cost for the awning and sign. Mr. Jerome said the town will also helping with funding.

Mr. Miller asked attorney Carol Green-Fraley to address the letter of intent for Wildrose Brewery directly to the owners of the business and not Jeff Austgen. Attorney Carol Green-Fraley will revise the letter and send it out immediately.

Attorney Carol Green-Fraley submitted Resolution 2014-11, authorizing the Town of Griffith to enter into an agreement with the Little Calumet River Basin regarding the levee relocation on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission. This Resolution was passed at the March 5th, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Miller confirmed that the contracts regarding the Griffith Park Department and Griffith Softball League have been completed and are on file.

Rich Miller, Rich Leber and Susan Schaub had met with George Jerome regarding the Redevelopment Commission budget. Mr. Jerome asked to hold off on a specific dollar until the financial analysis from Umbaugh is completed. George Jerome informed the commission that the Griffith Town Council has created a Redevelopment Authority Corporation that will issue bonds and the improved roads will be leased to the Redevelopment Commission. The funds will be paid back by using TIF dollars, county income tax dollars and storm water dollars. The project will focus on the 25 worst miles of roads. Mr. Jerome stressed the importance of making sure funding sources are available to do additional roads each year. Mr. Jerome said the project is moving very fast and the town will possibly begin paving alleys next month. The town has 66 blocks of alleys.

Commission member Rich Leber questioned why the town has not received TIF money from Luke Oil. Carol Green-Fraley supplied the county with all necessary documents, however the procedures have changed and the town should have received a notice in writing. There is no legal recourse to be taken.

Rick Ryfa was informed by JJS Recycling that they are looking into a new location.

Rick Ryfa asked the Redevelopment Commission if they would consider having a special meeting with the bond attorney. Rick Ryfa will confirm the date and time.

NEW BUSINESS

None

FOLLOW UP

Attorney Carol Green-Fraley will revise and mail the letter of intent to Wildrose Brewery.

Rick Ryfa will schedule a special meeting with the bond attorney.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Rich Miller, President

Robert Kurtz, Secretary

Tricia Kistler, Recording Secretary