

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6TH, 2013**

Commission President Tim Owczarzak called the February 6th, 2013 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Griffith Town Hall, 111 N. Broad Street, Griffith, Indiana

ROLL CALL

Bob Kurtz, present
Rick Leber, present
Rich Miller, present
Tim Owczarzak, present
Don Wiltfong, present

ALSO ATTENDING

George Jerome, Town Council Member
Carol Green- Fraley, Attorney
Tony Hobson, Economic Development Commission
Tom Wichlinski, Economic Development Commission

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission member Don Wiltfong motioned to approve the minutes from the January 2nd, 2013 meeting, seconded by Tim Owczarzak. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commission member Don Wiltfong motioned to approve 3 claims payable to Green & Kuchel totalling \$6,175.10, seconded by Bob Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Treasurer George Jerome announced that Baker Produce would go into receivership by the end of business hours on Thursday, February 7, 2013. Don Towner has been appointed as receiver.

Tim Owczarzak and George Jerome filed the annual report for the Redevelopment Commission. A copy will be forwarded to Attorney Carol Green-Fraley.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Treasurer George Jerome instilled the oath of office to all Redevelopment Commission members including newly appointed Rich Leber and Rich Miller.

Tim Owczarzak made a motion to retain Carol Green-Fraley of Green & Kuchel as attorney, seconded by Bob Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim Owczarzak gave Mr. Leber and Mr. Miller a quick synopsis of projects the Redevelopment Commission currently have underway, including the Commercial Revitalization Projects, TIF Areas and the Downtown Economic Development Area.

OLD BUSINESS

Rich Miller questioned the status of Pactiv. George Jerome informed the Commission that the building is empty and up for sale through a national realtor.

Mr. Jerome also explained that he town recently had a title search completed on the railroad property to determine the owner of the property east of Pactiv.

George Jerome informed the Commission that the Little Calumet River Basin Committee would like to work on the flowage easement at the Griffith Golf Center property. Carol Green-Fraley has had communication with them regarding this matter. Mr. Jerome informed the Commission that the levy would need to be certified. This discussion will need to take place at an executive session.

REPORTS FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tom Wichlinski informed the Commission that E Motors is finishing up their warehouse.

Oberpflaz Brewery has been going back and forth with financial offers for Andy's Body Shop property.

The Griffith Car Wash is underway with exterior improvements.

Pocket Billiards should have permanent power to the building tomorrow and will be independent of the surrounding businesses.

Tom Wichlinski requested something be done about the pile of debris behind Andy's Body Shop prior to their opening of Pocket Billiards. George Jerome suggested Tom send an email to the Griffith Town Council regarding this matter.

Tony Hobson reported that APT Physical Therapy located on the 200 block of Broad Street is looking for a larger area. He asked for suggestions on available properties in town. Mr. Hobson will contact the owner of APT Physical Therapy to see if they could meet with the Redevelopment Commission

FOLLOW UP

Tom Wichlinski will send an email to the Griffith Town Council regarding the debris behind Andy's Body Shop.

Tony Hobson will contact the owner of APT Physical Therapy and ask him to attend a meeting with the Redevelopment Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Pending litigation was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Tim Owczarzak, President

Robert Kurtz, Secretary

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