

## **GRIFFITH PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD**

November 3, 2022

The Griffith Safety Board was called to order by Chairman George Jerome at 6:30 P.M.

### **Those in Attendance**

George Jerome	Griffith Safety Board Chairman
Liz Goral	Griffith Safety Board Vice Chairman
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Phil Vechey	Griffith Safety Board Member – Absent
Sue Katona	Griffith Safety Board Member – Absent
Rick Ryfa	Town Council Police Department Liaison - Absent
Melissa Robbins	Town Council Fire Department Liaison

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. The following items were discussed:

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of October 6, 2022 Minutes  
Motion by PSB Vice Chairman Liz Goral  
2<sup>nd</sup> by PSB Member RoAnn Purgert  
Motion carried 3 – 0

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

### **COMMUNICATION / REPORTS**

1. **Griffith Police Department**  
Chief Mance read the monthly report for September 2022. Chief Mance also advised the Police Department is participating in the "No Shave November" Fund Raiser again this year. The first fund raising event will be "Pop Up Cop Coffee Shop" (and donuts) in front of the Police Department on Election Day, November 8, 2022, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.
2. **Griffith Fire Department**  
Chief Schoon read the monthly reports for September 2022.
3. **Griffith FOP Post 161**  
There was no FOP representative present at tonight's meeting.
4. **VEST**  
Corporal Ghrist read the monthly reports for October 2022.
5. **Town Council Liaison**  
Town Council Liaison Melissa Robbins advised there was nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2023 Promotion List / Staffing Concerns for the Police Department

PSB Chairman Jerome advised an emergency exists within the Griffith Police Department as currently there is only 1 Corporal who would be eligible for promotion for the next 18 months, and there are 10 officers with 20 or more years of service who are eligible to retire at any time. PSB Chairman Jerome further advised General Order 3(b) and FOP Contract Section 27 allows the Public Safety Board to declare an emergency and to suspend the language requiring an officer to hold their current rank for 2 years before being eligible for promotion.

PSB Member Purgert made a motion to declare an emergency situation exists, and the language requiring the 2 years of service in an officer's current rank to be suspended until further notice.

PSB Vice Chairman Goral seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Mance thanked the Public Safety Board for their support in this matter.

2. Purchase of Fire Department UTV.

PSB Chairman Jerome advised the Fire Department purchased an UTV, which was a very smart purchase that saved money and a lot of time.

3. Fire Department Request to Amend the Town's Salary Ordinance

PSB Chairman Jerome stated he was going to add a third item under "New Business," that being the Fire Department's request to amend the Town's Salary Ordinance wherein a position would be added for a Fire Department Certified Mechanic (D. Huzzie) with a comparable salary.

PSB Chairman Jerome made a motion to support the Fire Department in their request to add a certified mechanic to the Fire Department's payroll.

PSB Vice Chairman Goral seconded the motion.

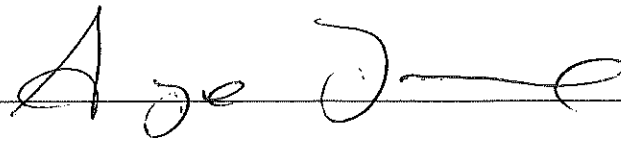
The motion carried 3-0.

**QUESTIONS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

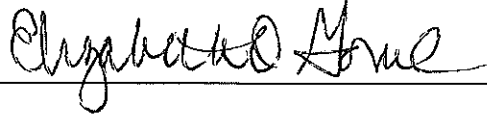
There were none.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

George Jerome

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Liz Goral

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RoAnn Purgert

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Phil Vechey – Absent

Sue Katona – Absent