

GRIFFITH PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD

January 5, 2023

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 – Absent
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Phil Vechey	Griffith Safety Board Member
Sue Katona	Griffith Safety Board Member
Rick Ryfa	Town Council Police Department Liaison – Absent
Melissa Robbins	Town Council Fire Department Liaison – Absent

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Election of Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary)
PSB Member Katona made a motion to table this matter until next month.
PSB Member Vechey seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.
2. Appointment of Legal Counsel
PSB Member Purgert made a motion to retain Attorney Sherry Bradtke McNeil as legal counsel for the Public Safety Board.
PSB Katona seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.
3. Appointment of Recording Secretary
PSB Member Vechey made a motion to retain Joan Kolodziej as Recording Secretary for the Public Safety Board.
PSB Katona seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of December 1, 2022 Minutes
PSB Member Vechey made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022 Minutes as written.
PSB Member Katona seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

1. Griffith Police Department
Commander C. Burrow read the monthly report for November 2022.

12. Steve Kovesi Jr. Award to Honorary Firefighter Carter Ray
Assistant Fire Chief Andree advised the following:

On June 9th, 2020, Carter was diagnosed with Leukemia. Within a few hours, his whole life was turned upside down. He went from being a normal kid who played sports and lived for fun, to a kid who was fighting for his life. Cancer is very scary. Carter spent months in the hospital fighting off many life threatening infections. He suffered with nausea, weakness and pain. After hundreds of chemo treatments and thousands of chemo pins, Carter is left with some side effects that may never go away.

As of Tuesday, October 4th, 2022, Carter has completed his final treatments after 2-1/2 years. Carter is now Cancer free.

Carter has been the most amazing, positive person and is definitely coming out of this much stronger than he went into. He is battling to get back to the kid he once was. Carter is slowly getting back to playing baseball, planning on taking pitching lessons, and is currently playing Blackcats Basketball this winter. He also hopes to fulfill his dream of running a marathon in the future. Carter has learned so much throughout his battle. He even shared some of his personal advise for all of us: "Be happy, and have fun . . . be sure to thank God for every second that you get. Thank you for listening, caring, and thank you for all your support."

Tonight, the Griffith Fire Department is proud to present Carter B. Ray with "The Steven Kovesi, Jr. Award," the award for courage and perseverance.

Fire Chief Schoon and Fire Department Chaplin Steven Kovesi, Jr. then presented Carter B. Ray with The Steven Kovesi, Jr. Award.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

PSM Purgert inquired as to where the calendars for the Animal Control Fund Raiser could be purchased. Cpl. Ghrist advised they could be purchased at the Police Department and at the Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

George Jerome



Liz Goral – Absent

RoAnn Purgert



Phil Vechey _____

Sue Katona  _____