

GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD

March 10, 2016

The Griffith Safety Board was called to order by Chairman Volkmann at 7:00 p.m.

Those in Attendance

John Volkmann	Griffith Safety Board Chairperson
Gary Sutton	Griffith Safety Board Vice-Chairman
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Liz Goral	Griffith Safety Board Member
Debbie Dillon	Griffith Safety Board Member
Greg Mance	Police Chief
Roy Schoon	Fire Department

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

Approval of February 11, 2016 minutes: Motion by Safety Board Member Goral
2nd by Safety Board Member Dillon
Motion carried 5-0

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Chief Mance read the monthly report for February.

Productivity is up for the month of February with a 30% increase in incident reports, 56% increase in traffic stops and a 26% increase in adult arrests

Griffith Fire Department

Chief Schoon read the February monthly report.

The new fire truck should be delivered in mid-May.

VEST

Mike Czerwinski read the monthly reports for February.

Approval and order of six in car computers has been completed.

FOP Post 161

Nothing

No Old Business

New Business

Approval of Griffith General Orders

Has been tabled to the April meeting.

Fire Department proposal to purchase one (1) Ford Utility Vehicle

A motion by Safety Board Vice-Chairman Sutton, seconded by Safety Board Member Goral, to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Utility Vehicle at a cost of \$27,146.71 for the Griffith Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Swearing in of Leslie Malerich

Award Presentation

Indiana University Northwest, School of Public and Environmental Affairs- Accepting: Dr. Karl Besel, Assistant Dean and Director of SPEA

Griffith Family YMCA-Accepting; Carl Zurbruggen, Branch Executive Director, and Sharon Bohling, Wellness Director.

Dr. Joseph Ferrandino-Associate Professor-Indiana University Northwest, School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Dr. Ellen Szarleta-Director, Center for Urban and Regional Excellence. Accepting on behalf: Ida Gilis, Director of IUN's Office of Affirmative Action and Employment Practices.

Appreciation certificates were presented to the following who offered their direct assistance in the applicant interview workshop:

Joseph Guzik, M.P.A.

Jacqueline F. Huey, Ph.D.

Barbara Peat, Ph.D.

Danny Tsataros, M.B.A., J.D.

John Tsolakos, M.P.A.

Susan Zinner, Ph.D.

Joe Gomeztagle, M.B.A.

Jerome Exell, J.D.

Ronald Gang

Lieutenant Jessie Watts, Jr., M.P.A.

Announcements

The April Safety Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

The Highland/Griffith Chamber will be holding a Taco Meet & Greet on Friday, April 8, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Griffith YMCA, 201 N. Griffith Blvd. proceeds to be donated to the Griffith Animal Control. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 years and under.

Questions/comments from the floor.

Griffith Fire Department Battalion Chief Michels asked whether the Safety Board was considering purchasing the Opticon System which assist emergency vehicle at intersections with stop lights. Safety Board Chairman Volkmann responded that this was discussed during the study session and Police Chief Mance stated that grants for the purchase of this system will be investigated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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