

## **GRIFFITH PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD**

February 2, 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
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Phil Vehey	Griffith Safety Board Member – Absent
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  
PSB Member Katona nominated George Jerome as Chairman of the Griffith Public Safety Board. No other nominations were received. George Jerome is elected by acclamation as the Griffith PSB Chairman.
2. Election of Officers – Vice Chairman  
PSB Member Goral nominated Sue Katona as Vice Chairman of the Griffith Public Safety Board. No other nominations were received. Sue Katona is elected by acclamation as the Griffith PSB Vice Chairman.
3. Election of Officers – Secretary  
PSB Member Jerome nominated RoAnn Purgert as Secretary of the Griffith Public Safety Board. No other nominations were received. RoAnn Purgert is elected by acclamation as the Griffith PSB Secretary.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of January 5, 2023 Minutes  
PSB Member Goral made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023 Public Safety Board Meeting as presented.  
PSB Member Katona seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 4 – 0.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

### **COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS**

1. Griffith Police Department  
Chief Mance read the monthly report for December 2022.

2. Griffith Fire Department  
Chief Schoon read the monthly reports for December 2022.  
PSB Member Goral queried as to what the ideal number of firefighters would be for the Griffith Fire Department. Chief Schoon advised a full roster would consist of 55 firefighters. He stated they currently have 33 firefighters. Some discussion ensued.
3. Griffith F.O.P. Lodge #161  
Officer R. Tony Hemphill introduced himself as the new F.O.P. Lodge #161 President.
4. VEST  
Chief Mance read Corporal Ghrist's VEST Monthly Report for January 2023.
5. Town Council Liaison  
There was no Town Council Liaison present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Adoption of Griffith Police Policy 100 Law Enforcement Authority
2. Adoption of Griffith Police Policy 208 License to Carry a Handgun

PSB Member Purgert made a motion to adopt both Griffith Police Policy 100 Law Enforcement Authority, and Griffith Police Policy 208 License to Carry a Handgun.

PSB Member Katona seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Certification of the Griffith Police Department's Promotional List for the rank of Corporal
2. Certification of the Griffith Police Department's Promotional List for the rank of Sergeant
3. Certification of the Griffith Police Department's Promotional List for the appointment of Detective

PSB Member Katona made a motion to approve the certification of the Griffith Police Department's Promotional List for the rank of Corporal, the rank of Sergeant, and the appointment of Detective.

PSB Member Goral seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

4. Approval for the purchase of a new or used vehicle for the detective bureau - not to exceed \$35,000

PSB Member Goral made a motion to approve the purchase of a new or used vehicle for the detective bureau in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

PSB Member Katona seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

5. Approval to auction two (2) surplus vehicles; specifically, a 2013 Dodge Charger and a 1998 Isuzu Rodeo

PSB Member Goral made a motion to approve the auction of two (2) surplus vehicles; specifically, a 2013 Dodge Charger and a 1998 Isuzu Rodeo.

PSB Member Katona seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

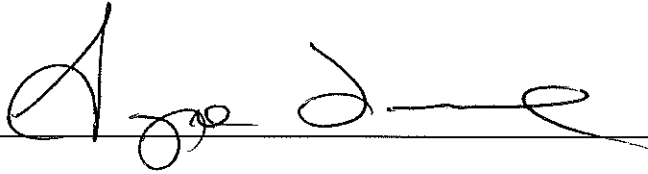
**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

PSB Member Purgert welcomed Officer Tony Hemphill as the new F.O.P. President. Ms. Purgert also thanked Police, Fire and VEST for everything they do for the Town of Griffith.

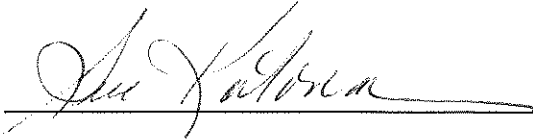
**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

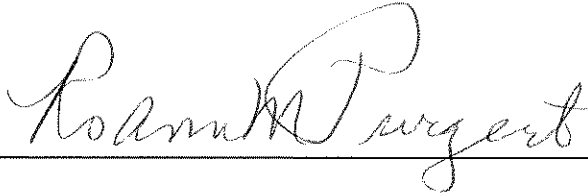
George Jerome



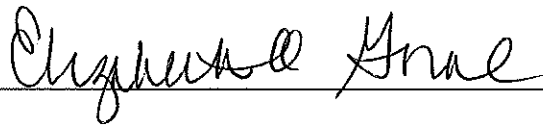
Sue Katona



RoAnn Purgert



Liz Goral



Phil Vechey – Absent