



TOWN OF GRIFFITH PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD

111 N. Broad Street, Griffith, IN 46319

Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2023

The Griffith Safety Board was called to order by Chairman Jerome at 6:31 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in Attendance

George Jerome	Griffith Safety Board Chairman
Sue Katona	Griffith Safety Board Vice Chairman
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Liz Goral	Griffith Safety Board Member
Phil Vechey	Griffith Safety Board Member
Rick Ryfa	Town Council Police Department Liaison
Melissa Robbins	Town Council Fire Department Liaison ABSENT
Greg Mance	Chief, Griffith Police Department
Roy Schoon	Chief, Griffith Fire Department
Christian Bartholomew	Legal Counsel, Burke Costanza & Carberry

The following items were discussed:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of September 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

PSB Member Sue Katona made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023 Public Safety Board Meeting as presented.

PSB Member Phil Vechey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

2. Approval of September 18, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

PSB Member Sue Katona made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023 Public Safety Board Special Meeting as presented.

PSB Member Phil Vechey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Fire Departments annual Open House is Sunday, October 8th, 2023, Noon to 4PM.

COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

1. **Griffith Police Department**
Chief Mance read the monthly report for August 2023.
2. **Griffith Fire Department**
Fire Chief Schoon read the monthly report for August 2023.
3. **Griffith F.O.P. Lodge #161**
There was no representative present tonight from Griffith F.O.P. Lodge #161.
4. **VEST**
Corporal P. Ghrist read the monthly VEST reports for September 2023.
5. **Town Council Liaison**
Town Council Liaison Ryfa advised there was nothing to report at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters of "Old Business."

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lateral hire of Daniel Arroyo by the Griffith Police Department
2. Swearing in of Station 33 Probationary Firefighter Eric Damajanovic to full-time status

Eric Damajanovic was sworn in by PSB member Liz Goral.
3. Griffith Fire Department seeks approval to hire the following candidate pending Safety Board interview:
 - a. Abigail Begeski, Station 31

PSB Member Roann Purgert made a motion to approve the hiring of Abigail Begeski, pending Safety Board interview, as a probationary firefighter at Station 31.

PSB Member Phil Vechey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS

1. Presentation of the Golden Hoosier Award to Michael Andree, Sr.

Chief Schoon presented Michael Andree Sr. with the Golden Hoosier Award

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None


ADJOURNMENT


Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.


George Jefome, Chairman


Sue Katona, Vice Chairman


RoAnn Purgert, Secretary


Liz Goral, Member


Phil Vehey, Member