

**February 7, 2017**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 7, 2017 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

Police Officer David J. Fahey, Jr., Cleveland Police Department, OH  
Deputy Chief James G. Molloy, New York City Police Department, NY  
Lieutenant Steven Floyd, Delaware Department of Correction, DE

**ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

John Volkmann - Clerk Treasurer  
Greg Mance – Chief of Police  
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner  
Robert Schwerd– Attorney for the Town  
Rick Konopasek-Director Public Works  
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief  
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to adopt the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 10544 – 10765, in the amount of One Million, Three Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seven Cents (\$1,381,575.07). A motion was made by Council Member Tony Hobson to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00pm. A Study Session will be held at 6:30pm before the meeting and one will follow if necessary. There will be a study session Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:00pm.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

1. Public Works – No Report
2. Police – No Report
3. Fire – No Report
4. Pending Items - None

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. David Thompson, 247 N Indiana, Griffith: Presented an alternate route for the proposed South Shore Extension. He proposed using the Canadian National line that runs through Griffith as an alternative. Council President Rick Ryfa thanked him for his input and advised that the decisions as to where the South Shore Extension would be made at federal level and not at a local level.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

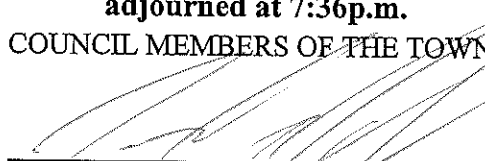
- a. Council President Rick Ryfa announced that Council assignments and appointments would be postponed until the February 21, 2017 meeting.

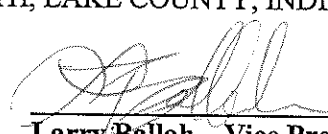
- g. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow Council President Rick Ryfa sign an agreement for the Town to purchase property from JFB Enterprises. Said property is in the 100 Block of N. Broad. Seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried.
- h. Council President Rick Ryfa stated that the Council would take no action at the present time on the South Shore Extension. He asked that individuals contact the Town Hall with their concerns and questions. The South Shore Extension will be discussed at the Town Council Meeting on March 7, 2017.

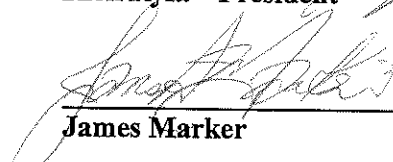
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**


- a. Mike Kitzmiller, 121 Raymond, Griffith. Stated that Main Street from Cline Ave. to Wiggs is not in compliance with ADA guidelines. Public Works Director Rick Konopasek said that he would investigate and report back to the Council.
  - b. Daryl Grandbois, 1240 Sawgrass, Griffith. Stated that the yield signs on Colfax near the Bike Trail are too small, are difficult to see and if they mean that pedestrians have the right of way. Police Chief Greg Mance stated that it was correct that pedestrians have the right of way and that new yield signs would be installed in the middle of the roadway so that they were more visible to everyone.
- There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36p.m.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

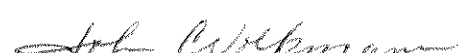
  
Rick Ryfa – President

  
Larry Ballah – Vice President

  
James Marker

  
ABSENT  
Tony Hobson

  
Melissa Robbins

  
Attest: John C. Volkmann  
Clerk Treasurer

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 6. AMUSEMENTS, IN ITS ENTIRETY**

**WHEREAS**, IC 36-1-32-2 confers upon all local units of government the powers that they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, IC 36-1-3-6(b)(1) prescribes that any such exercise of power shall be authorized through the enactment of an ordinance passed by the legislative body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, has determined that it is not in the best financial interest of the Town to continue expending town resources involved in the collecting of fees and documentation required under Chapter 6. Amusements of the Town Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:


Chapter 6. Amusements of the Town Code of the Town of Griffith shall hereinafter be repealed and be of no further force and effect.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any and all such ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and posting in accordance with IC 36-5-2-10.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 7<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2017.


**COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF  
GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**

  
Rick Ryfa, President

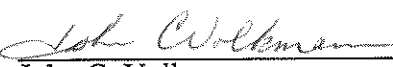
  
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John C. Volkmann  
Clerk-Treasurer

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 – PARKS & RECREATION,  
ARTICLE III – PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS; DIVISION 2 – PERMIT,  
BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SEC. 50-82

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-32-2 confers upon all local units of government the powers that they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-3-6(b)(1) prescribes that any such exercise of power shall be authorized through the enactment of an ordinance passed by the legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, has been asked by the Town of Griffith Board of Parks and Recreation to establish by ordinance park rental rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Chapter 50 – Parks and Recreation Article III – Park Rules and Regulation; Division 2 – Permit, shall be amended by the addition of a new Sec. 50-82, which shall hereinafter read as follows:

Sec. 50-82. Pavilion Rental Information

| <u>Park</u>  | <u>Weekday Rate</u><br>(Monday-Thursday)             | <u>Weekend/Holiday Rate</u><br>(Friday-Sunday/Holiday) | <u>Cleaning Deposit</u> | <u>Amenities</u><br>(subject to availability)   |
|--------------|--|--|-------------------------|---|
| Central Park | Resident: \$50/4 hours<br>Non-Resident: \$75/4 hours | Resident: \$150/Day<br>Non-Resident: \$300/Day         | \$50                    | Picnic tables, electricity, public restrooms, playground, sand volleyball, Wi-Fi, baseball field          |
| South Park   | Resident: \$50/4 hours<br>Non-Resident: \$75/4 hours | Resident: \$125/Day<br>Non-Resident: \$250/Day         | \$50                    | Picnic tables, electricity, public restrooms, horseshoe pit, playground, basketball court, charcoal grill |
| Cheever Park | Resident: \$50/4 hours<br>Non-Resident: \$75/4 hours | Resident: \$75/Day<br>Non-Resident: \$150/Day          | \$50                    | Softball field, public restroom, electricity, horseshoe pit, tennis courts, handball courts, playground   |

Rental Fees must be paid in full within 10 days and are non-refundable. All rules will be closely enforced by withholding the deposit.

Weddings and/or extra-large gatherings are subject to additional permits and fees.

SOLICITING: Soliciting, peddling, collecting fees, fund-raising or the sale of items, merchandise, or food is not allowed on park property without an official permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any and all such ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and posting in accordance with IC 36-5-2-10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2017.

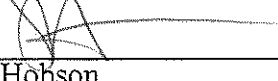
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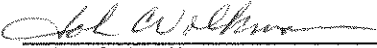
  
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Attest:

  
John C. Volkmann  
Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. R2017 - 10

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF  
A FORD EXPLORER BY MEANS OF A PURCHASE FINANCING  
AGREEMENT WITH CENTIER BANK

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana has determined that it is necessary to acquire a new Ford Explorer for the Town's Building Commissioner/Facility Manager at a cost of \$28,309.50; and

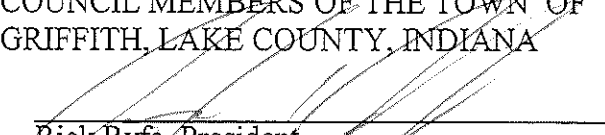
WHEREAS, after soliciting financing proposals, the Clerk-Treasurer has recommended the purchase through an agreement with Centier Bank for a term of two (2) years with monthly payments of \$1,043.70, with no prepayment penalty; and

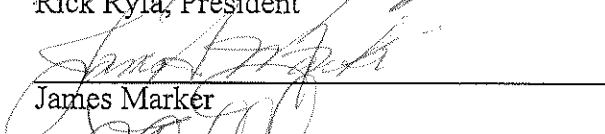
WHEREAS, the Clerk-Treasurer has determined that there are sufficient cash balances and future appropriations available to support the payments under the terms proposed.

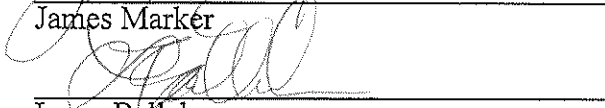
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Indiana that the purchase agreement between Centier Bank and the Town of Griffith is hereby approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF  
GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

  
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