

# **December 29, 2016**

## **TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the December 29, 2016 meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Moment of Silence for Councilwoman Patricia Schaadt

### **ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson

### **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 absent  
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief absent

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to adopt the minutes of the December 20, 2016 meeting as presented, second by Council Member James Marker. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 10184 - 10291 in the amount of \$832,529.38 (Eight Hundred Thirty-two Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars and Thirty-eight Cents.) were presented for payment. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 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, January 10, 2017.
2. Indiana State Representative Hal Slager and former Clerk Treasurer George Jerome presented the Sagamore of the Wabash Award posthumously to the family of Councilwoman Patricia Schaadt.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Public Works – No Report
3. Police – No Report
4. Fire – No Report
5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. None

### **BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Council Member Larry Ballah read a Petition Requesting a Vacation of a Public Alley at the address commonly known as 510 Ridge Road, Griffith, Indiana. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to accept the Vacation and to allow Clerk Treasurer John Volkmann to sign the acknowledgement of the receipt of the petition. Seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried

#### **2. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Council Member James Marker made a motion for the Council to sign the 2016 Road Mileage Inventory. Seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried.

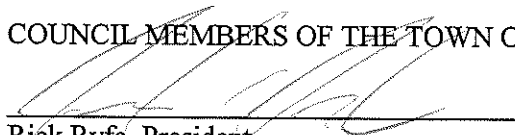
- b. Clerk Treasurer John C. Volkmann introduced Resolution 2016-61, a resolution to transfer monies from various Bunds to other Funds for certain expenditures made over the course of 2016 and to eliminate negative balances in the following funds prior to year end closing, Sewer Bond Fund, DRC and Franklin Center. A motion was made by Council Member Larry Ballah to accept Resolution 2016-61 and seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.
- c. Clerk Treasurer John C. Volkmann introduced Resolution 2016-62, a resolution to transfer appropriations in order to eliminate negative balances in certain appropriations. A motion was made by Council Member Larry Ballah to accept Resolution 2016-62 and seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried.
- d. Clerk Treasurer John C. Volkmann introduced Resolution 2016-63, a resolution to transfer appropriations within the General Fund to eliminate negative balances in certain appropriations. A motion was made by Council Member Larry Ballah to accept Resolution 2016-63 and seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.

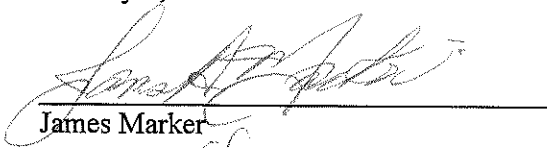
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- a. The following individuals made a variety of comments on the passing of Councilwoman Patricia Schaadt. Indiana State Representative Hal Slager, Griffith Police Chief Greg Mance, Griffith Town Council President Rick Ryfa, Council Member James Marker and Former Griffith Clerk Treasurer George Jerome. They all expressed thanks for her dedication to the Town of Griffith and its' citizens and her many years of Public Service to the Town and to various social and business organizations..

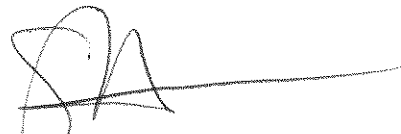
**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21p.m.**

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

  
Rick Ryfa, President

  
James Marker

  
Larry Ballah

  
Tony Hobson

Attest:

  
John C. Volkmann  
Clerk-Treasurer