

**February 20, 2018**

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

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 20, 2018 meeting to order at 7:00 pm

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Council Member James Marker read the names of Police Officers killed in the line of duty:

- Deputy Sheriff Steven Belanger, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, CA
- Police Officer David Sherrard, Richardson Police Department, TX
- Police Officer Chase Maddox, Locust Grove Police Department, GA
- K9 Officer Eric Joering, Westerville Division of Police, OH
- Police Officer Anthony Morelli, Westerville Division of Police, OH
- Commander Paul R. Bauer, Chicago Police Department, IL

### **ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to adopt the minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No 16261 – 26478, \$859,408.07 (Eight hundred fifty-thousand, four hundred eight dollars and seven cents) Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow if necessary.
2. There will be a study session on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.
3. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and a study session at 6:00 p.m.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **REPORTS:**

Public Works – No Report  
Police - No Report  
Fire - No Report  
Finance - No Report

### **PENDING ITEMS:**

### **TOWNSHIP ISSUES:**

1. Calumet Township Secession update: The Town is still accepting signatures for the petition and will continue to do so until enough signatures have been acquired.
2. Golf Course update: No Report.

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

Robert Claveringa (sp), Jack Reyome and several others who did not give their names

spoke up about Guardian Pest Control. They expressed concerns that Guardian was running a business out of the Cline Ave. location without it being approved. They also expressed concerns about the "All Clear Cleanout" vehicles being parked there, the lighting and lack of fencing. Council President Rick Ryfa and Council Member Tony Hobson provided the following information. Several months ago the Plan Commission gave a favorable rating to the Town Council for this site to be rezoned PB. The Council did not take any action in the proper time frame so the rezoning automatically took place. The Town has received assurances from Guardian that they will conform to the "Zoning Commitment" dated 2/20/18. (A copy of the Zoning Commitment is attached to these minutes.) The people were assured that Guardian will use the Cline Ave. property only as office and dispatching space there will be no extermination of animals and the clean out business will not park any of their vehicles on the property.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-05, an ordinance new water meter costs, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried.
- b. Council President Rick Ryfa gave an update on the RFP for the Golf Course. He said that the engineers are working on detailed specifications for the RFP. The specifications for clean fill in order to raise an area at the south end of the Golf Course is more involved than originally planned.
- c. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the Zoning Commitment and the letter provided by Austgen, Kuiper, Jasaitis P.C in regards to Guardian Pest Control zoning at the Cline Ave location. Council Member James Marker stated that there would be no zoning variances allowed. Seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**


- a. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-06, a new salary ordinance, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried.
- b. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve an engineering agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert for the Reder Road water main extension to the Turnberry subdivision with a cost not to exceed \$98,200.00, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.
- c. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve an engineering agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert for the Main St. and Broad St. intersection modification engineering with a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried.
- d. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve an engineering agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert for the Avenue H extension engineering with a cost not to exceed \$106,370.00, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.

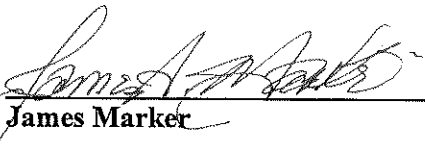
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.**

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


  
Rick Ryfa – President

  
Larry Ballah – Vice President

  
James Marker

  
Tony Hobson

  
Melissa Robbins

  
Attest: John C. Volkmann  
Clerk Treasurer