

June 19, 2018

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 19, 2018 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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 Patrick Rohrer, Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office, KS
- Deputy Sheriff Theresa King, Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office, KS
- Correctional Officer Tawanna Marin, Florida Department of Corrections, FL

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson - Absent
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:

Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No.17872 – 18117. \$951,656.77 (Nine hundred fifty-one thousand, six hundred fifty-six dollars and seventy-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 on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow if necessary. There will not be a Town Council Meeting on July 3, 2018.
2. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., with a study session at 6:00 p.m.
3. There will not be a Town Council study session at on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Council Member James Marker made a motion to allow the Knights of Columbus to hold their Tootsie Roll Drive on June 22 and 23 at the corner of Cline Ave. and Ridge Road, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried
- b. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow the Griffith Fire Department Association to sell raffle tickets door to door, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried.
- c. Council President Rick Ryfa opened the floor for comments from those residents that will be affected by that sanitary interceptor project. MS Dixon expressed concerns about the timing of the project and what type of notice she would receive as the project approaches her residence. She was advised that she would receive notice via mail and/or a door hanger. Tracy of 1230 N Wood stated that her fence was approximately two feet into the easement and what would happen if the fence had to be removed for the project. She was advised that the fence would be replaced if necessary. David of 505 E Glen Park wanted to know if the project would cause a disruption in service to the Laundromat that he runs at that address. He stated that he would allow access to his property but was concerned about the loss of business if he is not allowed to discharge into the sewer. He was advised that he would be contacted and that further analysis is necessary for his particular location. A representative from Wessler Engineering was present at the meeting and addressed the concerns and stayed after adjournment to answer questions.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – Public Works Director Rick Konopasek gave the following report: Milling and repaving on the north side of Town is progressing. The street sign replacement program is winding down and almost finished.
- Police - No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Finance - No Report

PENDING ITEMS:**TOWNSHIP ISSUES:**

1. Calumet Township Secession update: Council President Rick Ryfa gave the following update: We are continuing to collect signatures on the petition and hope to be able to ask the Board of Elections for a referendum vote in July.
2. Golf Course update: No Report
3. Interceptor Project: See report from Public Works above.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:****UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2018-19, an ordinance adding the position of Crime Reduction Initiative Officer to the Special Service Positions and adding the position of Full Time Intel Analyst, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.


NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow the Town Council President to sign a lease agreement with Superior Ambulance for rental space at the North Fire Station, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.
- b. Council President Rick Ryfa gave an update on the new Fireman's Park. The project is moving forward and will receive funds from CDBG and the Town will match these funds with Park funds and various other funds.
- c. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to allow the Town Council President sign zoning agreement with Family Express, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.
- d. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow the Town Council President to enter into an agreement with Lochmueller for engineering services for the 100 block of South Broad St., seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried.
- e. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to allow the Town Council President to sign a Notice of Award for Intersection Improvement of Main Street and Broad Street, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.
- f. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow either the Town Council President or the Clerk Treasurer to sign the Insurance Renewal Certificates for June 20, 2018 – 2019, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.


PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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


Rick Ryfa – President
James Marker
Melissa Robbins

ABSENT
Larry Ballah – Vice President


Tony Hobson
Attest: John C. Volkmann – Clerk Treasurer