

JULY 10, 2018

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 10, 2018 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FIRE CHIEF GEORGE J. THIEL

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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

- Police Officer Mathew Mazany, Mentor Police Department, OH
- Trooper Nicholas Clark, New York State Police, NY
- Captain David Rosa, Long Beach Fire Department, CA

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah-Absent
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 - Absent
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No.18118 – 18484, \$2,181,739.55 (Two million, one hundred eighty-one thousand, seven hundred thirty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents). Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 17, 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 Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 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, July 24, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

REPORTS:

- Public Works – No Report
- 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.
2. Golf Course update: No Report
3. Interceptor Project: Project is moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

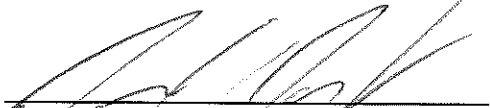
- a. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow the Town Council President sign a Small Cell Tower Lease Agreement with AT & T, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.
- b. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-22, a resolution approving using money from the General Fund to pay bills from the Park Fund, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.
- c. Council President Rick Ryfa and Council Member Melissa Robbins opened the bids for concrete work in town. Bids were received from Walsh & Kelly and Gariup Construction. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to forward the bids to the Director of Public Works and the Town Attorney for review and recommendation, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Rod Odell of the 1400 block of N. Indiana Ave. expressed concerns about CN trains idling for extended periods of time near his neighborhood. He said they are disrupting the quality of life in the area and asked if anything could be done about it. Council President Rick Ryfa said that this issue has been previously addressed with the CN and the CN claims that it cannot stop further back to a less populated area. Council President Ryfa said he will try to set up a meeting with the CN to address this issue but they are not violating any laws.
- Paul Vockell expressed concerns about a rental property in his neighborhood that is falling into disrepair. Police Chief Greg Mance stated that the PD is attempting to contact the owner, who lives out of state, to rectify the situation.
- Chris Kovich, a local developer, asked how he could get his performance bond reduced. He was advised to outline his needs in written form with details as to what has been accomplished and why he needs the performance bond reduced and forward this information to the Town Council for consideration.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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



Rick Ryfa - President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Larry Ballah - Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: John C. Volkmann - Clerk Treasurer