

August 7, 2018

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the August 7, 2018 meeting to order at 7:03 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:

- Police Officer Bronson K. Kaliloa, Hawaii County Police Department, HI
- Corrections Officer Joseph Gomm, Minnesota Department of Corrections, MN
- Senior Corporal Earl James "Jamie" Givens III, Dallas Police Department, TX
- Police Officer Diego Moreno, Kent Police Department, WA
- Trooper Tyler James Edenhofer, Arizona Department of Public Safety, AZ
- Police Officer Michael J. Michalski, Milwaukee Police Department, WI
- Police Officer Adam Edward Jobbers-Miller, Fort Meyers Police Department, FL

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-Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to adopt the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No.18617 – 188882 \$2,950,819.38 (Two million, nine hundred fifty thousand, eight hundred nineteen dollars and thirty-eight cents). Council Member James Marker made a motion to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 21, 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, August 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., with a study session at 6:00 p.m.
3. There will be a Town Council study session at on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Stan Dobosz read the announcement about the Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The Pilgrimage will take place on August 11th and 12th, it will pass through Griffith on August 12th.
2. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the request for up to a \$500.00 (five hundred dollars and zero cents) donation to Boy Scout Troop 264 for advertising for their upcoming Craft Fair, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.
3. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve a request from Jayne Madsen to have a "Strong 4 Eric Memorial 5k Run/Walk", seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.
4. Council Member James Marker read a request from St. Mary's Church to place signs for their upcoming "Western Days", the signs would be in place from August 11 until August 21. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – No Report

- Police - No Report
- Fire –
- Finance - No Report

PENDING ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP ISSUES: Calumet Township Secession update: Clerk Treasurer John Volkmann announced that there are 1,108 (one thousand, one hundred and eight) certified signatures on the petition to date. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to hold the special election on September 25, 2018, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.

1. Golf Course: The Town is still working with the various State and Federal agencies on this issue.
2. Interceptor Project: Project is moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-27, a resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana concerning the manner and duties associated with a special election on a public question on the removal of Griffith from Calumet Township (resolution attached), seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.
- b. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve change order number 1 from SAK. The change order represents a savings of \$410,220.00 on the Interceptor Project. Seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.
- c. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve change order number 2 from SAK. The change order represents an increase \$13,800.00 on the Interceptor Project. Seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.
- d. Council Member James Marker made a motion to award the SCADA project, including alternate, to Midwestern Electric, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.
- e. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to award Road Material (including concrete) project to Walsh & Kelly, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.
- f. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve a request from the Public Works Department to advertise for bids for the replacement of aging vehicles; 2 (two) Pick-up Trucks and 1 (one) one-ton dump truck, all with plow packages, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.

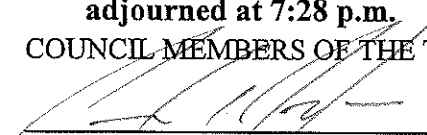
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathy Ruesken asked if the road work on Colfax was completed because a sign was left near the corner of Lake St. and Colfax. She was advised to contact Lake County as this was a County road project.

Barbara Dixon commented on how professional, respectful and courteous the workers from SAK were.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

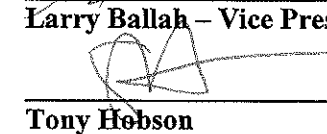
COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA


Rick Ryfa – President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Larry Ballah – Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: John C. Volkmann – Clerk Treasurer