

September 4, 2018

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the September 4, 2018 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

There were no Police Officers killed in the line of duty since the last meeting.

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-Absent
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 approve the minutes of the August 21 and August 28, 2018 meetings as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No. 119253 – 19446 in the amount of \$2,882,666.58 (Two million, eight hundred eighty two thousand, six hundred sixty-six dollars and fifty-eight cents). Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve 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, September 18, 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 Town Council study session on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
3. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., with a study session at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The Lake County Council appointed Michael T. Ball, Sr. to the Griffith Economic Development Commission for a 4(four) year term. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve this appointment, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Council President Rick Ryfa pointed out that this did not need a vote for local approval. Council Member James Marker withdrew his motion and Council Member Melissa Robbins withdrew her second.
2. Council President Rick Ryfa stated that there was record attendance at the Rock N Rail Fest over the weekend. He thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their help during the Fest. He also thanked Building Commissioner Steve McDermott for all he did during the Fest and thanked Fr. Mens for allowing the Town to use St. Mary's for parking.
3. Council Member James Marker announced that Griffith resident Paul Goldsmith is being inducted into the USAC Racing Hall of Fame on September 6, 2018. It will be on Facebook at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – No Report
- Police – Police Chief Greg Mance announced that Crime Statistics show another annual reduction in overall crime in the Town of Griffith.
- Fire – No Report
- Finance - No Report

PENDING ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP ISSUES: Calumet Township Secession update: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-28, a resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana encouraging citizens to support the removal of Griffith from Calumet Township during the Special Election on September 25, 2018, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.

Golf Course: No update

Interceptor Project: The lining of the pipe has been cancelled for this week due to weather, however the lining of the man-holes will continue.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Marilyn Glinski asked if mailers would be sent out about the Special Election. She was advised that mailers would be sent out and the Code Red system would also be utilized to inform citizens of the Special Election. It was also announced that those Griffith residents who reside in St. John Township will be allowed to vote on this issue. The Town of Griffith needs 2/3rds majority, in favor of this initiative, of those who vote for this to proceed. If this initiative does not receive enough votes in favor it can never be brought up for a vote again.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

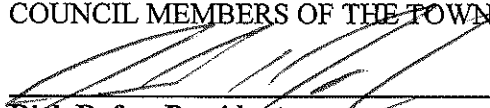
1. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign a General Services Agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert for design services for Bicycle Loops on Broad St., seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Steve Stelk announced that September 15, 2018 is the GFD annual Fire Fest Fundraiser.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 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