

November 21, 2017

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the November 21, 2017 meeting to order at 7:00pm

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:
Detective Sean Matthew Suiter, Baltimore City Police Department, MD
Police Officer Brian David Shawn, New Kensington Police Department, PA
Border Patrol Agent Rogelio Martinez, U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Customs
and Border Protection- United States Border Patrol,US

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
Robert Schwerd – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
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 November 7, 2017 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins.
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 14982 – 15205 (Claim No 15196 void) in the amount of \$1,212,836.26 (One million, two hundred twelve thousand, eight hundred thirty six dollars and twenty-six cents). Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as read, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00pm. A Study Session will be held at 6:30pm before the meeting and one will follow if necessary. There will be a study session on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 7:00pm in Town Hall.
2. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:30pm a study session will be at 6:00pm in the Town Hall.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Council Member James Marker read an announcement about the Griffith Emergency Fund Holiday Toy Drive. Donations may be dropped off at 1939 W Glen Park Ave, Griffith, IN 46319 until December 15, 2017.

REPORTS:

Public Works – Council President Rick Ryfa advised that a traffic study has been completed for the intersection of Broad St and Main St. with recommendations on how to improve traffic flow. The study will be sent to the Public Works Department for review and recommendation.

Police – Police Chief Greg Mance advised that someone is making phone solicitations for the FOP Shop With A Cop fund raiser. Chief Mance advised that this is a scam, the FOP Shop With A Cop fund raising activity is only done through the postal system, the FOP does not solicit over the phone.

Fire – No Report

Finance - No Report

PENDING ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP ISSUES:

- a. Calumet Township Secession update: Council President Rick Ryfa gave the following update. We have collected over 530 signatures to date and will continue to collect signatures until we have acquired enough to proceed with the secession proceedings.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE


NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. Sue Fetch made comments about Superior Ambulance and Prompt Ambulance. MS Fetch has a handicapped grandson who visits her approximately once a week. He requires assistance to get in and out of the car. Prompt used to charge her \$25 each time to assist him in and out and Superior wants to charge her \$250 for the same service. Council President Rick Ryfa advised her that the Town has no control over what Superior charges for such services. He told her that he would invite Superior to the next EMS meeting and she could come to that meeting and discuss her situation with Superior representatives.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

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