

October 30, 2018

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the October 30, 2018 meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 - Absent
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 Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No. 20180 – 20347 \$1,807,268.34 (One million, eight hundred seven thousand, two hundred sixty-eight dollars and thirty-four 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. There will not be a Town Council Meeting on Tuesday November 6, 2018 because of elections.
2. The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the Highland Griffith Chamber of Commerce request to hang banners for their "Holiday Community Market" event, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
2. Council Member Melissa Robbins announced that there will be a Veterans Day Ceremony in Central Park on November 11, 2018 at 11:11 a.m.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance – Clerk Treasurer John introduced Resolution 2018-35, the 2019 Budget adoption resolution. Council Member James Marker made a motion to adopt and approve Resolution 2018-35, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. A voice vote was taken: Council Member James Marker – Aye; Council Member Lawrence Ballah – Aye; Council President Rick Ryfa – Aye; Council Member Melissa Robbins – Aye; Council Member Tony Hobson – Aye. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

PENDING ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP ISSUES: Calumet Township Secession update: Council President Rick Ryfa announced that to date residents have voted the following: 101 for St. John Township; 41 for North Township; and 4 for either. He also announced that Reedy Financial will do an analysis of debt impact on the two townships.

Golf Course: The Town is still in negotiations with the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Interceptor Project: The project is a little ahead of schedule and is still under budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

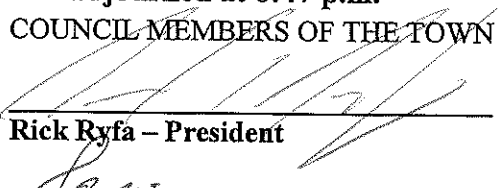
NEW BUSINESS:


- a. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 (three) new Public Works trucks, to be paid for from the following Water (20%), Sewer (20%), Storm (20%), MVH (10%), LRS (10%), Sanitation (10%) and Recycling (10%), seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. During discussion of the motion it was pointed out by Rick Konopasek, Director of Public Works, that the cost distribution would probably be a little different with less coming from Storm. Council Member James Marker amended his motion to remove the percentages from each fund to be used, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- b. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-36, a resolution for an Excess Levy Appeal, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. A voice vote was taken: Council Member James Marker – Aye; Council Member Lawrence Ballah – Aye; Council President Rick Ryfa – Aye; Council Member Melissa Robbins – Aye; Council Member Tony Hobson – Aye. Motion carried 5 in favor none opposed.
- c. Council Member Lawrence Ballah did a first reading for Ordinance 2018-37, an ordinance amending Town code section 74-301 entitled “Parking Prohibited at all Times”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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