

MARCH 19, 2019

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the March 19, 2019 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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

- Police Officer Nathan Hayden Heidelberg, Midland Police Department, TX
- Deputy Sheriff Jacob Howard Keltner, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, IL
- Corporal Daniel H. Groves, Colorado State Patrol, CO

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins.

Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No. 22040 – 22253, \$1,002,294.61 (One million, two thousand, two hundred ninety-four dollars and sixty-one 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 will be a Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow if necessary.
2. There will not be a Redevelopment Commission Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.
3. There will not be a study session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to wave all of the park fees for the Gary Shakespeare Company presentation of Othello in Central Park on Sunday, August 11, 2019, this is a free presentation, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- b. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow the Griffith Izaak Walton League to hang banners 2 weeks prior to their Wild Game Dinner on April 27, 2019, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried 5 in favor none opposed.
- c. Council Member Melissa Robbins announced that there will be a "Soup Cook Off" on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at Rickies Bar & Grill from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Griffith Animal Shelter.
- d. Council Member Lawrence Ballah gave a brief synopsis of the specifications for the RFP for fill at the Golf Course. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to accept the technical specifications as presented by Christopher Burke Engineering, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – Director Rick Konopasek advised that spring leaf pick up will start on April 8, 2019 and continue until April 24, 2018.
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance - No Report

- **PENDING ITEMS:**

TOWNSHIP ISSUES: Calumet Township Secession update: Council President Rick Ryfa gave the following update: We are still working on the legislation that would allow Griffith an additional year to be accepted by another township.

Golf Course: See item d. in communications.

Interceptor Project: Public Works Director Rick Konopasek stated that the by-pass pumping has been removed and the project is almost complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

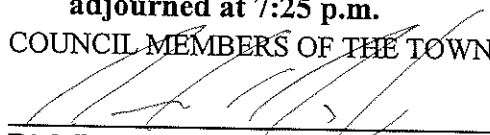
- a. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-06, a resolution to transfer appropriations within the Events Fund, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- b. Council President Rick Ryfa opened the Public Hearing for the Additional Appropriation Request. There being no remonstrances the Public Hearing was closed.
- c. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-07, a resolution authorizing additional non-levied appropriations, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- d. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-08, a resolution authorizing additional appropriations, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- e. Council Member Tony Hobson introduced Ordinance 2019-09, an ordinance authorizing a new recycling fund 270. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2019-09 on the first reading, seconded by Council Member James Marker. A voice vote was taken: Council Member James Marker: in favor; Council Member Lawrence Ballah: in favor; Council President Rick Ryfa: in favor; Council Member Melissa Robbins: in favor; Council Member Tony Hobson: in favor. Motion carried 5 in favor none opposed. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-09, an ordinance authorizing a new recycling fund 270, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- f. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-10, a resolution to transfer appropriations from Recycling 203 to Recycling 270, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- g. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-11, a resolution to establish Fund 203 MVH Restricted and the transference of appropriations as directed and ordered by the State Board of Accounts, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- h. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement between the Griffith Public Schools and the Town of Griffith for purpose of sharing the expenses related to training a Griffith Public Schools Maintenance Worker/Custodian to serve in the capacity as a Certified Playground Safety Inspector. Said Inspector will be utilized by the Town of Griffith to help facilitate inspections of Town owned playground equipment and insure said equipment and playground areas overall comply with Local, State and Federal guidelines, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.


PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Elizabeth Cordova asked if anything can be done to alleviate the parking congestion on Pine St. at Central Park during the baseball season. She stated that she lives across the street from the baseball area and during games there is no where to park near her home because of the games. Council President Rick Ryfa asked Police Chief Greg Mance to look into the issue and see what could be done about it. He advised MS Cordova that there would be an answer in about 2 (two) weeks.


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

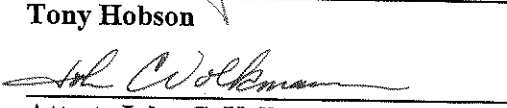

Rick Ryfa – President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Larry Ballah – Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: John C. Volkmann – Clerk Treasurer