

**APRIL 16, 2019**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the April 16, 2019 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 the Police Officers killed in the line of duty:

- Sergeant Steven L. Licon, California Highway Patrol, CA
- Deputy Sheriff Justin DeRosier, Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, WA

**ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

John C. Volkmann- Clerk Treasurer  
Greg Mance – Chief of Police – Absent  
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  
Keith Martin – Police Commander

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins.  
Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Claims No. 22414 – 22645 \$892,837.38 ( Eight hundred ninety-two thousand, eight hundred thirty-seven dollars and thirty-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 Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7, 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 be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
3. There will be a Town Council study session on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 after the Redevelopment Commission meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Council Member James Marker made a motion to allow the Calvary Tabernacle Church to place a banner at the corner of Ridge Road and Cline Ave. advertising their vacation bible school from June 4, 2019 to June 18, 2019, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
2. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve a request of the American Legion Auxiliary to solicit donations for Poppy Days on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
3. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve a transfer of \$5,000.00 to the Griffith Historical Society, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
4. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve a request by the Griffith Knights of Columbus to hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive from June 28<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
5. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to proclaim May 12, 2019 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
6. Council Member Tony Hobson presented information about a public art project to benefit Humane Indiana.

**REPORTS:**

- Public Works – No Report
- 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: HB 1177 is going to a Conference Committee for language revisions.

Golf Course: The RFP for fill should be ready soon.

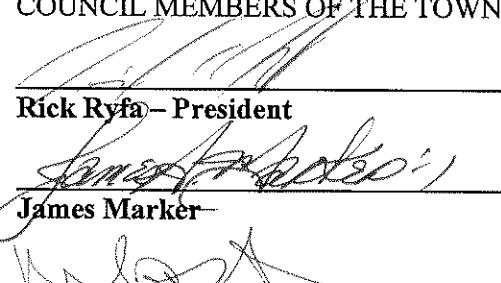
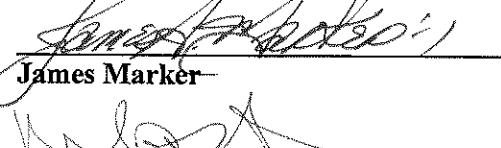
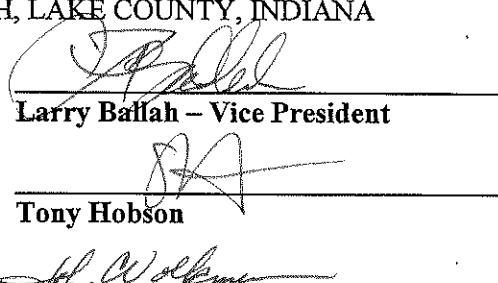
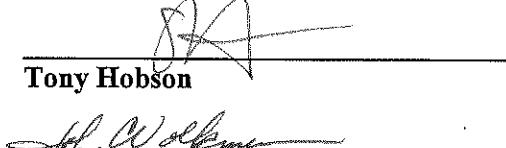
Interceptor Project: Public Works Director Rick Konopasek stated the project is about 99% complete, there are some issues to be completed this spring.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE****BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:****UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None****NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jim Metros from Republic Services presented an update on recycling in the United States and some of the difficulties in the recycling business.
2. Council President Rick Ryfa gave a brief update on CMOM, Capacity, Management, operations, and Maintenance.
3. Council Member Lawrence Ballah gave a first reading of Ordinance 2019-02, an ordinance amending Town Code Section 62-80 entitled "Placement".

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 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