

**JUNE 4, 2019**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 4, 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:

- Police Officer Jesus Marrero-Martinez, Manati Municipal Police Department, PR

**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 - Absent  
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins.

Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Claims No 23125 – 23275 \$957,875.88 (Nine hundred fifty-seven thousand, eight hundred seventy-five dollars and eighty-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, June 11, 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 Town Council study session on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve a request to hang banners for the upcoming Rockopelli in Central Park, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- b. Stan Dobosz read an announcement about the upcoming Our Lade of Czestochowa Pilgrimage. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the pilgrimage route through Town, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- c. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow alcohol to be served, no sales of alcohol, in Cheever Park on June 15, 2019 during a handball tournament, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

**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: The Town is still looking for a home and will continue to search in the upcoming months.

Golf Course: Council President Rick Ryfa gave the following update: The Town is in preparations to make a public offering on the Golf Course. The Town is holding off on the RFP for fill while some environmental issues are being investigated. The

Redevelopment Commission is the owner of the Golf Course and they would list it for anyone who would want to put a bid on it. The RDC meets in two weeks and the Golf Course will probably be on the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-13, an ordinance amending Town Code Chapter 78 Utilities, Article III. Sewer service Division 5 Rates and Charges, Section 78-179(f), seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

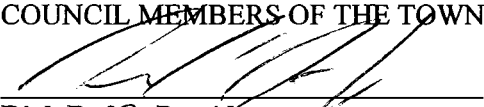
1. Council Member James Marker made a motion to allow the Town Council President to sign the lease purchase agreement for a street sweeper for Public Works, purchase price of \$66,600.00, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
2. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow the Town Council President to sign a quit claim to transfer the ownership of land from the Town of Griffith to the Town of Griffith Park District, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
3. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to allow the Town Council President to sign a quit claim to transfer the ownership of land from Hobson and Scott Remodeling to the Town of Griffith, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed, 1 abstained (Tony Hobson).
4. Council Member Melissa Robbins read Ordinance 2019-15, an ordinance amending Town Code section 74-302 entitled "limited parking on certain streets". Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 2019-15 on the first reading. A voice vote was taken to suspend the rules: Council Member Lawrence Ballah: in favor; Council Member James Marker: 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 Melissa Robbins then made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-15, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

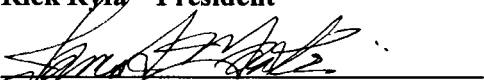
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Kathy Rueskin asked if the ordinances regarding trash can placement and rv/trailer parking have been passed and what was being done about enforcement of these ordinances. She was advised that the rv/trailer ordinance has not been passed and is still being worked on. The trash can ordinance has been placed and she was advised that if she observes violations she should contact Code Enforcement and provide the details.


**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.**

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

  
Rick Ryfa – President

  
James Marker

  
Melissa Robbins

  
Lawrence Ballah – Vice President

  
Tony Hobson

  
Attest: John C. Volkmann – Clerk Treasurer