

**JULY 16, 2019**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 16, 2019 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

- There were no Police Officers killed in the line of duty since the July 9, 2019 meeting.

**ROLL CALL:**

James Marker - Absent  
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 July 9, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins.

Motion carried 4 in favor, none opposed.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Claims No 23899 – 24084 \$1,088,889.76 (One million, eighty-eight thousand, eight hundred eighty-nine dollars and seventy-six cents). Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 6, 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, July 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 after the Redevelopment Commission meeting on July 23, 2019.
4. There will not be a Town Council study session on Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**REPORTS:**

- Public Works – Public Works Director Rick Konopasek advised that the Town of Highland will begin repaving Cline Ave. from Ridge Road to 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. on Monday, July 22, 2019.
- 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

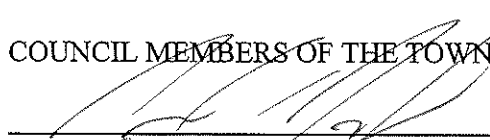
- a. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-18, a resolution to transfer appropriations within the General Fund, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed.

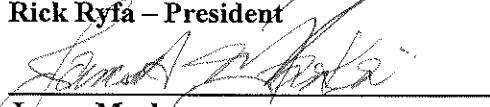
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jeff Zielinski of Drift Wood Collective asked about the possibility of putting a skate park somewhere in Griffith. He asked about starting a fundraiser for the project and talked about the benefits of a skate park. Council President Rick Ryfa responded by saying that at present there are no available funds for a skate park and with the pending Circuit Breaker impact on next years budget it is unlikely that there would be any available funds next year. He also stated that land would have to be available for such a project and the Plan Commission would have to be involved in the project. Mr. Ryfa also stated that fundraising at this point is premature and would not be advised.

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 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