

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the November 19, 2019 meeting to order at 7:00 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:

- NONE

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 - Absent
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No 25946 – 26050 \$640,760.82 (Six hundred forty thousand, seven hundred sixty dollars and eighty-two 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, December 3, 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, November 26 2019 at 6:30 p.m.,

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

REPORTS:

- Public Works – Director of Public Works, Rick Konopasek advised that leaf pick-up has resumed and will continue as weather permits.
- Police – No Report
- Fire – Judy Schoon (Wife of Fire Chief Roy Schoon) reported that the Griffith Fire Department will be celebrating its' 100 year anniversary and will be selling T-shirts to commemorate this for \$20.00 each
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance - No Report

PENDING ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP ISSUES:

Calumet Township Secession update: No Report
Golf Course: No Report
Water billing issues: No Report

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 2019-34, a resolution authorizing additional appropriations, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed. This is a second approval of this

resolution and it is also the public hearing for this resolution. There were no comments by the public for or against this resolution.

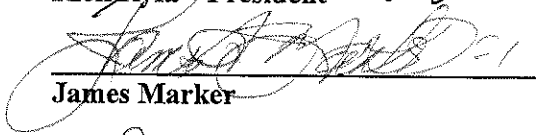
- b. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to accept and to allow the Council President sign an agreement with Pinkerton Fuels to supply gasoline and diesel fuel during 2020, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- c. Council Member James Marker made a motion to accept and to allow the Council President to sign an agreement with Walsh & Kelly for an extension of the existing Yearly Asphalt Paving Contract from 2019 through 2020, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- d. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve and to allow the Council President to sign an agreement with Barnes & Thornburs LLF as State Legislative Relations Counsel, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- e. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion for approval to request a 90 (ninety) day extension on the current Republic Services contract and to send the current proposal to the Town legal representative for review, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- f. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-36, a resolution to transfer monies from various funds to the Local Roads and Bridges Fund as matching funds for the Community Crossings Matching Grant, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- g. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-39, a resolution approving amendments to the declaratory resolutions and redevelopment plan for the downtown Griffith Redevelopment District and the Griffith Redevelopment Areas, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- h. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow the write-off of utility bills receivable deemed to be uncollectable for the years 2014 and 2015, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. This is something that should be done every 2(two) years. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 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