

**DECEMBER 3, 2019**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the December 3, 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:

- Investigator Cecil Ridley, Richmond County Sheriff's Office, GA
- Police Officer Rasheen McClain, Detroit Police Department, MI
- Sheriff John "Big John" Williams, Sr., Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, AL
- Master-at-Arms Oscar J. Temores, U.S. Navy Security Forces, U.S.

**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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Claims No 26051 – 26202 \$1,456,034.90 (One million, four hundred fifty-six thousand, thirty-four dollars and ninety 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 17, 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, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall
3. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 17 2019 at 6:15 p.m., there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

**REPORTS:**

- Public Works – Director of Public Works, Rick Konopasek advised that this is the last week for leaf pick-up. The areas that were missed due to the holiday will be done on Monday and Tuesday of the following week
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance - No Report

**PENDING ITEMS:**

**TOWNSHIP ISSUES:**

Calumet Township Secession update: The Town is still negotiating with the neighboring Townships.

Golf Course: The Town is still looking into a possible sale next year.

Water billing issues: The Town is working with a software company to streamline the billing process.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to auto-renew the contract with Republic Services and to absorb the price increase so that there will be no increase to our customers, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS: None****PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

a. Council President Rick Ryfa announced that Restaurant Depot will have the properties that they purchased on Ridge Road demolished next week.

b. Kathy Rueskin stated that last Wednesday all of the leaves were not picked up on Lake St. Rick Konopased advised that the leaves would be picked up on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Rick Ryf advised that if the leaves were not picked up to contact Public Works.

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

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

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**Rick Ryfa – President***Absent*

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**James Marker**

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**Melissa Robbins**

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**Lawrence Ballah – Vice President**

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**Tony Hobson***Absent***Attest: John C. Volkmann – Clerk Treasurer***John C. Volkmann  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer*