

December 17, 2019

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the Dec 17, 2019 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The name of murdered Police Officer was read by Police Chief Greg Mance

- Agent Billy Fred Clardy, 111, Huntsville Police Department, AL
- Police Officer Stephen Paul Carr, Fayetteville Police Dept. AR
- Deputy Chief Vincent DeMarino, New York City Police Dept, NY
- Sergeant Christopher Charles Lewis Brewster, Houston Police Dept, TX
- Detective Joseph Seals, Jersey City Police Dept., NJ
- Sergeant Kaila Marie Sullivan, Nassau Bay Police Dept, TX

ROLL CALL:

James Marker Absent
Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Nancy Bozinovich – Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Police Chief
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Sheri Bradtke – Attorney for the Town
Rick Konopasek- Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to adopt the minutes of the Dec 3, 2019 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Melissa Robbins. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claim No. 26203-26431 in the amount of \$949,872.00 was presented for payment. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Melissa Robbins. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next council meeting will be Thursday December 27, 2019 10:30 a.m. There will be a study session afterward if needed.
2. There will be no Town Council meeting on December 24, 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

REPORTS:

1. Building-No Report
2. Public Works – Leaf Vac will be out this Wednesday and Thursday, Friday if needed.
3. Police – No Report
4. Fire – 100 year anniversary will be August 2, 2020 at Central Park, T-shirts are on sale for \$20.00 contact fire department and info was given to Michelle Velez to put on our Website.
5. Finance- No Report

PENDING ITEMS:

Calumet Township Secession update: Just a couple weeks left to get this done for this year. Legally we have till November 2020. Council President is meeting in Indianapolis later this week for further discussion.

Golf Course: None
Water billing issues: ongoing

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:

None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. NEW BUSINESS


- a. Council Member Tony Hobson did the first reading on Salary Ordinance 2019-40, adding 2% increase for Clerk Treasurer and adding Council President additional salary out of water/sewer.
- b. Council member Larry Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-42, a resolution to transfer appropriations in various funds. Seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried
- c. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-43, transferring appropriations within the General Fund. Seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried
- d. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion re-affirming 2014-2015 Utility write offs in the amount of \$48,895.86. Seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

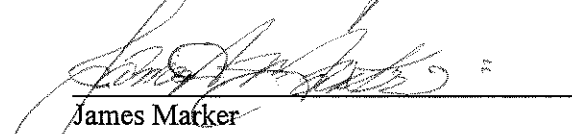
- Tim Diamond Park Board President commented all the extra duties he does without an increase in pay, Council President Rick Ryfa suggested a Park Director or Park President with the Town Council picking up half his salary.


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



Melissa Robbins


James Matker


Tony Hobson


Larry Ballah

Attest:


John Volkmann
Clerk-Treasurer