

February 4, 2020

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 4, 2020 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:

- Officer Katherine M Thyne
- Deputy Sheriff Sheldon Gordon Whiteman
- Deputy Sheriff Richard Whitten

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins-Absent

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- 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 January 21, 2020 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No 26892-27041 \$1,416,295.25 Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a Town Council Study Session on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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.
3. There will be a Redevelopment Commission Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

- Public Works – No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance - No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board and Commission appointments will review on Tuesday Feb. 11, 2020.
2. Resolution 2020-04 Temporary Loan from Varies Funds to the Bond Temporary transfer fund, Councilman Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman James Marker Motion Carried.

3. Resolution 2020-05 Close our Dormant PW 1998 Lease Bank Account , Councilman James Marker made a motion to approve seconded by Councilman Lawrence Ballah, Motion carried.
4. NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Resolution 2020-07 Close our Dormant TIF#3 Fund 461 and change TIF Mall Area Fund 459 to TIF Consolidated. Councilman Tony Hobson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Lawrence Ballah, Motion carried.

PENDING ITEMS:

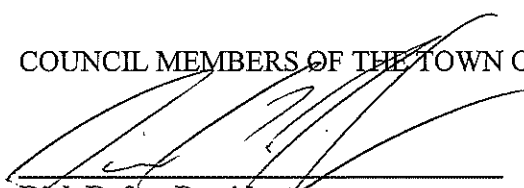
- Township : Griffith wins Indiana Senate approval to move forward to leave Calumet Township.
- Golf Course: No report
- Water billing issues: trying to resolve

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gilbert asked the difference between being in Ross Township verses Griffith being on it's own.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.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: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer