

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the November 12, 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:

- Deputy Sheriff Brian Ishmael, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, CA
- Detention Officer Gene Lee, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, AZ
- Police Officer Jonathan Diaz, Lemoore Police Department, CA
- Detective Jorge Rene DelRio, Dayton Police Department, OH

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 October 15, 2019 and October 21, 2019 meetings as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No 25581 – 25945 \$1,947,167.25 (One million, nine hundred forty-seven thousand, one hundred sixty-seven dollars and twenty-five 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, November 19, 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, November 26 2019 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Town Council study session after the Redevelopment Commission meeting if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

REPORTS:

- Public Works – Director of Public Works, Rick Konopasek advised that leaf pick-up has been suspended because of the weather conditions. Leaf pick-up will resume when the weather improves. He also stated that Buckeye Pipeline will be doing some construction work on Avenue H beginning on November 18, 2019 and continuing for about 2 weeks, weather permitting. Avenue H will remain open during this time, but there will be traffic delays.
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance - No Report

PENDING ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP ISSUES:

Calumet Township Secession update: No Report

Golf Course: No Report

Water billing issues: The Town hopes to have a resolution for the next meeting to address the continuing water billing issues. Some residents are receiving extraordinary bills due to the billing estimates because of the battery failures on the water meter transmissions. Also, there have been several water main breaks on the west side of Town. An analysis of

the soil conditions in this area will be conducted in order to determine if this has contributed to the water main breaks.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

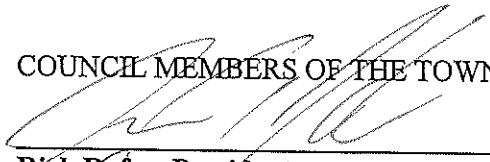
NEW BUSINESS:

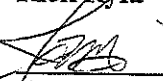
- a. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-34, a resolution authorizing additional appropriations, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- b. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-35, a resolution to transfer appropriations, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- c. Council Member James Marker made a motion to affirm the purchase of two (2) new Chevrolet Pick-up trucks for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$45,340.50 (Forty-five thousand, three hundred forty dollars and fifty cents), seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- d. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve an agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert Engineering for engineering services for the 2020 INDOT Community Crossings Matching Grant, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- e. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve a Highland/Griffith Inter-local Agreement for the resurfacing of Cline Ave. from Ridge Road to 100' South of 45th Ave. as part of the 2019 Community Crossings Matching Grant, the Griffith share is \$77,730.16, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

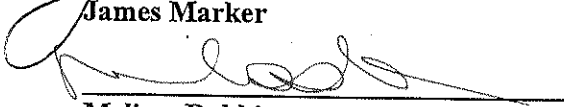
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

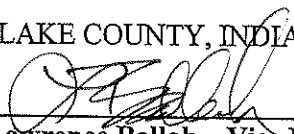
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


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

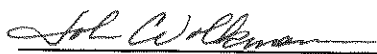

Rick Ryfa – President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: John C. Volkmann – Clerk Treasurer