

**DECEMBER 27, 2019**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the December 27, 2019 meeting to order at 10:40 a.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:

- Detective Clifton Martinez, San Antonio Independent School District Police Dept., TX

**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  
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief - Absent  
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works - Absent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Claims No 26432 – 26543, \$2,322,525.09 (Two million, three hundred twenty-two thousand, five hundred twenty-five dollars and nine 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, January 7, 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.
2. There will be a Town Council study session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Council President Rick Ryfa thanked outgoing Clerk Treasurer John Volkmann for his service and wished him good luck in his future endeavors.

**REPORTS:**

- Public Works – No Report
- 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. The Town is also working on pending legislation that would allow the Town to provide township services to its' residents.

Golf Course: No report

Water billing issues: No report

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-43, an ordinance establishing the salary rates for Town employees for the year 2020, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

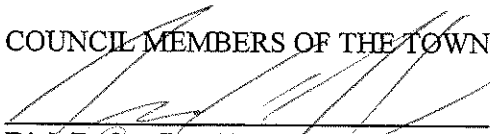
**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-44, a resolution transferring monies from Casion to Rainy Day, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- b. Coouncil Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-45, a resolution transferring monies from Rainy Day to Events and Franklin Center, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- c. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-46, a resolution transferring appropriations in the budgets of various departments, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- d. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-47, a resolution transferring appropriations within the General Fund, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- e. Council President Rick Ryfa opened the floor for nomination for Council Officers for the year 2020. Council Member Tony Hobson nominated Rick Ryfa for Town Council President. There being no further nominations a vote was taken. 5 in favor and none opposed. Rick Ryfa will be the Council President for the year 2020. Council Member James Marker nominated Lawrence Ballah for Vice President of the Town Council. There being no further nominations a vote was taken. 5 in favor and none opposed. Lawrence Ballah will be the Vice-President of the Town Council for the year 2020.

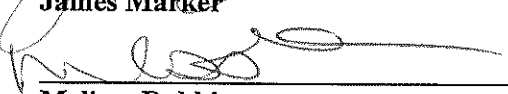
**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1051 a.m.**

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

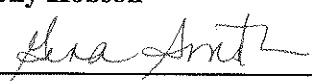
  
Rick Ryfa – President

  
James Marker

  
Melissa Robbins

  
Lawrence Ballah – Vice President

  
Tony Hobson

  
Attest: Gina Smith – Clerk Treasurer