

**February 18, 2020**

## **TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 18, 2020 meeting to order at 7:01 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 Nick O'Rear
- Trooper Joseph Bullock
- Deputy sheriff Donna Richardson-Below
- Lieutenant Shirley Lanning
- Officer David Kellywood

#### **ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins

#### **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  
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins Motion Carried

#### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Claims No 27042-27246 \$1,693,692.11 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 Redevelopment Commission Meeting On Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3, 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 Town Council Study session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Public Works Dept. requests permission to advertise for new Dump Truck w/ plow package, Council member James Marker made a motion to approve seconded by Council member Lawrence Ballah, Motion Carried.
2. St. Mary's Men's Club requesting permission to hang banners in some strategic sites in town for the Las Vegas Night Fund on Saturday, April 18, 2020. Signs to be placed for 2 weeks prior to event. Council member James Marker made a motion to approve, seconded by Council member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
3. Girls Softball requesting to hang banners, Council member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried
4. Griffith Youth Baseball requesting approval for Opening day Parade, Council member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

**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, continue to next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Write off checks from 2017, Council member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve, seconded by Council member James Marker, Motion Carried.
2. Resolution 2020-08 Resolution to Transfer Appropriations within Various Fund, Council member Melissa Robbins made a motion to continue until next meeting, seconded by Council member Tony Hobson, Motion

**PENDING ITEMS:**

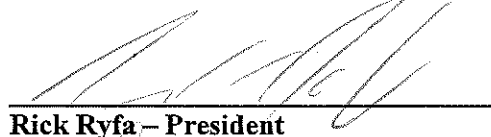
- Township: Town of Griffith has a hearing in the house on Feb. 19, 2020.
- Golf Course: No report
- Water billing issues: trying to resolve

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Bob McGinnis asked about sewer hook ups at his mobile home park.
2. Al from Trail Creek thanked Chief Mance for joining their meeting and going over the 911.
3. Kathy Ruesken asked about an ordinance regarding garbage cans left out on the streets and trailers in driveways.
4. Tim Diamond commented about the garbage cans being left out on the street and also parking during snow falls.
5. Bill Marvel asked about who completed the new property assessments.
6. Kathy Rusken commented are the assessments low?
7. Curtis Adams questioned what the percentage is needed to protest the new assessments.

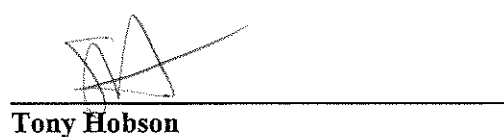
**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.**

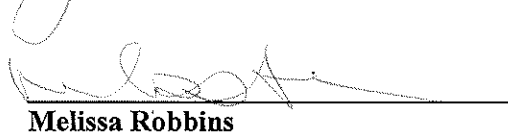
**COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**


  
Rick Ryfa – President

  
Lawrence Ballah – Vice President

  
James Marker

  
Tony Hobson

  
Melissa Robbins

  
Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer