

May 5, 2020

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the May 5, 2020 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police - Absent
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Sheri Bradtke McNeil – Attorney for the Town - Absent
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 March 17, 2020 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No: 27606-27876 \$1,558,572.14 (April 7, 2020)

Claims No: 278877-28012 & 28016 \$627,823.47 (April 21, 2020)

Claims No: 28013-28105 & 28017-28193 \$919,121.25 (May 5, 2020)

Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12, 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. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, 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, May 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.; there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Building Commissioner Steve McDermott was contacted by a sign contractor regarding zoning at the Ready School, for the YMCA, he looked into the zoning and confirmed with the planning Commission President Lawrence Ballah, there will be zoning changes that will need to be completed. Lawrence Ballah contacted our town Attorney, a letter was sent to the Crossroads YMCA, specifically informing them that in order to move in to the facility there are two variance ordinances that will need to be submitted one to the BZA Board then second to Planning Commission for either a favorable or non favorable or no recommendation, also they will need to submit a site plan to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing to get passed before they can be moved in to the facility, also on an information level, the classification regarding occupancy will need to be changed and that will need to go through Homeland security for review and approval for occupancy before proceeding.

REPORTS:

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

PENDING ITEMS:

- Township: We have until June 30, 2020 to be accepted by township, enter on January 1, 2021.
- Golf Course: No report
- Water billing issue: No report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:


NEW BUSINESS:


1. Resolution 2020-09 regarding Community Development Block Grant Funds for Federal Fiscal years 2020. Council member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council member James Marker, Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21p.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 A. Smith – Clerk Treasurer