

June 16, 2020

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 16, 2020 meeting to order at 7:06 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:

- Police Officer Cody Holte
- Police Officer Nathan James Lyday
- Police Officer Waldis "Jay" Johnson
- Lieutenant Stephen Williams
- Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller
- Deputy Sheriff James Blair
- Retired Officer Ryan Askew

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
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 May 26, 2020 & June 9, 2020 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No 28410-28697 \$1,623,202.22, 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, July 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

- Public Works – Road closure beginning Monday, June 29th at 8:00 am, the railroad crossing on South Broad Street, anticipated to last 2-3 weeks.
- Police – Chief Mance wanted to recognize the officers for their efforts during this time,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Status Hearing for AP Gas Station: Still under investigation, will meet again in 2 weeks.
2. Salary Ordinance No. 2020-13 (Second reading): Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
3. Open Bid- Public Works Dump Truck: Council Member Larry Ballah gave the quotes:
 - A. Terry's Truck Equipment: \$82,435.00 Equipment only, No Chassis
 - B. Wier's: \$179,500.00
 - C. Trans Chicago Truck Equipment: \$174,703.00
 - D. Rush Chicago Truck Equipment: \$170,670.00 –Alternate 2019 Freightliner Chassis
 - E. Rush Truck Center: \$179,809.00 - Monroe Equipment
 - F. Rush Truck Center: \$178,380.00 – Lindco EquipmentCouncil Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to forward to Attorney and Rick Konopasek for recommendation, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
4. Park Board Appointment: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to appoint Tony Terzari, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2020 Griffith Events: Council Member Larry Ballah announced the events for Griffith, Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to approve the events, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
2. Erie Lackawanna Trail Broad Street Trailhead and Alley Improvements Agreement, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow Council President to sign the agreement, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.

PENDING ITEMS:

- Township: No Report
- Golf Course: No report
- Water billing issues: No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob McGinnis spoke regarding his Mobile Home Park, requesting water hook-ups.

Veronica Smith asking about Ready School and the YMCA, Council President advised her of the Board of Zoning meeting on July 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. She has concerns about the YMCA going in to Ready.

Joanne Keck thanked the Board for allowing the parents to have their parade for the seniors.

Resident thanked the police and town for all their work.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35p.m.

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