

July 21, 2020

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 21, 2020 meeting to order at 7:03 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 Edelmiro Garza, Jr.
- Police Officer Ismael Chavez
- Police Officer Jonathan Shoop

ROLL CALL:

James Marker -Absent
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- 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
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020
As presented, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No 29108-29337 \$1,766,850.21, Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to
approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 4, 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 – Broad Street is now completed at the Railroad Tracks
- 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. Status Hearing for AP Gas Station: No update, Council Member Larry Ballah made a

motion to continue, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

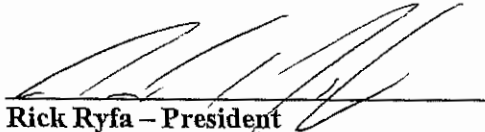
1. Finding of Facts: From BZA- Bruder's Inc, located on 45th Ave, favorable recommendation from the BZA, with a few recommendations, housekeeping items, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to accept the Finding of Facts from the BZA, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
2. Finding of Facts: From BZA-YMCA moving to the former Ready School building, favorable recommendation from the BZA, with a little laundry list of tasks to be completed which is approval by the Plan Commission, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the Day Care only, occupy the building immediately, the remainder of the YMCA to occupy after completion of the tasks and final approval by the Plan Commission, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.
3. Storm Water Master Plan: Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to authorize Council President Rick Ryfa to sign an agreement with Christopher Burke for an estimated \$37,000.00 for phase One of the Water Master Plan, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

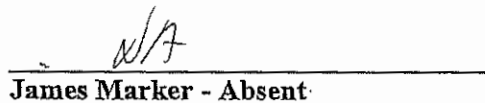
Chris Jones, spoke regarding drainage, alleys too high. Water coming into his garage. Rick Konopasek will meet with Mr. Jones.

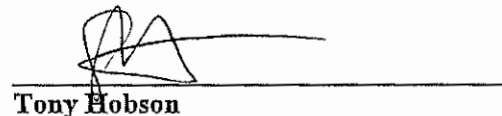
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23p.m.

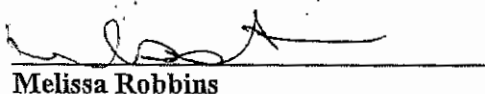
COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

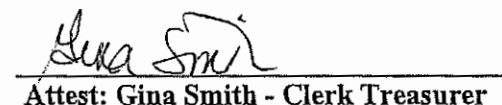

Rick Ryfa - President


Lawrence Ballah - Vice President


James Marker - Absent


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer