

February 1, 2022

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 1, 2022 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Police Officer Tyler Lenehan
Detective Jason Rivera
Corporal Charles Galloway
Sergeant Ramon Gutierrez
Police Officer Wilbert Mora
Stockton Fire Capt. Max Foruna
Lt. Paul Butrim
Fire Fighter Kelsey Sadlen
Fire Fighter Kenny Locano

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
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims \$1,397,575.65 Council member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Council President asked if we had appropriation numbers, Clerk stated the APV numbers are not in order any longer due to the different boards having claims, Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 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:

1. Republic Service – Thursday trash pickup has been canceled, will resume on February 10th.
2. Meals on Wheels- Spinning wheels on Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 6 am until 2 pm. Requesting fee waiver for use of the Pavilion at Central Park, Council Member Robbins made a motion to approve their request, seconded by Council Member Ballah, Motion Carried.

3. Cub Scout Pack 518-Blue and Gold Banquet and Pack Flag retiring ceremony, requesting a waiver of fee for Central Park Pavilion, Council Member Robbins made a motion to approve the waiver of rental fee, seconded by Council Member Hobson, Motion Carried
4. VFD Fire Truck purchase \$139,500.00: Council Member Hobson made a motion allowing Griffith Fire Dept to purchase and allow Clerk Treasurer Gina Smith to sign loan documents, seconded by Council Member Robbins, Motion Carried.

- **Director of Public Works** – Reminding residents not to park on the streets for snow removal, update on water meters, start date April 1st, completing end of October.
- **Police** – No Report
- **Fire** – No Report
- **Building Commissioner** – No Report
- **Finance Report** – No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2022-6 Fixed Assets: Policy:** Council Member Hobson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-06, seconded by Council Member Robbins, Motion Carried.
2. **Findings of Facts – Board of Zoning Appeals:** Favorable recommendation from the BZA, for an application of DZ Skin by Danielle Zawistowski, for a variance of use to permit the operation of an esthetician in an existing beauty salon located at 115 Wood St. Griffith, in a B4 Highway business district, Council Member Marker made a motion to accept and approve the findings of fact, seconded by Council Member Ballah, Motion Carried.
3. **Agreement Avenue H Extension Final Plan Development,** Council Member Robbins made a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Griffith and the Engineer, seconded by Council Member Hobson, Motion Carried.
4. **Architect selection for New PD/Town Hall:** Council Member Ballah made a motion to accept the evaluation committee's evaluation of the architectural firms and offer up a contract with RQAW and allow Council President Ryfa to sign the contract, seconded by Council Member Marker, Motion Carried.
5. **2021-2 Road Resurfacing Project Bids:** Council President opened the bids, Council Member Ballah read the bids. 1. Milestone Contractors bid: \$1,592,749.82 2. Reith Riley Construction Co., Inc \$2,643,783.42, Council Member Ballah made a motion that we pass these along to the Attorney and public works for evaluation, seconded by Council Member Marker, Motion Carried.

PENDING ITEMS:

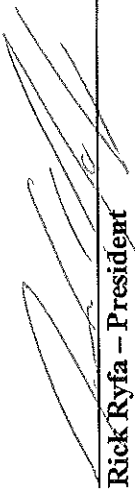
1. **Sidewalk replacement Program:** on hold due to weather
2. **Airport Advisory Committee:** No Report
3. **Hammond Water Works:** No Report
4. **PD/Town Hall Construction:** No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tim Diamond asked about park rental fees, software on website for park rentals. Project at TOT Park, Deed

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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


Rick Ryfa – President


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President

Absent
James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer