

**March 2, 2021**

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

Council President Rick Ryfa called the March 2, 2021 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:**

Deputy Sheriff Michael Magli  
Reserve Deputy Constable Martinus Mitchum  
Police Officer Dominic J. Winum  
Lieutenant Justin Bedwell

### **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  
Trisha Kistler – Interim Director of Public Works

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Claims No. 32233-32396 in the amount of \$1,050,595.63 Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 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: NONE**

### **REPORTS:**

- Public Works –No Report
- 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. 2021 Resurfacing Projects Bid: Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the advertisement for bids, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
2. Sidewalk Replacement Program: Bond Parts A, B, and C. Agreements: Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to allow our chairman to sign the agreements, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.
3. NIES- Proposal for Professional Engineering Services: Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to authorize Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the agreement seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.
4. Salary Ordinance 2021-7: Second Reading, Changing Classification levels for Public Works: Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to adopt Ord. 2021-7 seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
5. Bond Refinancing: We had taken out some bonds, the rates have gone down, refinancing 10 M in bonds, no property tax dollars used to repay. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve and allow Council Member to sign an engagement letter with Piper / Sandler seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

## **Pending Items:**

1. **Sidewalk Replacement Program:** Engineers are finishing up, survey will be completed soon. Planning to start the program end of summer beginning of fall. Aprons will come up and the engineers will be able to include.

## **Public Comment:**


Chrissy Braun asked about the survey for flooding, asked how it would be distributed. Should be out by end of week.

Bob McGinnis asked for an update. He stated the State of Indiana would issue a license up to 3 months. Asking if the fees would be the same for multi dwelling. He stated Hud considers the mobile home park a multi home dwelling. 41 lots. Council President stated we would need to be clear if the mobile home park is a multi-family dwelling. Council President stated we are committed to this. Council President requested Mr. McGinnis to call him in 30 days.

Jaime Anderson: New resident in Griffith union licensed Journeyman Plumber, stating the meters may have a lead. Great selling point to replace the meters. He stated he is going to be semi-retired, his family in the arts, he is looking for a commercial kitchen. He asked about the kitchen in Franklin, who could he speak to. Council President asked him to stay after to talk.

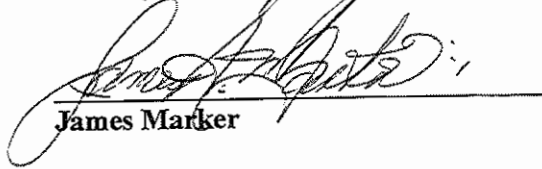
**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.**

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



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**Rick Ryfa – President**



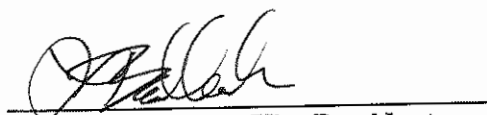
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**James Marker**

*Assent*

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**Melissa Robbins**



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**Lawrence Ballah – Vice President**



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**Tony Hobson**



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**Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer**