

April 6, 2021

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Vice President Larry Ballah April 6, 2021 meeting to order at 7:00PP p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Police Officer Eric Talley
Correctional Officer Robert McFarland
Trooper Chad Walker
Police Officer William Evans

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police - Absent
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner - Absent
Sheri Bradtke McNeil – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief - Absent
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief - Absent
Trisha Kistler – Interim Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

No Claims

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20, 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. **CCMG – Approval of Roadwork: Central Park Sidewalk Replacement:** The construction bids for the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project have been received on April 1, 2021 and found Milestone Contractors to be the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder with an actual low bid of \$1,066,133.30 which is less than the Engineer's Estimate. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to award the contract to Milestone, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.
2. **Findings of Facts – Safeway Auto Finance:** Application of Safeway Auto finance for a variance of use to operate a used car dealership at 100 E Ridge Rd., IN A. B. -3 Zoning, the Petitioner has shown that approval of the Use variance does not substantially interfere with the Master Plan because Petitioner's proposed use is a business use which is not wholly inconsistent with the uses permitted in a B-3 Zoning District. Council Member James Marker made a motion to accept the Board of Zoning Appeals for Safeway Auto Finance located at 100 E Ridge Rd, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.
3. **Findings of Facts-** Application of Smart Buy Auto Finance for a variance of use to operate a used car dealership at 903 N. Cline Ave, IN A B – 3 Zoning. The Petitioner has shown that the approval of the Use Variance does not substantially interfere with the Master Plan because Petitioner's proposed use is a business use which is not wholly inconsistent with the uses permitted in a B-3 Zoning District. Council Member James Marker made a motion to accept the Board of Zoning Appeals for Smart Buy Auto Finance located at 903 N Cline Ave. seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

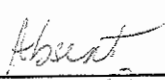
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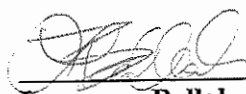
1. **Sidewalk Replacement Program:** Moving ahead with the engineering, we have a representative from BF&S with us this evening, he will give an update: Shawn stated the map is on the Griffith website, target date to be sometime in June, this will give enough time for bids to come in.

Public Comment: NONE


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10p.m.


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

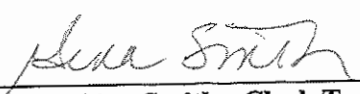

Rick Ryfa – President - Absent


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins - Absent


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer