

safely. During that period of time, almost half of the radio heads have failed and fallen out of warranty, making it cost-prohibitive to continue the prior program and much more efficient to replace the entire meters now.

- The Town will install a new water main on the west part of Town in a newer subdivision. Currently the area is experiencing low water pressure because the existing line is not looped. A new water main is needed to resolve the problem. Engineering is complete for the project and work can begin immediately.
- Leftover funds will be used on improvements for the Griffith Sanitary District. These may include measures to reduce inflow and infiltration during rain events, starting a sump pump disconnect program to disconnect sump pumps currently connected to sanitary lines and improvements at the Griffith Sanitary Station that would allow for an increase in inflow capacity.

Council Member Larry Ballah stated this is a first reading, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Roll Call taken, Council Member James Marker was absent, Majority in favor, Motion Carried. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 2021-47, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.

PENDING ITEMS:

1. **Sidewalk replacement Program:**
2. **Airport Advisory Committee:**

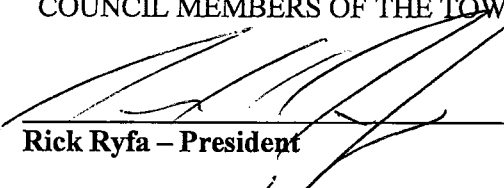
PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rose Johnson asked about the status of the sidewalk program, Council President Rick Ryfa stated bids were higher and we are working on starting this fall but the majority would be completed next year. Andy Raab stated the map is posted on our website, may change due to priority and public safety.

Council Member Tony Hobson thanked all the town employees for their set up and clean up during the Rock N Rail Fest.


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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

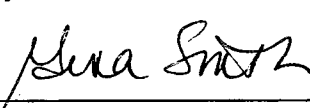

Rick Ryfa – President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

- Moment of silence at or around 9:03am to mark Flight 93 crashing south of Pittsburgh.
- American Legion to play Taps
- Conclude the event

Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

- **Director of Public Works:** Andy Raab stated he is looking for Part Time help, seasonal help and 1 Full Time.
- **Police** – No Report
- **Fire** – Chief Schoon thanked the Town Council for their help with the 100th Anniversary, it was successful.
- **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 2021-46 (2021A Sidewalk and Street Improvement Project) A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana, approving a lease between the Town of Griffith Redevelopment Authority and the Town of Griffith Redevelopment Commission, and addressing other matters related thereto, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

2.Resolution 2021-45 (2021B Sidewalk and Street Improvement Project) A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana, approving a lease between the Town of Griffith Redevelopment Authority and the Town of Griffith Redevelopment Commission, and addressing other matters related thereto, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

3. Public Works-Approval of Vehicles: Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the purchases of 2022 F-550, in the amount of \$89,700.00 and 2021 Case 621G XR wheel loader in the amount of \$162,300.00, and to allow Clerk Treasurer Gina Smith to obtain financing and sign required documents, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

4.Ordinance No. 2021-47 (Amending Town Ordinance 2021-38) An Ordinance amending Town Ordinance 2021-38 Establishing a 176 Fund-ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and all Matters related thereto. The Town Council has reviewed the provisions of the Town Ordinance 2021-38 and the Town Council being duly advised now finds that it is advisable, necessary, and in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Griffith for the Town to amend the intended use of fund as set out in Plan A of Ordinance 2021-38. Intended use of funds received related to Ordinance 2021-47:

- To install new water meters town wide. The Town had to cease its prior ongoing radio head replacement program during the COVID pandemic with an inability to enter homes

September 7, 2021

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the September 7, 2021 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

ROLL CALL:

James Marker - Absent
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
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
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and one will follow if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Request from Jenna Berzy, who is in charge of the homecoming parade for Griffith High School, requesting permission to line up alongside of the Franklin Center on Griffith Blvd., on Friday, October 1st at 4:00 p.m. The parade would start at 4:30 and be completed by 4:45. She will be working with our Police Department to provide road closures for the parade. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the parade, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
2. Request from Tim Conners, Firefighter, permission to have a 9/11 Memorial the morning of Saturday, September 11th. The agenda is as follows:
 - 7:46 am – hang the Garrison Flag using Griffith's truck 3128 (105 ft aerial ladder) and one of Highland's trucks. This marks the time, adjusted for time zone, that the first plane struck the WTC.
 - Someone TBD will then address the group. Chief Timmer from Highland FD has offered to address the group.
 - Have each First Responder in attendance ring the ceremonial bell, Chief Schoon currently has in his office.