

called, they have a shed falling down, rat, she will be calling the health board, there is an individual there that needs attention. Council Rick Ryfa said he would let the Police Chief know, but there may be follow up work going on.

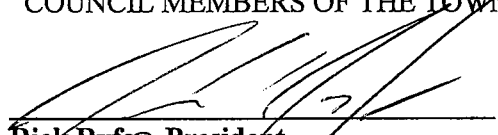
Alfredo Estrada from Burke Costanza & Carberry on behalf of Martin Czajkowski, previously sent correspondence to the Town Council regarding issues at Shipwreck. The variance for outdoor use, he wanted to relay that it is Zone B3. He is asking if the Town is going to enforce the fact that they don't have the proper variance to have the live entertainment, stated the Town is not enforcing, police have been called many times, many reports. Police have gone to Mr. Czajkowski home and they could faintly hear the noise. He wanted to start the discussion with the town about Shipwreck, not looking to hurt them in any way but looking for the residents to enjoy their home, he offered to play a recording, Council President Rick Ryfa stated that he didn't think that would be appropriate because not knowing for certain where the recording took place. Council President Rick Ryfa stated he appreciated him bringing that part up and there will be a review of the code. He also stated this was not the proper venue to litigate the noise and unfortunately our Police Chief is not here, he had been involved in many of the calls and investigations.

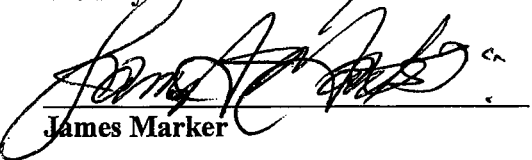
Resident asked about the sidewalk replacement are all being replaced? Council President Rick Ryfa stated pretty much the better part of the older part of Town, which is a big part. She also asked about the amount of money we will be paying for the Water. Council President explained that was an agreement to interim rates until the cost of service study and an agreement was made. We have entered into a contract for the rate increase. There will be an increase in water bills. The good news is that it is a lot cheaper than the market rate we would be paying.

Resident wanted to touch base on what the attorney was talking about, he lives in that area. He stated 3 days of the week the noise was loud. He would like something done about it.

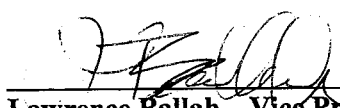
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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

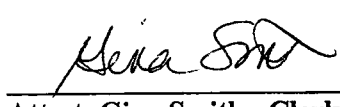

Rick Ryfa - President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Lawrence Ballah - Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

and Plan Commission. He has now decided to retire from his current position. The Town Council wanted to recognize Stan for all of his service he has given to the Town of Griffith over the years. Council Member Melissa Robbins read the Town of Griffith hereby recognizes Stan Dobosz for over 45 years of dedicated service to the town. Mr. Dobosz has served 36 years on the Griffith Town Council as well as serving on many boards and commissions from 1976-2021, it is with great appreciation and honor that the Griffith Town Council declares November 1, 2021 STAN DOBOSZ DAY!

PENDING ITEMS:

1. **Sidewalk replacement Program:** We will be sending out a letter to the residents fairly soon, we will have something on the website. IF you do not have access to the website please call Town Hall. The Sidewalk replacement program will begin on the North end of Town and work its way South. We will be able to get a small amount done this year, weather permitting. There will be quite a bit of work done over the winter, removing trees. Our engineers have inspected and have identified trees that will need to be removed, because they are rooting up the sidewalks. There should be a nice interactive GIS map that will show the locations of all the work that is going to be done, give our contractors a little bit of patience the first few weeks as were going to work out any kinks, hopefully not, we will do every effort we can to make sure everyone is notified to when the work will begin at their property. Cars will need to be removed from driveway and streets, and instructions will be there.
2. **Airport Advisory Committee:** No Report
3. **Hammond Water Works True Up:** As most are aware we were in litigation and discussions with Hammond Water Works over the rate which was half a true up was just the difference of what the actual rates are verses what we were being paid. Every community has been subject to that from Highland, Munster, Whiting and Griffith. Council Member Tony Hobson read the true ups, Griffith's True Up \$101,072.90, Whiting's True up \$88,795.69, Highland's True up \$321,732.45, and Munster's True up \$309,937.98. Council President Rick Ryfa stated we have been working with our Clerk Treasurer and we should be able to easily fund that without any issues. Once we receive the invoice we will process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident asked about a water main on Glenwood, there were blue flags but nothing has happened yet, he has had bad water. Council President Rick Ryfa asked if they had contacted Public Works, they had not, Rick asked them to contact Public Works tomorrow morning. They left water samples to give to PW. 600 Block of Glenwood. Neighbors having issues as well.

Mrs. Schurke stated she has lived in Griffith 44 years, we have had a resource officer not only worked with kids in school but he also worked with the community people at the Senior Center were happy. She recently found out he was no longer a resource officer, the problem she has is Griffith has flourished beyond anyone's dream and we want to see it continue to do so our thinking was always community spirit and communities so that you could walk around your neighborhoods and not be afraid and build spirit in our youth, Pete Ghris is that officer has made an impact on a lot of kids that have gone to Griffith. She had seen an article in the Times that Munster had a picture of their resource officer who worked at the school, they were giving him recognition. She is wondering why Pete Ghris has not been given that acknowledgement because he is an important part of this community, he still goes around people's houses on his days off asking if people need help with anything, sidewalk shoveling, he does it and he does it without any asking for favors or anything else. He is a gem in this community and he needs to be recognized. Council President Rick Ryfa said he would check with the Safety Board, as far as the school she would need to get in touch with them, we had 2 resource officers and the schools decided to go to 1, but they did hire a full-time security person. Rick Ryfa stated Pete does a wonderful job.

Mrs. Schurke asked who is our code enforcer, Council Member James Marker stated Matt Argadine, there are 2 houses behind her and their back yards look like junk yards, she has

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **General Services Agreement – Central Park Phase 1-PT Inspection Services:** BF&S has bid the service and it is not to exceed \$60,975.00 for the inspection services for the Central Park Phase I Project. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion that we allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign this contract, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.
2. **General Services Agreement – Reder Road Water Main Project -PT Inspection Services:** This is for inspection services on the Reder Road Water Main Project, this inspection services will not exceed \$57,750.00, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion that we allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign this contract, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.
3. **Contract Approval – Central Park Phase I:** This is for inspection services that Council Member Tony Hobson touched on, a couple of weeks ago we awarded Phase I to Gariup Construction for the amount of \$697,500.00, this will be completed by May 2, 2022 is the goal. We need a Part-time construction inspection on this project to monitor and coordinate overlapping improvements within the side walk contracts of A & B. BF&S will supply that part-time inspector for the parks not to exceed \$60, 975.00 to be billed to the town in half hour increments, Council Member James Marker made a motion for Mr. Ryfa, our Town Council President to sign off on this part-time inspection service agreement with BF&S, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
4. **Salary Ordinance 2021-54,** we have a change in Ordinance 2021-54, modification to our salary ordinance. Three items we are looking at an IT Specialist with a salary range of \$2,384.00 to \$3,153.00 biweekly. The second would be IT Specialist part-time \$30.00 to \$50.00 hourly rate, and IDACS Coordinator/Part-time \$20.00 hourly rate. Council Member Larry Ballah had the first reading. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2021-54, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Roll Call, Council Member James Marker In favor, Council Member Larry Ballah, in favor, Council President Rick Ryfa, in favor, Council Member Melissa Robbins, in favor, Council Member Tony Hobson in favor, Rules have been suspended, Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion that we approve Ordinance 2021-54, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Council President Rick Ryfa stated the reason we had opened up the salary ordinance is our IT individual working for the town had left us, so we are interviewing right now and hope to have somebody in place very quickly. It is a very important position and needs to be filled very soon. Previously we did not have the position of IT Specialist. Motion Carried.
5. **Electrical Lighting Analysis – Telamon:** Council President Rick Ryfa stated the Town had engaged with Telamon to complete an analysis of all the lighting in town of all our various buildings to convert to LED or any other efficient lighting. Rick introduced Bruce to give a brief synopsis that he found: Bruce stated he went through every building that the town owns or maintains. Bruce had a handout which had the total cost from NIPSCO for electricity. Lighting Budget Estimate included in minutes. Council President Rick Ryfa stated we would be in contact as far as moving forward.
6. **Stan Dobosz Recognition:** Council President Rick Ryfa had the privilege of introducing Mr. Stan Dobosz, for the ones that have not met Stan, he first started serving on the Griffith Town Council in 1976, served for 36 years. He has graciously, after he retired from the Town Council several years ago, offered his time and served on our Safety Board

October 19, 2021

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the October 19, 2021 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Group Supervisor Michael G. Garbo
Police Officer Dylan Harrison
Master Trooper Adam Gaubert
Sergeant Michael Rudd
Deputy Sheriff Juan Miguel Ruiz
Correctional Officer IV Toamalama Scanlan
Deputy Constable Kareem Atkins
Police Officer Ryan Hayworth

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police - Absent
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Sheri Bradtke McNeil – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works - Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims # 35726-36008 \$1,022,678.48 Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 2, 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:

1. Trick or Treat hours, Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

REPORTS:

- **Director of Public Works:** No Report
- **Police** – No Report
- **Fire** – Chief Schoon announced Mike Andree, Jr. has been promoted to Deputy Chief.
- **Building Commissioner** – No Report
- **Finance Report** – No Report