

**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 10<sup>th</sup>.
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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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:**

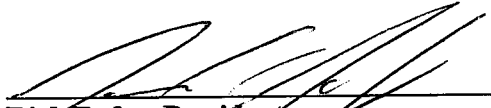
1. **Sidewalk replacement Program:** on hold due to weather
2. **Airport Advisory Committee:** No Report
3. **Hammond Water Works:** No Report
4. **PD/Town Hall Construction:** No Report

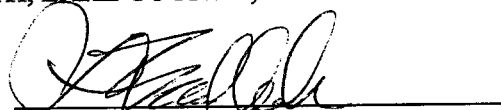
**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

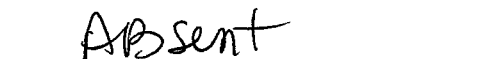
Tim Diamond asked about park rental fees, software on website for park rentals. Project at TOT Park, Deed


**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**

  
**James Marker**

  
**Tony Hobson**

  
**Melissa Robbins**

  
**Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer**