

November 1, 2022

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the November 1, 2022, meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson Absent
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer Absent
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 Jim Marker made a motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2022, and October 25, 2022, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims \$1,751,282.13 (Various funds) Council Member Melissa Robbins 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, November 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: NONE

REPORTS:

- **Director of Public Works** – Leaf collections has started, will continue into December. Any questions please visit our website or call Public Works. As far as sidewalks are concerned, we are starting to wrap up for the year, the work right now is over on 39th, 40th, up by Wood Street, finishing Cline at 45th and once those projects are completed, we will be close at wrapping up.
- **Police** – Chief wanted to mention the passing of retired Sergeant Mike Kuhn, 41 years in our community. Memorial services on Thursday at White Funeral Home. Thank his family for his service and sacrifices.
- **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. BZA Appointments: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to fill the vacancy position with Jason Nolasco, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
2. Wood Street Storm Water Lift Station Evaluation-Supplement No. 1- This is to include the expanded evaluation of the Wood Street Lift Station to include the evaluation of the Brinwood Storm Water Lift Station, Butler Fairman & Seufert will utilize the 2008 study to evaluate the current needs of the Town. The evaluating shall be added to the task order increasing the total lump sum amount from \$29,000.00 to \$50,500.00. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion that we allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign this agreement, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
3. Reder Road Water Main-Pay Estimate No. 3: This is for the work on Redar Road water main for the total amount of \$114,411.49, Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion that we pay this amount, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
4. Milestone Contractors North, Inc. Change Order No. 1: This is for additional work, patching existing sidewalks that did not get replaced. Unit price will be \$110.00 a yard, it does not affect the contract amount per se at this point of time. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion that we grant Change Order No. 1, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, Motion Carried.
5. Council Member Jim Marker stated at the previous meeting we had awarded the contract for Central Park phase two, to Precision, it is now we come to this meeting to now to approve Central Park Phase Two to Precision and this is not to exceed \$1,168,830.00. Council Member Jim Marker made a motion that we have Precision complete Central Park Phase Two, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried

PENDING ITEMS: NONE

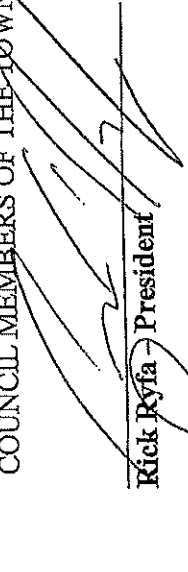
1. **PD/Town Hall Construction:** For right now the Town Council has decided to put the new construction on permanent hold until we see what happens to the economy with the supply chain as well as the cost escalated very high, at this time the project is on hold until we revisit sometime next year.

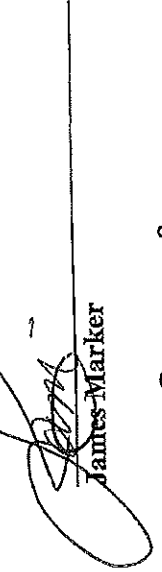
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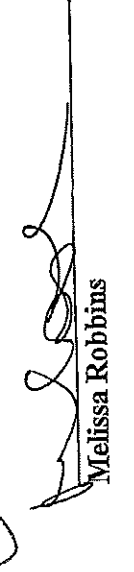
Resident asked about the water study and about the sidewalks regarding the bond money left over.

This meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

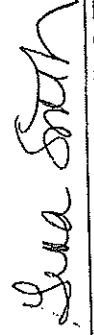

Rick Ryfa - President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Lawrence Ballah - Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer