

November 7, 2023

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the November 7, 2023, meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Lieutenant Milton Resendez

Firefighters Killed in the Line of Duty:

Chief Tim Johnson
Firefighter Rodney Pitts
Lieutenant Dillon J. Rinaldo
Firefighter Cameron Craig
Firefighter Colin Reedy
Captain Tony Hoffman
Firefighter Regina Huffman
Assistant Chief Joseph Back
District Chief David Phelps

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Alfredo Estrada – 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 3, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Various Funds \$1,256,232.18 Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 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.
2. There will be a Water Board meeting on November 21, 2023, following the Town Council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Friday, November 17th the Clerks office and Water Department will be closed for required end of year training.
2. Veterans Day November 11, 2023: Veterans Day Service at 11:00 am at the War Memorial, everyone invited to please attend, Broad Street will be closed for a short time during the service.

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:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Ordinance 2023-35:** Establishing a schedule of fees, charges, and expenses for the Pre-Venture Program: Council Member Jim Marker gave the second reading and a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-35, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah all in favor, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

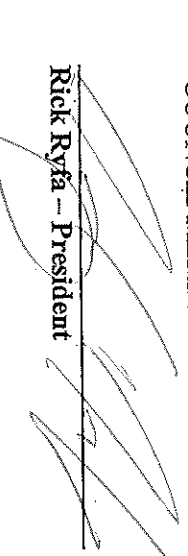
- 1. Ordinance 2023-38: Amending Salary Ordinance 2023-5:** Council Member Tony Hobson stated this is making a very small adjustment within the Building Department. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on this tonight seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, roll call taken, Jim Marker, in favor, Larry Ballah, in favor, Rick Ryfa, in favor, Melissa Robbins, absent, Tony Hobson, in favor, rules suspended, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-38, seconded by Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

Pending Items: NONE


Public Comment: Gilbert Baldazo: sidewalk finishing up, the bike path issue, private property.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned to 7:11 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