

February 2, 2016

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 2, 2016 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Patricia Schaadt
Tony Hobson

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Police Chief
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to adopt the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claim No. 5372 – 5500 in the amount of \$1,076,299.41 (one million, seventy-six thousand, two hundred ninety-nine dollars and forty-one cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday February 9th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday February 16th at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. In response to a request from NIRPC, Council Member Tony Hobson moved to appoint Council President Rick Ryfa as the Town's representative to NIRPC, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works – No Report
3. Police – No Report
4. Fire – No Report
5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items
 - a. EPA Mandate Update
 - i. Council Member Larry Ballah read a press release describing the situation faced by the Town regarding a mandate to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) – Press Release attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:

1. None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. None
2. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Council Member Jim Marker moved to approve Resolution 2016-04: A Resolution Transferring Year-end Appropriations, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED

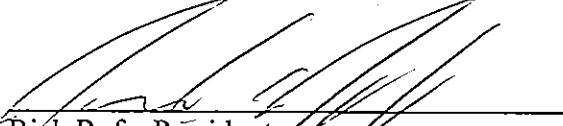
- b. Council Member Pat Schaadt introduced Ordinance 2016-05: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 74 – Traffic & Vehicles for 1st reading
- c. Bids for Street Materials and Stone & Slag were opened. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to refer the bids to the Public Works Director and Town Attorney for review and a determination of the most responsive and responsible bidder, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

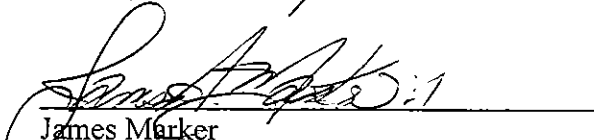
- Tom Schaller, 531 Astor on behalf of his mother who lives on the 100 block of S Lafayette described the parking issues on that block and asked if anything could be done. The council expressed understanding and explained that they have been looking for solutions.
- Mike Kitzmiller, 121 N Raymond asked why an alley near Jay and Main was not paved. He was told that beside ownership issues, residents in that area would be questioned as to their preference.

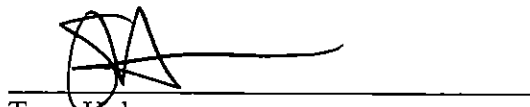
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p. m.

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


Rick Ryfa, President



Patricia Schaadt


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Larry Ballah

Attest:


George N Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH REQUESTING REORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH SO THAT THE PORTION OF THE TOWN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF CALUMET TOWNSHIP BE REMOVED FROM CALUMET TOWNSHIP AND PLACED WITHIN ST JOHN TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, in order to create a more fair and equitable form of government for the citizens of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Griffith is co-located in both Calumet Township and St. John Township; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-3(2) permits the consolidation of the participating political subdivisions into one of the participating subdivisions subject to the requirements of Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-5 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the taxpayers of the Town of Griffith that the Town be reorganized so that the portion of the Town within the boundaries of Calumet Township are removed from Calumet Township and placed within St. John Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, that the Town be reorganized so that its borders fall entirely within St. John Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. That all three subdivisions, the Town of Griffith, Calumet Township, and St. John Township, consider and approve this Resolution for Reorganization;
2. That upon adoption of this Resolution for Reorganization by each of the political subdivisions named herein, a reorganization committee be appointed to consider and adopt a plan of reorganization pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-15;
3. That the reorganization committee adopt rules governing its management, conduct public hearings, review books and records, administer oaths, and issue and enforce subpoenas and discovery orders pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-17;
4. That the reorganization committee prepare a comprehensive plan of reorganization for the reorganized political subdivisions that addresses the actions, duties, and powers of the reorganized political subdivisions not specified by law pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-18;
5. That the legislative bodies of each of the reorganized political subdivisions consider the reorganization plan and incorporate the plan in full or by reference in at least two separate meetings and a public hearing prior to final action by the legislative bodies pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-19;

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6. That the legislative body with the largest population shall provide a certified copy of the reorganization plan to be filed with the County Recorder, the Department of Local Government Finance, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county affected by the election district changes pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-24;

7. That the County Recorder notify the election board that a public question on a plan of reorganization is eligible to be placed on the ballot for consideration of the voters pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-26;

8. That the county election board place the question on the first regularly scheduled general election or municipal election in all precincts for the reorganizing political subdivisions pursuant to Indiana Cod 36-1.5-4-28; and

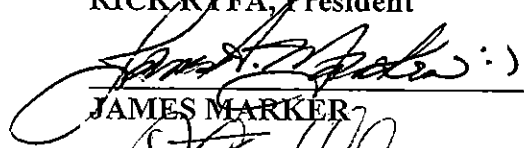
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Griffith forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Calumet Township Board and the St. John Township Board for their consideration and response within sixty (60) days.

SO RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, on this 12th day of January, 2016.


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



RICK RYFA, President



JAMES MARKER



LARRY BALLAH




PATRICIA SCHAADT



TONY HOBSON

ATTEST:



GEORGE N. JEROME,
Clerk-Treasurer

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CERTIFICATION

I, George Jerome, duly elected and active Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Griffith, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution 2016-01 "A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH REQUESTING REORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH SO THAT THE PORTION OF THE TOWN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF CALUMET TOWNSHIP BE REMOVED FROM CALUMET TOWNSHIP AND PLACED WITHIN ST JOHN TOWNSHIP" is a true and correct copy of same as it exists in the permanent records of the Town of Griffith.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2016



GEORGE N. JEROME, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, in the appropriations of funds in the budgets of various departments of the Town of Griffith, there is a need to transfer fund appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, that to meet the need to transfer certain appropriations there is hereby the transference of appropriations as follows:

FROM: Appropriation

TO: Appropriation

MVH

201001324	Other Prof Services	\$2,499.08	201001113	Spvsr Salary	\$2,499.08
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$1,276.02	201001114	Foreman Wage	\$1,276.02
201001437	Vehicles	\$27,352.69	201001119	Labor Wage	\$27,352.69
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$2,149.54	201001125	FICA/Medicare	\$2,149.54
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$2,985.22	201001126	PERF	\$2,985.22
201001364	Mobile Equip R&M	\$16,104.16	201001127	TS Health Prem	\$16,104.16
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$144.35	201001129	TS Life Ins	\$144.35
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$1,043.13	201001130	Workmans Comp	\$1,043.13
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$24.42	201001214	Legal Forms	\$24.42
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$27.74	201001224	Misc Off Spls	\$27.74
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$61.98	201001239	Misc Opr Spls	\$61.98
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$12.59	201001243	Stationary R&M	\$12.59
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$3,983.60	201001257	Cinder & Salt	\$3,983.60
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$24.86	201001258	Janitor Spls	\$24.86
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$365.16	201001260	Paint & Solvents	\$365.16
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$2.40	201001262	Hand Tools	\$2.40
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$55.49	201001263	Lunch/Coffee Spls	\$55.49
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$37.99	201001268	Purch Software	\$37.99
201001324	Other Prof Services	\$21,424.00	201001583	Lease Pmt Prin	\$21,424.00
201001324	Other Prof Services	<u>\$991.00</u>	201001584	Lease Pmt Int	<u>\$991.00</u>
		\$80,565.42			\$80,565.42

RECYCLE

203001435	Playground Equip	\$6,087.80	203001242	Equip R&M Maint	\$6,087.80
203001464	Capital Outlays	\$2,976.62	203001269	Misc Supplies	\$2,976.62
		\$9,064.42			\$9,064.42

PARK

204001339	Other Comm & Ad	\$1,081.32	204001114	Foreman Wage	\$1,081.32
204001500	Reserve	\$5,000.00	204001120	Part-Time/Seasonal	\$5,000.00
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$391.17	204001120	Part-Time/Seasonal	\$391.17
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$154.05	204001125	FICA & Medicare	\$154.05
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$15.95	204001224	Misc Office Suppl	\$15.95

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204001374	Misc R&M	\$1,001.23	204001226	Gasoline	\$1,001.23
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$87.68	204001232	Event Supplies	\$87.68
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$445.21	204001242	Cons Eq R&M Spls	\$445.21
204001395	Grounds Maint	\$1,077.52	204001243	Station R&M Spls	\$1,077.52
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$518.96	204001244	Tires & Tubes	\$518.96
204001583	Lease Prin Pmt	\$1,010.05	204001254	Misc R&M Spls	\$1,010.05
204001583	Lease Prin Pmt	\$1,530.19	204001258	Janitor Supplies	\$1,530.19
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$105.84	204001260	Paints & Solvents	\$105.84
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$56.37	204001263	Coffee	\$56.37
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$73.45	204001265	Items for Sale	\$73.45
204001324	Other Prof Services	\$398.43	204001269	Misc Supplies	\$398.43
204001324	Other Prof Services	<u>\$70.00</u>	204001423	Signage	<u>\$70.00</u>
		\$13,017.42			\$13,017.42

LECEF

205001324	Other Prof Services	\$1,967.34	205001217	Training Material	\$1,967.34
		\$1,967.34			\$1,967.34

GEN IMPROVEMENT

225001360	Street Repair	\$78,800.96	225001415	Bldgs & Other	\$78,800.96
225001360	Street Repair	\$55,000.00	225002599	Fund Transfer	\$55,000.00
225001360	Street Repair	\$20,000.00	225003415	121 N Woods	\$20,000.00
		\$153,800.96			\$153,800.96

CASINO

232001451	Walk & Curb Repl	\$8,838.81	232001313	Engineering	\$8,838.81
232001451	Walk & Curb Repl	\$66,066.03	232001360	Street Repair	\$66,066.03
232001451	Walk & Curb Repl	<u>\$130,585.41</u>	232001599	Interlocal Trans	<u>\$130,585.41</u>
		\$205,490.25			\$205,490.25

CEDIT

252003388	Hist Society Grant	\$5,275.39	252001313	Engineering	\$5,275.39
252003388	Hist Society Grant	\$383.91	252001316	Accounting	\$383.91
252003388	Hist Society Grant	\$7,772.69	252001324	Other Prof Services	\$7,772.69
252003388	Hist Society Grant	\$4,489.91	252001361	Building R&M	\$4,489.91
252003388	Hist Society Grant	\$5,261.40	252001388	Public Relations	\$5,261.40
252003388	Hist Society Grant	\$9,027.14	252001599	Interlocal Trans	\$9,027.14
252001269	Misc Supplies	\$2,000.00	252001599	Interlocal Trans	\$2,000.00
252001422	New Walk & Curb	\$3,237.38	252001599	Interlocal Trans	\$3,237.38
252001451	Walk & Curb Repl	<u>\$3,203.73</u>	252001599	Interlocal Trans	<u>\$3,203.73</u>
		\$40,652			\$40,652

PUBLIC SAFETY

253002583	Lease Radio Prin	\$165.83	253002114	Sergeants OT	\$165.83
253003346	Vehicle Ins	\$1,527.66	253002115	Corporals OT	\$1,527.66
253002583	Lease Radio Prin	\$51.31	253002125	Medicare OT	\$51.31
253003346	Vehicle Ins	\$12,535.33	253002437	Vehicles	\$12,535.33
253002311	Legal	<u>\$15,255.75</u>	253002464	Misc Cap Exp	<u>\$15,255.75</u>

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		\$29,535.88			\$29,535.88
PD EQUIP					
409001374	Misc R&M	\$864.77	409001269	Misc Supls	\$864.77
409001374	Misc R&M	<u>\$1,282.28</u>	409001464	Misc Cap Exp	<u>\$1,282.28</u>
		\$2,147.05			\$2,147.05
FIRE DONATION					
410001464	Misc Cap Exp	\$539.56	410001232	Event Supplies	\$539.56
410001416	Renovations	\$2,239.50	410001262	Hand Tools	\$2,239.50
410001374	Misc R&M	\$4,994.90	410001264	Concession Suppl	\$4,994.90
410001464	Misc Cap Exp	\$599.90	410001266	Misc Off Equip	\$599.90
410001464	Misc Cap Exp	\$2,943.80	410001267	Safety Equip	\$2,943.80
410001374	Misc R&M	\$215.00	410001331	Event Advertize	\$215.00
410001464	Misc Cap Exp	\$159.00	410001363	HVAC R&M	\$159.00
410001374	Misc R&M	\$1,022.00	410001378	Misc Rentals	\$1,022.00
410001374	Misc R&M	\$450.00	410001390	Refunds & Awards	\$450.00
		\$13,163.66			\$13,163.66
K-9 Unit					
421001334	Travel	\$101.75	421001399	Misc Exp	\$101.75
		\$101.75			\$101.75
ANIMAL SHELTER					
445001351	Gas	\$940.93	445002351	Gas	\$940.93
445001352	Electric	\$2,358.71	445002352	Electric	\$2,358.71
		\$3,299.64			\$3,299.64
FUEL INTERLOCAL					
446001311	Legal	\$52.68	446001243	Stationary R&M Spls	\$52.68
446001311	Legal	\$50.00	446001365	Staionary R&M	\$50.00
		\$102.68			\$102.68
DRC					
449001120	Part-time/Seasonal	\$279.18	449001269	Misc Supplies	\$279.18
449001120	Part-time/Seasonal	\$184.17	449001324	Misc Prof Svs	\$184.17
449001239	Misc Oper Spls	\$1,000.00	449001324	Misc Prof Svs	\$1,000.00
449001259	Plants & Garden Spls	\$3,875.62	449001324	Misc Prof Svs	\$3,875.62
449001265	Items for Sale	\$940.21	449001324	Misc Prof Svs	\$940.21
449001265	Items for Sale	\$559.79	449001399	Misc Svs & Chgs	\$559.79
449001331	Event Advertise	\$1,650.00	449001399	Misc Svs & Chgs	\$1,650.00
449001426	Econ Zone Enhance	\$2,000.00	449001399	Misc Svs & Chgs	\$2,000.00
449001464	Misc Cap Exps	\$1,273.21	449001399	Misc Svs & Chgs	\$1,273.21
		\$11,762.18			\$11,762.18
ROCK 'N RAIL					
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$409.45	453001113	Pub Wrks Spvsr	\$409.45
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$63.59	453001119	Labor	\$63.59
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$33.75	453001120	Part Time Labor	\$33.75
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$48.47	453001125	FICA/Medicare	\$48.47
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$551.22	453001224	Tickets	\$551.22

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453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$2,231.30	453001264	Concession Spls	\$2,231.30
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$2,048.02	453001318	Acts & Sound Stg	\$2,048.02
453001226	Fuel	\$1,589.56	453001318	Acts & Sound Stg	\$1,589.56
453001239	Misc Spls	\$10,389.67	453001318	Acts & Sound Stg	\$10,389.67
453001319	Traffic Mgmt	\$6,125.45	453001318	Acts & Sound Stg	\$6,125.45
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$611.75	453001324	Security & Clean-up	\$611.75
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$937.98	453001339	Other Comm	\$937.98
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$4,556.06	453001374	Electrician	\$4,556.06
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$9,208.41	453001378	Portable Toilets	\$9,208.41
453001399	Misc Serv & Chrgs	\$400.00	453001388	Public Relations	\$400.00
		\$39,204.68			\$39,204.68

FRANKLIN CNTR

454001351	Gas	\$2,797.00	454001269	Misc Supplies	\$2,797.00
		\$2,797.00			\$2,797.00

GSEC

456001318	Entertainment	\$1,700.00	456001390	Awards	\$1,700.00
		\$1,700.00			\$1,700.00

CB&E

501001464	Misc Cap	\$8,401.02	501003442	Computer Equip	\$8,401.02
		\$8,401.02			\$8,401.02

WINTERFEST

525001399	Other Svs & Chgs	\$280.00	525001120	Part Time Labor	\$280.00
525001399	Other Svs & Chgs	\$21.42	525001125	FICA/Medicare	\$21.42
525001399	Other Svs & Chgs	\$847.40	525001264	Concession Supplies	\$847.40
525001399	Other Svs & Chgs	\$12.46	525001269	Misc Supplies	\$12.46
		\$1,161.28			\$1,161.28

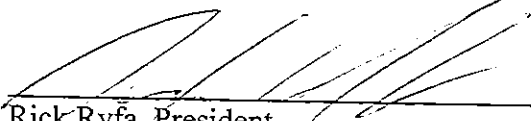
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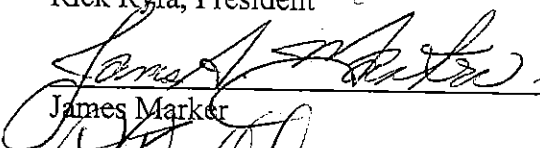
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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

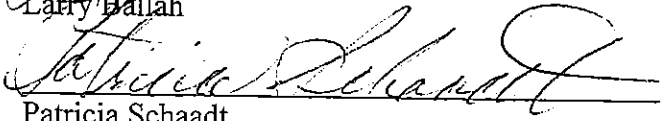
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana
this 2nd day of February, 2016


Rick Ryfa, President

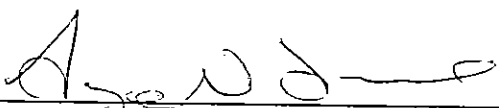

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