

June 3, 2025

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 3, 2025, meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Deputy Sheriff Daniel Sherrer

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Al Tharp – Chief of Police
Building Commissioner
Alfredo Estrada – Attorney for the Town - Absent
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works - Absent
Bryan E. Bott – Burke Costanza & Carberry Law Firm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$654,598.40, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm, there will be a study session at 6:30 pm and one will follow if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

- Public Works- No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Boards and Commissions:** Council President Rick Ryfa gave notification that we have two vacancies available on various Boards and Commissions, we have

one for the Board of Zoning Appeals, we also have an upcoming Park Board vacancy. If anyone is interested, please forward a resume to the Clerk Treasurer's office. An email address is on our website, or they can bring a resume to the office.

2. Bid Openings: Griffith Fire Stations:

- A. American Floor Coatings:** Station 1: \$25,550.00 Station 2: \$16,060.00 Station 3: \$21,900.00 Total Price \$57,500.00
- B. ECM Epoxy Flooring:** Station 1: \$21,000.00 Station 2: \$13,200.00 Station 3: \$18,000.00 Total Price: \$52,200.00
- C. Pangier Corporation:** Did not break down, provided for three Fire Stations to include North, Central and South for the sum of \$69,790.00 stated if all three stations are awarded that they will deduct a total of \$14,000.00 as a contribution resulting in a total amount of \$55,790.00.
- D. Art Low Systems:** Station 1: \$46,235.00 Station 2: \$31,218.00 Station 3: \$41,100.00 Total Price \$118,553.00.
- Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a motion to forward these to our Attorney and Fire Chief to review and provide us a recommendation, so moved by Council Member Larry Ballah, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.

PENDING ITEMS: NONE

Public Comment:

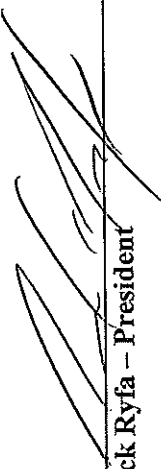
Jim Masters: Bike Trail disrepair, brought pictures, cracks and grass grown. The reply will pass to Park Board updated quotes, pricing.

Ryan & Jim Welch Gun Range follow up with Chief Tharp

Resident: Changing table in restroom at Park. The reply, there are changing tables at the locations.

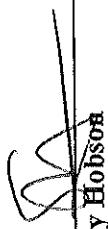
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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