

# **December 1, 2015**

## **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the December 1, 2015 meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.  
Council Member Stan Dobosz led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

### **ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Patricia Schaadt  
Stan Dobosz

### **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 Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 4472–4673 in the amount of \$1,018,976.25 (one million, eighteen thousand, nine hundred seventy-six dollars and twenty-five cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. There will be a council study session Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> 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
3. There will be a special end-of-year council meeting Tuesday December 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in order to make necessary appropriation transfers and pay final bills for 2015
4. The Clerk-Treasurer's office will be closed Wednesday December 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to close the books for 2015. It will reopen Monday January 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
5. The first Annual Winterfest will be held in Central Park December 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>. Friday 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday noon to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. The Indiana Bicentennial Commission has announced the year long Bicentennial celebration kicks off on December 11, 2015.
2. The Griffith Clergy Association is in need of a Nativity Scene for display at the Franklin Center
3. December is the month for all elected officials to certify that they are in compliance with the Town's Municipal Nepotism Policy. All Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer have done so and Council President Ryfa has certified that the certifications have been completed.

### **REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
  - a. Requested permission to advertise for Road and Street repair Material, Supplies and Services
    - i. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to grant permission to advertise, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

3. Police

- a. Shop with a Cop solicitation letters went out and the FOP hopes to match last year's level of contributions because the need remains high.
- b. The Northwest Indiana Regional SWAT Team is having a fundraiser at the Halls of St George on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>

4. Fire – No Report

5. Economic Development – No Report

6. Pending Items

- a. The Town's contract with Hammond Sanitary District (HSD) remains in effect until 12/31/2018 and if we choose to terminate the contract at that time, HSD must be notified 12/31/2015. If the Town does not notify HSD by 12/31/2015, the contract is automatically extended for 25-years with the same terms and conditions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:**

1. None

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None

2. NEW BUSINESS

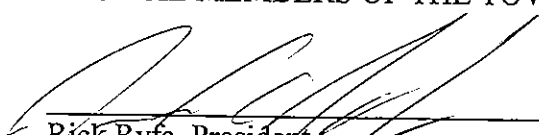
- a. Council Member Jim Marker moved to confirm three new Probationary Firefighters: Tim Conners, Mike Rohrbacker, & Anthony Cruze, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to accept the Police Department's Certified Hiring List (attached), second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Jim Marker moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the SRO Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Griffith and the Griffith School Town, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council Member Jim Marker moved to approve Resolution 2015-42: A Resolution Regarding 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to SRO Inter-Local Agreement, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED


**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

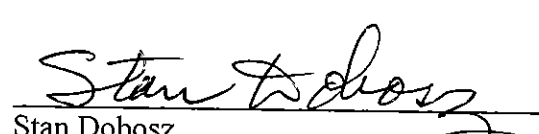
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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

  
Rick Ryfa, President


  
Patricia Schaadt

  
James Marker

  
Stan Dobosz

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Larry Ballah

Attest:

  
George N. Jerome  
Clerk-Treasurer