

**August 18, 2015**

## **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the August 18, 2015 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Rick Ryfa  
Larry Ballah  
Jim Marker  
Pat Schaadt  
Stan Dobosz

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

Sue Katona – Deputy Clerk  
Greg Mance – Police Chief  
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief  
Rick Konopasek – Public Works Director  
Robert Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 2756 - 3018 in the amount of \$908,084.10 (Nine hundred eight thousand, eighty-four dollars and ten cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. There will be a council study session Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday September 1st 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. Griffith Animal Control will be hosting a garage sale on August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2 pm at 121 N Wood St in Griffith. All proceeds will go towards improvements to be made to the new pound building and support of the animals.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve the request of Griffith Boy Scouts 264 to hang craft show banners for the September show at Central Park, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> second by Council member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Jim Marker read the IDEM-Compost Inspection Report May 1, 2015, stipulating that the Town of Griffith Compost Facility was in excellent condition. Rick Konopasek was commended for the condition of this facility.

### **REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works –
  - a. Rick Konopasek stated that Lindberg St. should be completed by the end of the week. Paving of Ridge Road will be completed in the next few days between the hours of 10:00 pm to 10:00 am.
3. Chief of Police – No Report
4. Fire Chief – No Report
5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items – No Items

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA:**

None

### **BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

#### **1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve the request of an additional \$125,000.00 for inspections of Lindberg, South Elgin and Ridge Road by Robinson Engineering, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**2. New Business:**

- a. Council Member Jim Marker moved Confirmation and Approval of Proposal from A&E Electric for the message sign at Broad St. & Ridge Rd. second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Stan Dobosz read the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-30 Environment, Removal of Weeds, Notice to Property Owners. Second reading for approval will be September 1, 2015
- c. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Over Time pay for up to \$50,000.00 for Griffith Police Officers to enhance patrols. second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve a Proposal by Weaver Consultants Group regarding the Ridge Road-Cline Ave. Island second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Musetta Yeager, 1600 E Main St inquired if there was a possibility of the area of Main St being annexed by the Town of Griffith.

Paul Elsner, 213 N Elmer, asked about help for advertising for the Boy Scouts Craft fair.

Mike Riese, 1912 N Indiana, commended Officer Gutierrez and the Griffith Police Dept for improvement of foot traffic problems, he also inquired the condition of the business area north of Ridge Rd.

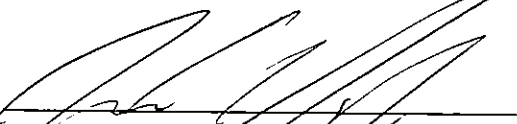

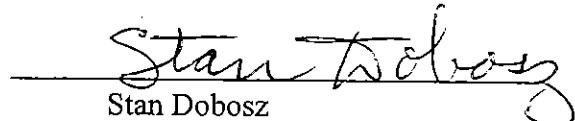
Cheryl Satkus, 330 N Indiana requested that Public Works notify Griffith residents that Mulch and Compost are available free of charge.

Bill Curtis, 131 35<sup>th</sup> CT commented on the poor condition of the alleyway behind his property and was there any thing that could be done by the Town. He is also is the owner of property on Ridge Road and was suggesting the sand on that property be used by the Town at some point.

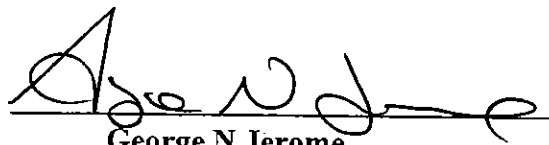
**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, Rick Ryfa, adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

  
Rick Ryfa, President  
Patricia Schaadt  
James Marker  
Stan Dobosz  
Larry Ballah

Attest:

  
George N Jerome  
Clerk Treasurer