

March 17, 2015

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the March 17, 2015 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah - Absent
Rick Ryfa
Glen Gaby - Absent
Patricia Schaadt
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 0588 - 0737 in the amount of \$747,259.58 (seven hundred forty-seven thousand, two hundred fifty-nine dollars and fifty-eight cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday March 24th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday April 7th 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. Thom Howell, Event Coordinator, Griffith High School
 - a. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign a Proclamation declaring March, 2015 to be Disability Awareness Month in Griffith, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
 - b. The 8th Annual Wheelchair Extravaganza will be held at the High School on March 20th at 1:50 p.m.
2. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve a request by the American Legion Auxiliary to conduct their Annual Poppy Sale May 15-16, 2015, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
3. Council President Ryfa read a letter from FEMA acknowledging the floodplain remediation plan that was submitted on February 10, 2015.
4. Councilman Stan Dobosz moved to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign an Easement Agreement with FLC that will allow the Town to erect a digital information sign on FLC's property on Ridge Road near Broad, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
5. Indiana State Representatives Hal Slager and Bill Fine will hold a Town Hall meeting at 1:00 p.m. Saturday March 21st at Town Hall to discuss the current legislative session and answer questions.
6. The Griffith Redevelopment Commission will be soliciting proposals for development of the former Topps Transmission property at 245 N Broad St

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. Legislative Items – No Report
- b. Building Commissioner Position
 - i. The Town Engineer and Consultant have started to review resumes
- c. Enbridge Agreement related to Line 6B construction and remediation
 - i. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign a final agreement with Enbridge, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve Resolution 2015-06: A Resolution Regarding an Interlocal Agreement with the Little Calumet River Basin Commission, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Little Calumet River Basin Commission for reimbursement of costs associated with maintenance of the Cady Marsh Diversion Tunnel, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve an Interlocal Agreement with NIRPC for MS4 outreach, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Alex Fisher, 209 N Dwigins
 - Expressed concern about the quality of workmanship on the road paving
 - Asked if the Council would work with the new Calumet Township Trustee
 - Questioned if Road Bond payments would increase his property taxes

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p. m.

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF GRIFFITH**

Absent

GLEN GABY

Absent

LAWRENCE BALLAH

RICK RYFA

PATRICIA SCHAADT

STAN DOBOSZ

**GEORGE N. JEROME
CLERK TREASURER**