

## **January 20, 2015**

# **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the January 20, 2015 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Glen Gaby  
Pat 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 January 6, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 0001 – 0186 in the amount of \$1,843,336.11 (one million, eight hundred forty-three thousand, three hundred thirty-six dollars and eleven cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</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.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation will be hosting a fundraiser, at The Halls of St George on Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$75 each. Information is posted on the Town web site.

### **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. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to direct our lobbyists at Barnes & Thornburg to review the three bills that affect Solid Waste Districts and to support those bills if their findings and the LSA analysis indicate that their passage would be advantageous to Griffith taxpayers, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
  - b. Because of some errors on the part of The Times in advertising the Building Commissioner position, Council Member Glen Gaby moved to extend the application deadline to February 17<sup>th</sup>, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

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

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. None

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Concrete bids were opened. The results are:

COMPANY	Sidewalk		Approach	Curb / LF	
	4"	6"	6"	Rollback	Highback
Coex, Inc	\$4.90	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$19.00	\$20.00
Gariup Construction	\$8.50	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$36.00	\$36.00
Rex Construction	\$6.00	\$6.35	\$4.50	\$25.00	\$27.50
Rieth-Riley	\$8.60	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$37.00	\$38.00

Council Member Glen Gaby moved to have the Public Works Director and Town Attorney review the bids to determine the most responsive and responsible bidder and make a recommendation to the council at the next meeting, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

- b. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to confirm the Park Board appointments of Susan Hoese (term ending 12/31/2017) and George Thiel (term ending 12/31/2018), second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to donate \$1,000 to VEST from the proceeds of the Central Market and Rock 'n Rails, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve a request by One Region for a \$2,500 contribution to the organization, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- e. The following Council liaison assignments were made:
- BZA – Larry Ballah
  - Building Department – Glen Gaby
  - Citizen Committees (GSEC & Imagine Griffith) – Pat Schaadt
  - Economic Development – Rick Ryfa
  - EMS – Pat Schaadt
  - Park Board – Pat Schaadt
  - Public Works – Rick Ryfa
  - Redevelopment Commission – Rick Ryfa
  - Safety Board (Fire & Police) – Glen Gaby
- f. Committee Assignments:
- Council member Glen Gaby moved to appoint Council President Rick Ryfa and Clerk Treasurer George Jerome to the Lake County Solid Waste Management Board, second by Council member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- g. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to authorize Council president Ryfa to sign an agreement with Robinson Engineering to evaluate the feasibility of expanding our Quiet Zone to include the Grand Trunk Crossings at Colfax, Main and Broad, second by Council member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- h. Council member Glen Gaby moved to appoint Police Chief Greg Mance as the Town's representative to the E-911 Oversight Commission, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Tom Norley, 942 W Ave H had question regarding his utility bill, Clerk Treasurer Jerome will investigate and respond.
  - He also complimented the Town for Oktoberfest and hoped that it would continue

- Bernadette Cope, 1726 N Rensselaer, requested permission for the GFD Auxiliary to advertise their Chili Cook-off scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve the request, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt.  
MOTION CARRIED
- Kris Hansen, 1114 N Elmer inquired about the status of the FEMA Appeal.
- Joe Kras, 1215 Sawgrass again expressed concerns regarding construction debris in Trail Creek.
- Mrs. Joe Kras, 1215 Sawgrass, stated that there are no portable toilets available for the construction workers in Trail Creek.

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

**TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF GRIFFITH**

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GLEN GABY

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LAWRENCE BALLAH

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RICK RYFA

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PATRICIA SCHAADT

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STAN DOBOSZ

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GEORGE N. JEROME  
CLERK TREASURER

# RESOLUTION 2015-01

## RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONIES

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Volunteer Emergency Service Team (VEST) provide many valuable services to the Town of Griffith without compensation or charges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith has deemed it appropriate that VEST receive periodic donations from self-supporting committees within the town; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2015, the Town Council approved a motion to have Rock 'n Rail and Central Market make donations to VEST that total \$1000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution will serve as an invoice for the purpose of such transfer and Accounts Payable Vouchers be prepared and revenue will be recorded as follows:

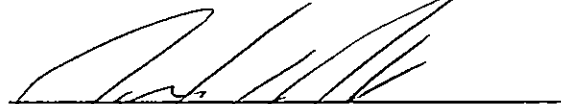
<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM FUND NAME</u>	<u>APPROP No.</u>	<u>POST TO REVENUE NUMBER</u>
\$400.00	Rock 'n Rail	453001388	422670.000
\$600.00	Central Market	457001388	422670.000
<u>\$1,000.00</u>			

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith that such monies transfer is proper and necessary; and

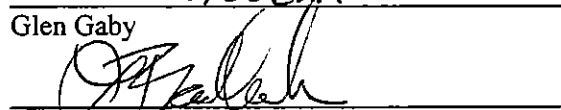
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk-Treasurer will prepare the required Accounts Payable Vouchers.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.

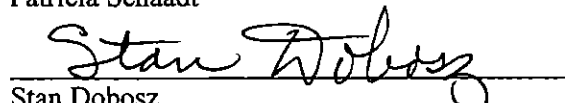
COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

  
Rick Ryfa, President

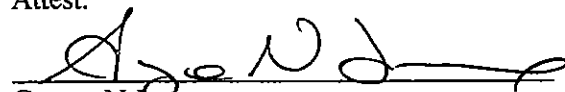
ABSENT  
Glen Gaby

  
Larry Ballah

  
Patricia Schaadt

  
Stan Dobosz

Attest:

  
George N. Jerome  
Clerk-Treasurer

# RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

## A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, within the budgets of various funds of the Town of Griffith, there is a periodic need to transfer appropriations within those budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, that to meet the need to transfer appropriations the following transfers are required:

**FROM: Appropriation #**

**TO: Appropriation #**

**TC/CT**

101001324	Other Prof Services	<u>\$6,200</u>	101001266	Misc Small Off Equip	\$200
			101001269	Misc Supplies	\$200
			101001339	Other Comm & Trans	\$1,800
			101001365	Stationary Equip R&M	\$4,000
	<b>TC/CT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,200</b>			<b>\$6,200</b>

**FIRE DEPT**

101003239	Misc Oper Supplies	<u>\$200</u>	101003211	Code Books	<u>\$200</u>
	<b>FIRE DEPT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200</b>			<b>\$200</b>

**SANITARY**

101004449	Other Mch & Equip	<u>\$1,725</u>	101004262	Hand Tools	\$200
			101004363	HVAC R&M	\$1,400
			101004399	Misc Serv & Charges	<u>\$125</u>
	<b>SANITARY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,725</b>			<b>\$1,725</b>

**BZA**

101007141	Recording Secretary	<u>\$50</u>	101007224	Misc Office Supplies	<u>\$50</u>
	<b>BZA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50</b>			<b>\$50</b>

**MVH**

201001449	Other Mach & Equip	<u>\$150</u>	201001366	Comm Equip R&M	<u>\$150</u>
	<b>MVH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150</b>			<b>\$150</b>

**LRS**

202001436	Mobile Equip	<u>\$500</u>	202001311	Legal	<u>\$500</u>
	<b>LRS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>			<b>\$500</b>

**GEN IMPR**

225001420	Lighting	<u>\$25,000</u>	225001464	Misc Cap Expense	<u>\$25,000</u>
	<b>GEN IMPR TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>			<b>\$25,000</b>

# RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

## CAGIT

253005500	Reserve	<u>\$10,000</u>	253001139	PW Truck Lease Prin	<u>\$10,000</u>
	<b>LRS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>

## CCI

401001440	Equipment	<u>\$25,000</u>	401001583	PW Truck Lease Prin	<u>\$25,000</u>
	<b>LRS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>			<b>\$25,000</b>

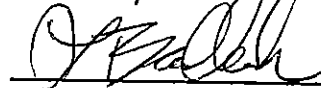
**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.

## TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF GRIFFITH

ABSENT

Glen Gaby



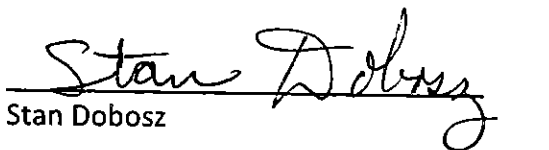
Lawrence Ballah



Rick Ryfa

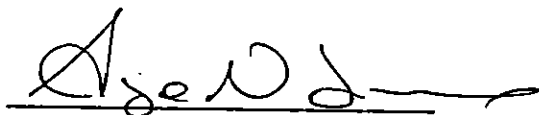


Patricia Schaad



Stan Dobosz

ATTEST:



George N Jerome  
Clerk Treasurer