

August 19, 2014

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the August 19, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Glen Gaby
Rick Ryfa
Pat Schaadt
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 2361 – 2629 in the amount of \$1,131,221.44 (one million, one hundred thirty-one thousand, two hundred twenty-one dollars and forty-four cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday August 26th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday September 2nd 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. The 6th Annual Rock 'n Rail Street and Music Festival will take place Thursday August 28th through Sunday August 31st.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Griffith Boy Scout Troop 264 requested funds to promote their annual Craft Fair and permission to place banners announcing the event. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to provide \$500 from Innkeeper Funds as well as grant permission for the placement of banners and signs, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve a Proclamation in support of the Hoosier Hike and Bike Centennial Trail, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
 - a. Alley paving is largely complete
 - b. Main Street work is slightly behind schedule
 - c. Streets west of Broad Street are mostly complete
3. Police – No Report
4. Fire – No Report
5. Pending Items
 - a. Clerk Treasurer George Jerome reported that eight financial institutions were contacted for lease purchase quotes for the E-911 communications equipment and the new medium-duty snowplow/dump trucks. Two do not offer that type of financing, one was not interested in quoting and the remaining five offered rates that ranged from 1.60% to 2.99 % with terms ranging from 3 to 7 years.

- i. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to authorize the Clerk Treasurer and Town Attorney to review the quotes to determine the most responsive and responsible lender and enter into the lease purchase agreement, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Resolution 2014-36: A Resolution Certifying the Levy Amount to Transfer to Lake County for the E-911 System, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Tom Schaller, 531 Aster Ln asked about the delays at Arbogast and Ave H.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p. m.

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF GRIFFITH**

GLEN GABY

LAWRENCE BALLAH

RICK RYFA

PATRICIA SCHAADT

STAN DOBOSZ

GEORGE N. JEROME
CLERK TREASURER

ORDINANCE 2014-33

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 86 ZONING, ARTICLE 1 IN GENERAL, SECTION 86-7.1 RESIDENTIAL FENCES, SUBSECTION (10), AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-3-2 confers upon all local units the powers that they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-3-6(b)(1) prescribes that any such exercise of power shall be authorized through enactment of an ordinance passed by the legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Griffith is a municipal government located in Lake County, Indiana, which may pass and codify ordinances for its operation, all pursuant to IC 36-1-4 and IC 36-1-5; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the public health, safety, and general welfare to expedite variances from the Zoning Code pertaining to the regulation of fences; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith that Municipal Code, Chapter 86 Zoning, Article 1 In General, Section 86-7.1 Residential Fences, Subsection (10), shall hereinafter be added to read as follows:

(10) The Board of Zoning Appeals ("Board") may create, at its discretion, a Subcommittee consisting of three (3) Board of Zoning Appeals members. Said Subcommittee may hear only applications under this Section. Any decision by said Subcommittee may be appealed to the full Board within ten (10) calendar days of the issuance of the determination by said Subcommittee.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any and all such Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and posting in accordance with Indiana Code 36-5-2-10.

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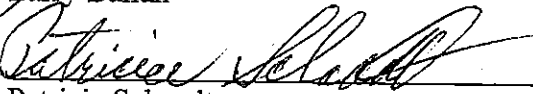
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 15th day of July, 2014.

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



Rick Ryfa, President

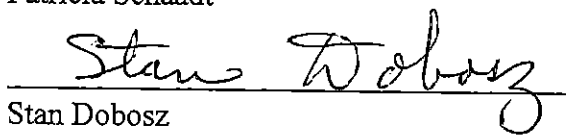

Glen Gaby


Larry Ballah


Patricia Schaadt

Attest:


George N. Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer


Stan Dobosz

RESOLUTION 2014-34

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 123 AND 127 N. WOOD STREET, GRIFFITH, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, is empowered to purchase real estate pursuant to I.C. 36-1-10.5-1 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the foregoing, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith may purchase real property for no more than the average of two appraisals; and

WHEREAS, the Ronald Austgen Revocable Trust, the party who will in the near future become the owner of 123 and 127 N. Wood Street, Griffith, Indiana has agreed to accept the purchase price of \$156,500.00, an amount not greater than the aforesaid average of two appraisals, from the Town of Griffith in exchange for a warranty deed to the real property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

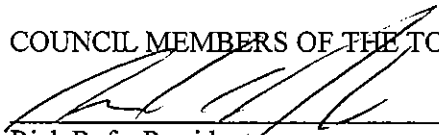
The prefatory paragraphs above are incorporated herein by reference as if more fully stated herein. The Town Council of the Town of Griffith now finds and determines that the following described property and real estate to be owned by the Ronald Austgen Revocable Trust, should be purchased for public purposes, including for use as an animal shelter by the Town of Griffith:

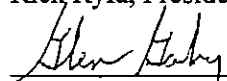
Lots 34 to 40, both inclusive, Block 16, original Town of Griffith, as shown in Plat Book 2, page 45, in Lake County, Indiana.

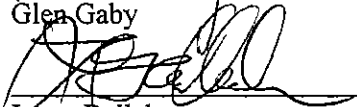
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to enter into a purchase agreement and remit payment regarding the subject real estate.

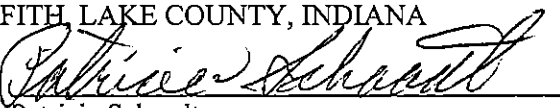
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 1st day of July, 2014.

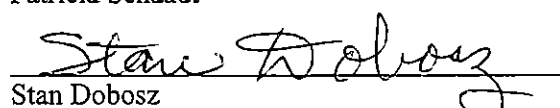
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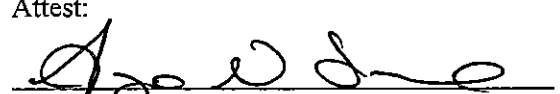

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Attest:


George N. Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2014-35

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONIES FOR THE INITIAL FUNDING OF THE 2014 ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith has approved plan to repair a significant portion of the Town's streets and alleys; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Griffith Redevelopment Authority will sell bonds to fully fund the project; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to transfer monies from Casino Gaming to provide initial funding for the Project, and

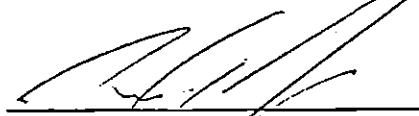
WHEREAS, this Resolution will serve as an invoice for the purpose of such transfer and an Accounts Payable Voucher for \$75,000.00 from Appropriation No. 232001599 (Casino Gaming Transfer) and a check payable to the Town of Griffith will be prepared; the \$75,000.00 revenue will be posted to Revenue Account No. 507599.000; and

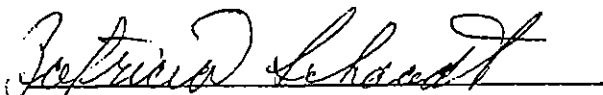
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith that such monies transfer is proper and necessary; and

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 15th day of July, 2014.

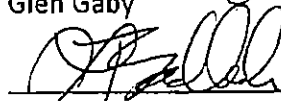
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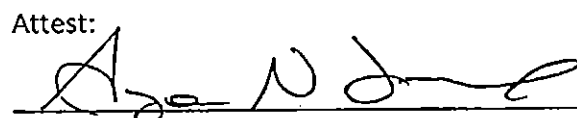

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RESOLUTION 2014-36

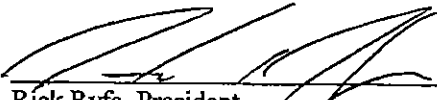
WHEREAS, a financial analysis was conducted by Cender & Company of each of the seventeen (17) individual PSAPs in Lake County to determine the budget attributable to dispatch of each political subdivision; thereafter the fiscal officer of each political subdivision reviewed and approved the amount of levy attributable to PSAP cost for its political subdivision; and

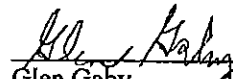
WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement identifies the specific amount of adjustment to the levy for each political subdivision, as required by IC 36-1-7-16(c); and the Interlocal Agreement requires that each political subdivision certify that amount to the Department of Local Government Finance by September 1, 2014; and

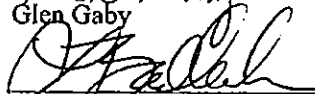
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith hereby determines and certifies to the Department of Local Government Finance that the Town of Griffith should have a reduction of levy in the amount of two hundred one thousand, two hundred twenty-eight dollars and forty cents (\$201,228.40) with such amount transferred to Lake County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 19th day of August, 2014.

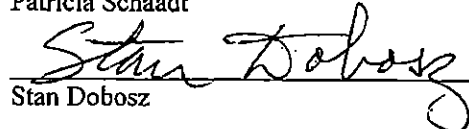
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