

## **June 17, 2014**

# **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 17, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer  
Greg Mance – Chief of Police  
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief  
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 1624 – 1824 in the amount of \$1,303,295.53 (one million, three hundred three thousand, two hundred ninety-five dollars and fifty-three 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 June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Monday July 1<sup>st</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 meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday July, 3, to open bids for the replacement of the Arbogast Street Bridge

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Police Chief Greg Mance presented former Chief Ron Kottka with a Retired Officer Badge and a plaque honoring his 38 years of service to the Town of Griffith and the Police Department.

### **REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
  - a. Council Member Glen Gaby provided a brief update on the 2014 road and alley improvement program and stated that work is moving quickly from west to east
3. Police –
  - a. Chief Mance provided a crime statistic update. The trend remains positive for year-to-year and over a 4-year period.
  - b. The Mansards will have their 1<sup>st</sup> annual community picnic on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. K-9 Officer Cpl Gutierrez provided an update on Gino's activity over the past 12 months.
4. Fire – No Report
5. Pending Items
  - a. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to authorize the council president to sign the renewal policy for Workman's Comp insurance, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
  - b. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to authorize the council president to sign the renewal policy for Property & Casualty insurance, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Council President Ryfa again deferred action on Resolution 2014-25

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Bids for the demolition of the damaged Arbogast Bridge were opened.

COMPANY	CITY	BID
Ellas Construction Co., Inc.	Gary, IN	\$16,300.00
Tonn & Blank Construction	Michigan City, IN	\$35,000.00

Council Member Glen Gaby moved to authorize the council president to sign a contract for the work, after the Town Attorney and Engineer review the bids and determine the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

- b. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact and their recommendation to grant a Special Use Variance to William Green on behalf of Crestar to allow the building located at 717 N Elmer St, be converted to a two-family duplex residence, second by Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Mike Cottrell, 701 N Elmer spoke against the BZA Findings of Fact.
- Bob Young, 1425 N Broad St has an issue with a ticket received for his fence.

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

**TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF GRIFFITH**

  
GLEN GABY

  
LAWRENCE BALLAH

  
RICK RYFA

  
PATRICIA SCHAADT

  
STAN DOBOSZ

  
GEORGE N. JEROME  
CLERK TREASURER