

## **February 4, 2014**

# **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 4, 2014 meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

### **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  
Brent Torrenga – Attorney for the Town

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 0166– 0348 in the amount of \$1,773,080.68 (one million, seven hundred seventy-three thousand, eighty dollars and sixty-eight 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 February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday February 18<sup>th</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. American Legion Auxiliary requested permission to conduct their annual Poppy Sale to benefit veterans and their families on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to grant permission, second by Council member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Larry Ballah read a letter from Enbridge describing their scheduled hydrostatic testing of Line 6B.

### **REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Board of Public Works – No Report
3. Director of Public Works – No Report
4. Police
  - a. Chief Mance reported that in order to facilitate snow plowing/removal, officers are placing notices on vehicles that need to be moved. If the vehicles are not moved in a reasonable time, tickets are issued. If residents notify the officer with a valid reason for not moving the vehicle, the ticket may be voided. Vehicles that have not moved since the first snow event have been towed.
5. K-9 Officer
  - a. Corporal Gutierrez, K-9 Officer provided an update on the unit's activity.

6. Fire
  - a. Chief Schoon reports that the department is assisting Public Works in clearing fire hydrants. They are also placing markers on the hydrants so they can be visible to snow plow operators as well as firefighters.
7. Pending Items
  - a. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve the contract with Teamsters Local 142, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
  - b. Council President Ryfa appointed a committee to select communications equipment for the consolidated E-911: The committee appointments are: Safety Board members Jim Marker and John Volkmann; Council Members Larry Ballah and Pat Schaadt and Clerk Treasurer George Jerome. Technical Advisors will be Chiefs Mance and Schoon.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

### **1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. None

### **2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact and their recommendation to grant a Special Use Variance to Austgen Properties to allow a micro-brewery in a B4 Zoning District located at 1104 E Main St, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact and their recommendation to grant a Special Use Variance to Griffith Blvd Trust to allow a Residential Use in a PB Zoning District located at 232 N Griffith, Blvd, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to table a Construction/Inspection Agreement for the Avenue H & S Fairbanks Project, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Resolution 2014-04: A Resolution Adjusting Appropriations, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- e. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Resolution 2014-05 A Resolution Transferring Appropriations, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- f. The Stormwater Board appointment was tabled
- g. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to reappoint Carl Kus to the BZA for a 4-year term ending 12/31/17, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
- h. Redevelopment Commission Appointments
  - i. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to appoint Don Wiltfong and Rich Leber to the Redevelopment Commission, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
  - ii. Council President Ryfa appointed Susan Schaub, Rich Miller and Bob Kurtz to the Redevelopment Commission
- i. Council President Ryfa made the following appointments:
  - i. Plan Commission: Council Members Larry Ballah, Stan Dobosz and Rick Ryfa
  - ii. Army Corps/Flood Control: Council Member Glen Gaby
  - iii. Cable TV Consortium: Council Member Stan Dobosz
  - iv. US Census: Council Member Glen Gaby

v. Downtown Revitalization Committee was tabled.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Board of Public Works
  - a. Election of Officers
    - i. Board Member George Jerome nominated Rick Ryfa as president, nomination second by Member Glen Gaby. There were no other nominations. Ryfa approved unanimously.
    - ii. Board President Rick Ryfa nominated Glen Gaby as vice president, second by Member Pat Schaadt. There were no other nominations. Gaby approved unanimously.
  - b. Board President Rick Ryfa moved to appoint Member George Jerome to the Lake County Solid Waste District Management Board, second by Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
  - c. Board President Rick Ryfa stated that the board will be reviewing and modifying the Street Maintenance Plan prior to the 2014 construction season
  - d. Board President Rick Ryfa announced that the Board of Public Works would be on the Town Council agenda the first meeting of every quarter and at other council meetings as necessary.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Lee Olson, 1951 Westfield Ct expressed concerns about the revised FEMA maps and offered to participate in any meetings where the revisions are discussed.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 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 2014-04

### A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith under order of the Department of Local Government Finance is required to make adjustments to the Budget of the Town of Griffith for 2014.

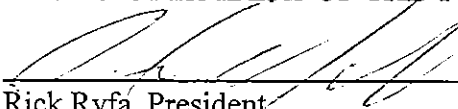
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby adjustments in the following appropriation of funds as follows:

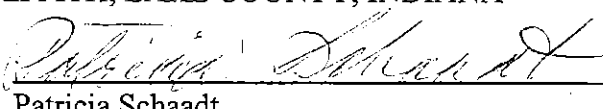
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304001580	2009 G. O. Bond	Bond Interest	-\$370
305001580	2010 G. O. Bond	Bond Interest	-\$121
306001583	Building Corporation	Lease Principal	\$6,400
308001580	Sanitary Sewer Bond	Bond Interest	-\$232
308001580	Sanitary Sewer Bond	Trustee Fee	-\$500
317001580	Storm Bond	Bond Interest	-\$712
737001111	Police Pension	Retired Police	-\$17,492
737001113	Police Pension	Dependent	-\$17,108
737001121	Police Pension	Death Benefit	-\$50,000
737001134	Police Pension	Death Benefit	<u>\$5,927</u>
			-\$74,208

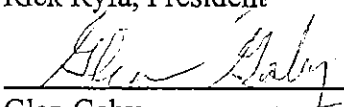
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

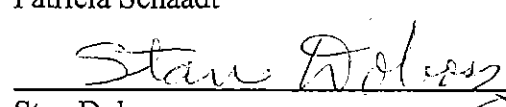
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

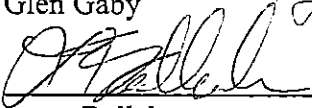
#### COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

  
Rick Ryfa, President

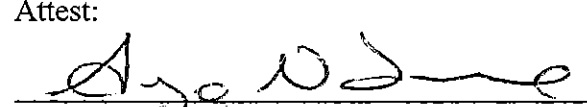
  
Patricia Schaadt

  
Glen Gaby

  
Stan Dobosz

  
Larry Ballah

Attest:

  
George N. Jerome  
Clerk-Treasurer

## RESOLUTION 2014-05

### A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith finds that in order to defend itself from legal actions taken by the Hammond Sanitary District due to quantities of storm water that must be treated as sewage during significant rain events, and;

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary to investigate alternative providers of sewage which will cause the Town to incur substantial legal expenses, and;

**WHEREAS**, Storm Capital has sufficient appropriations that can be transferred to pay such legal expenses;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following transfer of apportions be made:

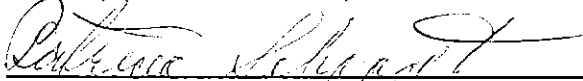
From Appropriation #	To Appropriation #
631001464 - STORM Misc Capital \$350,000	630001311 - STORM Legal \$350,000

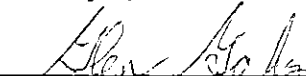
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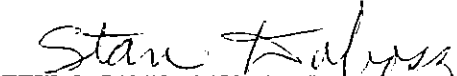
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

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

  
Rick Ryfa, President


  
Patricia Schaad

  
Glen Gaby

  
Stan Dobosz

  
Larry Ballah

Attest:

  
George Njerome  
Clerk-Treasurer