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September 17, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Glen Gaby called the September 17, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Jeffrey Gang – Operations Lieutenant
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Rick Konopasek – Public Works Director
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to adopt the minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No. 2690– 2901 in the amount of \$1,191,451.58 (one million, one hundred ninety-one thousand, four hundred fifty-one dollars and fifty-eight cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. There will be a public hearing regarding the 2014 budget at Town Hall on Tuesday September 24th at 5:00 p.m. A study session will follow
- b. The October 1, 2013 Council meeting has been cancelled.
- c. There will be a council study session on Tuesday October 8th at 5:00 p.m.
- d. The next council meeting will be Tuesday October 15th at 6:30 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting and one to follow if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Jennifer Smith, representing Enbridge Energy described the water disposal project currently taking place. She stated that there were approximately 100 trucks over each 12 hour period hauling away the 29 million gallons of water that were used to hydrostatically test their pipeline. Because the water originally came from Lake Superior, the terms of the Great Lakes Compact require that the water be returned to the Great Lakes. She stated that the water was treated on site at Enbridge's Griffith facility and then trucked to the Gary Sanitary District's plant where it could be returned to Lake Michigan via the Grand Calumet River.

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Community Policing Committee – No Report
3. Board of Public Works – No Report
4. Director of Public Works – No Report
5. Police – No Report.
6. Fire – Chief Schoon reported that the Public Safety Extravaganza was a success and thanked all who participated. He noted that the Fire Department will host an open house from noon to 4:00 pm on October 13th.
7. 911 Committee – The St John proposal for a 2nd PSAP as permitted by state law is being reviewed

8. Pending Items

- a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve a Project Management Agreement from Robinson Engineering to supervise the televising of storm and sanitary sewers along Main Street, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to approve a proposal from McGrath Consulting Group to update the Town's Emergency Management Plan for a cost not-to-exceed \$4950 plus defined incidental expenses, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Resolution 2013-23: A Resolution Regarding the Receipt and Disbursement of Funds Received from Enbridge Energy, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
3. Council member Larry Ballah introduced on first reading, Ordinance 2013-24: An Ordinance Adjusting Trash Collection Rates
4. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to approve Resolution 2013-25: A Resolution Transferring Appropriations within the General Fund, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- The following residents spoke in regard to the truck traffic on Main Street and Cline Avenue:

- 1) Chris Garastic, 727 N Cline
- 2) Susan Dowlin, 730 N Cline
- 3) Robin Szaflarski, 702 N Cline
- 4) Alice Lopez, 718 W Main
- 5) Lonnie Jansen 706 W Main
- 6) Jeff Jarmakowicz, 328 N Cline
- 7) Gabby Baxter, 746 N Cline
- 8) Connie Hess, 141 N Lillian
- 9) Richard Brill, 407 N Cline
- 10) Dale Hess, 141 N Lillian
- 11) John Sowinski, 1146 N Lafayette
- 12) Margaret Garastic, 727 N Cline
- 13) Robert Medrano, 643 N Cline
- 14) Julie Bonnema, 246 W Elm


Numerous issues were raised and complaints voiced. Many dealt with the poor communications, concern about damage to roads and homes, safety, especially of children. Several questioned why alternative routes were not considered or used.

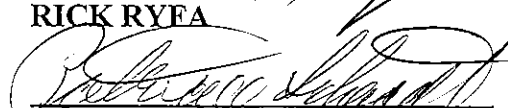
There being no further business to come before this Council; the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p. m.

TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF GRIFFITH



GLEN GABY


LAWRENCE BALLAH


RICK RYFA


PATRICIA SCHAADT


GEORGE N. JEROME
CLERK TREASURER


STAN DOBOSZ

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 62. SOLID WASTE ARTICLE III COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL DIVISION III FEES SECTION 62-91 RESIDENTIAL PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF FEES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH

WHEREAS, the Town of Griffith provides for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recyclables by private hauling contract; and

WHEREAS, rates charged by said private hauler are scheduled to increase annually in accordance with the current contract; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Griffith Sanitation Department provides additional services such as collection and disposal of branches and miscellaneous yard waste, leaf vacuuming, etc; and

WHEREAS, the current collection charges are inadequate to provide these services to the persons served within the Town of Griffith; and

WHEREAS, the imposition and collection of fees for the collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish is deemed to be a fair and equitable method of providing for the required additional funds needed for the continuation of these services

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, Chapter 62. Solid Waste Article III Collection and Disposal Division III Fees Section 62-91 Residential is hereby amended as follows:

- (A) Residential: The collection fee for each single-family residential dwelling unit, whether a single family or a family unit of a two-family dwelling shall be:
 - (1) \$17.25 per month from December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2014.
 - (2) \$17.75 per month from December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015.
 - (3) \$18.25 per month from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016
- (B) Billing period: The fees shall be payable monthly and shall be billed, whenever practical to do so, with the regular utility department billing for water, sewer and other charges. Rates are effective December 1, 2013.
- (C) Responsibility for payment of Fees:
 - (1) All collection fees exacted hereby shall attach to the premises served as well as to the occupant thereof. The owner of rental premises shall remain responsible for the payment of all bills rendered for services supplied to such premises.
 - (2) Unpaid bills may be collected by certification to the Auditor of Lake County as delinquent utility bills are collected pursuant to Indiana Law.

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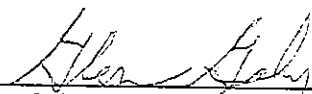
(D) Senior Citizen Discount:


- (1) Any resident owner of a single family residential dwelling or a family unit of a two-family dwelling who is 65 years of age or older upon establishing proof of ownership, proof the utility bill is in the senior's name, proof of age and filling out and executing an application requesting a senior citizen discount shall be entitled to a \$2.00 per month discount on the collection fees. An application requesting a discount shall be available at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- (2) In the event the senior citizen is a renter and not the owner of the property, the senior citizen must submit proof of residency by producing a current real estate lease naming the senior citizen as a tenant/lessee.
- (3) Only one senior citizen discount shall apply to a residence and the applicant must be a full-time resident of the dwelling for at least nine (9) months of the calendar year and the utilities for said residence shall be in the name of the senior citizen.

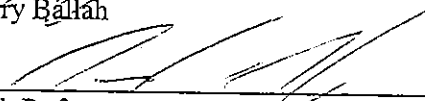
~~Any and all such Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict~~
with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana
this 15th day of October, 2013.

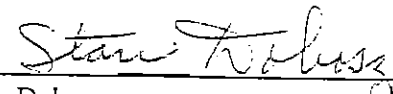
COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF
GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA


Glen Gaby, President



Larry Ballah


Rick Ryfa


Patricia Schaad


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Attest:


George Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer