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**July 2, 2013**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Glen Gaby called the July 2, 2013 meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Glen Gaby  
Pat Schaadt  
Stan Dobosz

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Claims No. 1825 – 1927 in the amount of \$674,800.76 (six hundred seventy-four thousand, eight hundred dollars and seventy-six 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. The next council meeting will be Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 before the meeting and one to follow if necessary.
- b. There will not be a council study session on Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>
- c. Former Griffith Fire Chief George Thiel will be the Grand Marshall at the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. NONE

**REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – Griffith's application for funds to connect the Oak-Savannah Trail to the Erie-Lackawanna Trail through the Oak Ridge Prairie has been approved.
2. Community Policing Committee – No Report
3. Board of Public Works – No Report
4. Director of Public Works – Trash pick-up will be delayed one day due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.
5. Police – The Police Department has created a Facebook page
6. Fire – The Annual Fireman's Dance and Raffle is scheduled for Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> at Central Station – 6:00 pm - Midnight
7. 911 Committee – No Report
8. Pending Items – The Central Market has been successful – Council Member Rick Ryfa stated that the success is due primarily to the work of the volunteers. He specifically thanked Market Manager Kathy Ruesken, Volunteer Mike Kitzmiller and Council Woman Pat Schaadt for their tireless efforts.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. NONE

## B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Resolution 2013-13: A Resolution by the Town Council of the Town Of Griffith Authorizing the Payment of Fines, Penalties and/or Taxes Related to Non-Compliance with the Affordable Care Act, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Pat Schaadt introduced on 1<sup>ST</sup> reading Ordinance 2013-15: An Ordinance Amending Town Code Chapter 78 Utilities, Article III. Sewer Service Division 5 Rates and Charges, Section 78-179(f)
3. Council Member Rick Ryfa introduced on 1<sup>ST</sup> reading Ordinance 2013-16: An Ordinance Amending Town Code Chapter 78 Utilities, Article II. Water, Division 2 Connection and Use, Sections 78-58, 78-59(b) and 78-71(5)

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Karl Grimmer, 724 Forest Ave asked that the town consider repairs to the 700 block of Forest as well as the 1800 and 1900 blocks of W Ash
- Connie Hess, 141 S Lillian again discussed problems with Enbridge construction vehicles, dust and congestion. Enbridge had responded to her but she is not satisfied with the explanation they provided in writing. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to have Attorney Torrenga review the materials sent to Ms Hess and report back to the council. The motion also requires Building Commissioner Andonov to provide a written summary of the contacts and discussions he has had with Ms Hess and Enbridge regarding this matter, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
- Mike Kitzmiller, 121 N Raymond asked about the branch pick-up schedule

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

  
GEORGE N. JEROME  
CLERK TREASURER

  
STAN DOBOSZ