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**May 21, 2013**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Glen Gaby called the May 21, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Glen Gaby  
Pat Schaadt  
Stan Dobosz

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the April 23, 2013 special meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Claims No. 1297 - 1496 in the amount of \$809,532.78 (eight hundred nine thousand, five hundred thirty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next council meeting will be Tuesday June 4<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 be a council study session on Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.
- c. Memorial Day Services will be held May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Congressman Visclosky will participate.
- d. Representative Hal Slager will hold a Legislative Forum May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. Representative Slager spoke about the town's effort over the past six years in working with the legislature. He described HB 1585 as good legislation that will benefit all residents of Calumet Township, not just Griffith residents. Council Member Stan Dobosz thanked Representative Slager and led the applause for his efforts.

**REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Community Policing Committee held an organizational meeting and plan to meet quarterly to address issues throughout the town. A decision will be formalized to name the committee – Community Policing Cooperative Committee was suggested (CPCC)
3. Board of Public Works – A preliminary Road Repair Plan was developed but needs additional information for a proposed Main Street project
4. Director of Public Works – The Cline Ave Storm Water project continues and is on track to be completed by the end of June. Weather may delay completion.
5. Police – Bicycles have been repaired and bike patrols will be starting soon
6. Fire – Chief Schoon is attending an Honor Flight ceremony in Schererville
7. 911 Committee – Waiting for additional action by Lake County

**8. Pending Items**

- a. Consent Decree – Attorney Schwerd explained that the Town has reached a tentative agreement to settle a sexual discrimination complaint. The Safety Board has approved the agreement and the council is aware of the terms. If the council approves the agreement, it will need final approval by the EEOC. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to authorize Council President Gaby to sign the agreement on behalf of the council, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to change the Town's medical insurance Third Party Administrator (TPA) effective with the renewal June 1<sup>st</sup>, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to authorize the expenditure of \$24,950 from CN Economic Development Funds to paint the train cars at the Griffith Historical Society, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. NONE

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bids for the work at the Franklin Center were opened, There were four bidders:

COMPANY	LOCATION	BASE BID	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3
Gariup Construction Co, Inc.	Gary, IN	\$168,300	\$19,500	\$15,500	\$119,000
Precision Builders, Inc	Gary, IN	\$149,900	\$15,250	\$10,000	\$110,000
Hasse Construction Co, Inc.	Calumet City, IL	\$166,500	\$15,700	\$14,600	\$122,900
Gough, Inc	Merrillville, IN	\$164,338	\$14,465	\$13,352	\$122,415

Council Member Larry Ballah moved to have the bids reviewed by Attorney Schwerd, the Building Commissioner and himself for a final recommendation to the council, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED

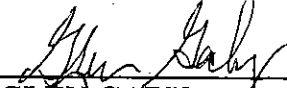
2. Council Member Rick Ryfa presented an Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Griffith and Grand Truck Corporation (CN Railroad) allowing the reallocation of \$500,000 from Environmental Mitigation Funds to Vehicle Safety Equipment and moved to approve the Amendment and authorize Council President to sign the document., second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
3. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve Resolution 2013-11: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
4. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Resolution 2013-12: A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Joseph Kras, 1215 Sawgrass spoke about construction debris and problems with dirt and dust in the Trail Creek Subdivision.

**There being no further business to come before this Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.**

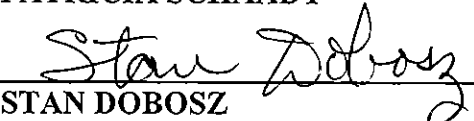
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