

AUGUST 15, 2017

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the August 1, 2017 meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Council Member Tony Hobson read the names of Police Officers killed in the line of duty:
Police Officer Gary Lee Michael Jr., Clinton Police Department, MO

ROLL CALL:

James Marker – Absent
Larry Ballah -
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

John C. Volkmann- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police -
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Benjamin Fryman– Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief -
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief -
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Melissa Robbins moved to adopt the minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 13321 – 13628, in the amount of \$1,806,268.83 (One million, eight-hundred and six thousand, two hundred sixty-eight dollars and eighty-three cents.) A motion to approve the claims as read was made by Council Member Tony Hobson, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00pm. A Study Session will be held at 6:30pm before the meeting and one will follow if necessary. There will be a study session on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 7:00pm in Town Hall.
2. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday August 22, 2017 6:30pm, there will be a Study Session at 6:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

Public Works – Director of Public Works Rick Konopasek gave the following updates. The paving of 45th Ave. has been completed except for striping from Cline Ave to Forest. Some of the manholes in that area need to be adjusted. The connector trail between the Oak Savannah Trail and the Erie Lakawanna Trail is almost completed some concrete and grading work still needs to be done. He also advised that the bids for the Cline Ave. Pump Station have been reviewed and it has been recommended by the Town Consulting Engineering Firm of Lawson-Fisher to award the contract to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., their low base bid was \$697,750.00. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to award the Cline Ave. Pump Station bid to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried.

Police – No Report

Fire – Fire Chief Roy Schoon said thank you for all of the support from the Town for the recent Fire Fest at Central Park.

PENDING ITEMS:

1. TOWNSHIP ISSUES:

- a. Calumet Township Secession update: Council President Rick Ryfa advised that the Town is waiting to see what happens with the pending Court issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

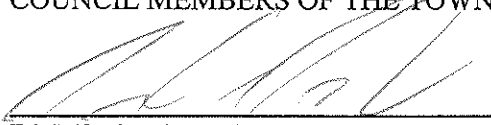
- a. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to publish the Request for Proposals for Ambulance/EMS service in the Town, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried.

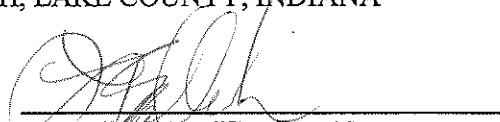
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

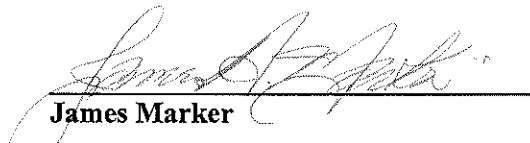
- a. Laura Gaby asked what was going to happen to the old playground equipment from Central Park. She was advised that the equipment would be utilized at other park facilities.
- b. Marylyn Glinski asked if it was possible to put left turn arrows at the intersection of Main St. and Broad St. Public Works Director Rick Konopasek advised that a proposal for an engineering study for that work was recently received and was under review.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

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


Rick Ryfa – President


Larry Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: John C. Volkmann
Clerk Treasurer