

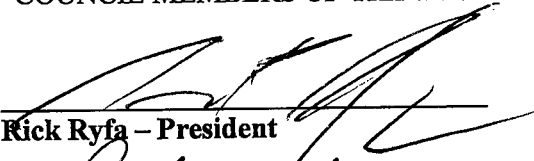
Don McCarter, 3 months ago he finally got around to reading his water meter. He was so far ahead being overestimated. Asked about people that are lazy and not looking at their bills, can you put that on the water bills, a lot of people are going to get a huge bill that have been estimated. Council President Rick Ryfa stated it will be posted on the Informer.

Council Member Tony Hobson stated the people that are looking at their bills are calling in their readings. Council President Rick Ryfa stated at the Water Board meeting in 2 weeks there will be plan put in place for people to make payment arrangements and everything is done proper. We will be looking at the Ordinance to see what we can charge and not charge.

Tim Diamond: Regarding the events, he assumes there is a form for the venders, not to sell glass, we have had issues with breaking glass, on the slides. Asking to make sure there is no glass from the venders. Council President Rick Ryfa stated they will make sure the venders are aware.

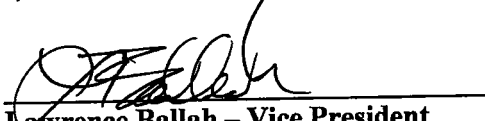
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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

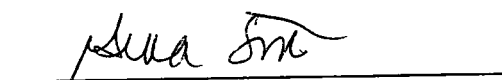

Rick Ryfa – President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

Dollars of the work that was completed of which we received over 4 Million dollars from the state. Motion Carried.

4. **Salary Ordinance 2022-01:** This is an increase for our much-appreciated crossing guards and also for a Part time Social Worker, Council Member James Marker made a motion to suspend the rules to implement these changes immediately, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Roll Call, all in favor, Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2022-01, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
 5. **Board and Commission Re-Appointments:** We have a number of boards that the appointments are coming due: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to reappoint all of the following: **Board of Zoning Appeals:** Carl Kus, **Parks and Recreation Board:** Dan Perez, **Economic Development Commission:** Tom Wichlinski, John Mowery, **Redevelopment Commission:** Rich Miller, **Safety Board:** Philip Vehey, **Water Board:** Rick Ryfa, Larry Ballah, Tony Hobson, James Marker, Melissa Robbins, **Finance Committee:** Rick Ryfa, Larry Ballah, Tony Hobson, James Marker, Melissa Robbins, **Board of Public Works:** Rick Ryfa, Larry Ballah, Tony Hobson, James Marker, Melissa Robbins, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Council Member Tony Hobson amended his motion, adding Jeff Bridges to the **Economic Development Commission** and removing John Mowery, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried. The 3rd member for the Economic Commission is appointed by Lake County.
 6. **Request for Proposals for Architectural Services for New PD/Town Hall:** With our new Police Department and Town Hall we need architectural services. Council Member James Marker made a motion that we send out a request for proposal for the architectural services for the new Town Hall/ Pd, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
 7. **Town Employee COVID Policy:** We have been discussing and need updates to that from what was previously, we followed federal guidelines as well CDC guidelines, we are putting together a final draft in the next few days and will be issuing to our employees. Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a motion. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion that we authorize Council President Rick Ryfa to update the COVID policy whenever we are prepared to do so, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Council President Rick Ryfa stated this will be circulated to all Department Heads and make sure everyone is on the same page and we will send out as soon as the attorneys review, Motion Carried.
- Attorney Sheri Bradtke McNeil corrected Clerk Treasurer Gina Smith acts as secretary by statue for the Town Council, not Council Member Melissa Robbins
 - Council Member James Marker wanted to commend our Public Works Department for the outstanding job they did with the cleanup of our streets after the snowfall! Well done Andy!! Thank you.
- **PENDING ITEMS:**
 1. **Sidewalk replacement Program:** No Report
 2. **Airport Advisory Committee:** No Report
 3. **Hammond Water Works:** No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT:

other item is bus service will also be available for any resident, for shopping or medical services. Mr. Santos has been invited to one of our meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

- **Director of Public Works** – No Report.
- **Police** – Vest Member Ken Cayhill passed away, he has been with us since August. He was very dedicated and will be missed, we thank him for his service and our sympathy for his family. Also, a Vest Member was injured today, Wally Klabo was directing traffic and he was struck by a car.
- **Fire** – No Report
- **Building Commissioner** – No Report
- **Finance Report** – No Report, Council President Rick Ryfa stated we will get into this report at the next meeting. Gina and I had met with our financial consultants in December, we received a pretty good grade, so we are starting off the new year in an excellent financial position. Hats off to all the Department heads who controlled the spending and those in the Clerk's office and everyone else that has managed their spending. Good News.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Tim Diamond asked item number 2, Council President Rick Ryfa stated that would be the normal town sponsored events such as Blues Fest, the Market, Rock and Rail, and Oktoberfest etc. It is written in the Ordinance that the Town Council must give permission to hold those events annually and allow the alcohol in those areas.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **PD/Town Hall Evaluation Committee:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to appoint Barry Edwards to the PD/Town Hall Evaluation Committee, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Council President Rick Ryfa stated this committee will be evaluating later in the agenda the public bids we are requesting for architectural services and make a recommendation to the Town Council. Motion Carried.
2. **Permission to hold events and sell alcohol:** The 2022 Events: The Griffith Central Market will be held every Friday 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm from May 20th - September 16th, Broad Street Blues & BBA Festival June 24th – 26th, Symphony in the Park, August 6th, Rock N Rail Music & Street Festival, September 1st – 4th, and Oktoberfest October 7th – 9th. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the Town sanctions events and to sell alcohol at the Market, Bluesfest, Rock N Rail and Oktoberfest, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Council Member Melissa Robbins made an amendment to allow the viewers to bring their alcohol into the park for the symphony, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
3. **2021-2 CCMG Advertisement to Bid:** We have an advertisement to bid for the 2021-2 Road resurfacing projects here in Town. Description of the work is proposals will be received is for surfacing milling, full- depth pavement patching and placement of new HMA surface asphalt, ADA curb ramps, and striping various streets within the Town of Griffith. We are doing this as part of CCMG program, where we get 50% matching grant. This will go out to contractors for bids. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to advertise and to allow our Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the Advertisement, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Council President Rick Ryfa stated this is for the matching Grants provided by the State, this will put our total to over 8 Million

January 4, 2022

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the January 4, 2022 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Police Officer Keona Holley
Deputy Sheriff Sean Riley
Sergeant Marlene Rittmanic
Trooper John Horton

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Sheri Bradtke McNeil – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. Nomination for President:

Council Member Tony Hobson nominated Council Member Rick Ryfa for President. No other nominations, nominations closed., all in favor, Motion Carried.

2. Nomination for Vice President:

Council Member James Marker nominated Council Member Larry Ballah for Vice President. No other nominations, nominations closed, all in favor, Motion Carried.

3. Nomination for Secretary:

Council Member Tony Hobson nominated Council Member Melissa Robbins for Secretary. No other nominations, nominations closed, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims # 36932-36948 \$380,465.19 Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow if necessary.
2. There will be a Water Board Meeting, Finance Committee, and Board of Public Works Meeting also on January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
3. As of January 1, 2022, we are no longer in Calumet Township, we are now in North Township. Once we find out more information regarding taxes we will announce. As of now all Township services would be provided by North Township. Council President Rick Ryfa has spoken with Adrian Santos the trustee, he has welcomed Griffith with open arms. They have offered some services last year, some reduced prices for golf, splash pad. The