



TOWN OF GRIFFITH PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD

111 N. Broad Street, Griffith, IN 46319

Meeting Minutes March 6, 2025

The Griffith Safety Board was called to order by Chairman Jerome at 6:31 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in Attendance

George Jerome
Elizabeth Goral
RoAnn Purgert
Phil Vechey
Sue Katona

Griffith Safety Board Chairman
Griffith Safety Board Vice Chairman – **Absent**
Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Griffith Safety Board Member
Griffith Safety Board Member – **Absent**

Rick Ryfa
Melissa Robbins
Albert Tharp
Roy Schoon
Michael Andree, Jr.
Brian Bott

Town Council Police Department Liaison
Town Council Fire Department Liaison – **Absent**
Chief, Griffith Police Department
Chief, Griffith Fire Department
Deputy Chief, Griffith Fire Department
Legal Counsel, Burke Costanza & Carberry

The following items were discussed:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

PSB Member Vechey made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2025 Public Safety Board Regular Meeting as presented.
PSB Member Purgert seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3 – 0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements made at tonight's meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

1. Griffith Police Department

Chief Tharp read the monthly report for January 2025.

2. **Griffith Fire Department**

Fire Chief Schoon read the monthly report for January 2025.

3. **Griffith F.O.P. Lodge #161**

There was no representative present tonight from Griffith F.O.P. Lodge #161.

4. **VEST**

Chief Tharp read the monthly VEST report for February 2025. Total volunteer hours for February 2025 were 736.75. The Top Volunteer was Mike Andree, Sr. with 258.5 hours. Honorable Mentions go to Tom Gindl (243.5 hours), Ruth Gindl (88.0 hours), and Fermin Lopez (65.0 hours). There are currently 13 volunteers (8 male, 5 female).

5. **Town Council Liaison**

Town Council Liaison Ryfa advised there was nothing to report at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters of "Old Business."

NEW BUSINESS

1. Griffith Police Department seeks permission to sell 19 used tasers.
2. Griffith Police Department seeks permission to sell a used sniper rifle and scope.

Chairman Jerome advised these two (2) items involved used equipment the Police Department was seeking permission to sell. Attorney Bott stated he spoke with Attorney Estrada on these matters, and they are requesting a continuance on these two (2) agenda items as they feel a need to look further into the rules and regulations to be followed for this type of equipment sale.

PSB Member Jerome made a motion to continue both Items 1 and 2 above until the next meeting.
PSB Member Vechey seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3 – 0.

3. Griffith Police Department seeks approval and adoption of the following Griffith Police Department's:
 - a. Policy 508 – Traffic Procedures
 - b. Policy 609 – Collection and Preservation of Evidence Procedure
 - c. Policy 610 – Forensic Genetic Genealogy
 - d. Policy 808 – Cybersecurity
 - e. Policy 904 – Prisoner Transportation
 - f. Policy 1034 – Recruitment Plan
 - g. Policy 1035 – Drug and Alcohol Screening Procedures

PSB Member Jerome made a motion to approve and adopt Griffith Police Department's policies listed above as Item a. through g. above as written.
PSB Member Purgert seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3 – 0.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no Questions/Comments from the floor.

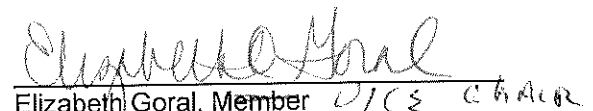
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.


George Jerome, Chairman


Philip Vechev, Vice Chairman MEMBER


RoAnn Purgert, Secretary


Elizabeth Goral, Member VICE CHAIR


Sue Katona, Member

Minutes Prepared By:


Joan Kolodziej, Recording Secretary