

May 1, 2023

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the May 1, 2023, meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Various Funds \$876,294.41 Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 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. The May 2nd meeting is cancelled due to the election.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Park Full of Art:** July 15th 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, July 16th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Requesting to hang banners along Broad Street and other locations around Town. Requesting a donation from the Town to help with the cost of advertising. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow the hanging of the banners and a donation of \$500.00 from the Tourism fund to Park full of Art, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner - No Report
- Finance Report – No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Butler Fairman & Seufert: Reder Road Construction Inspection Supplemental Agreement No. 1, for additional CE Services for Glenwood Avenue water Main Reder Road water Main Project. On August 23, 2022, the Owner approved a change order to the construction contract in the amount of \$129,266.00 to add water main replacement on Glenwood Avenue, and therefore to initiate the added Construction Inspection Services for the project, the parties agree that the October 18, 2016 agreement be modified by this Supplemental Agreement No. 1; therefore, the compensation for this work shall be increased by an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, Council Member Jim Marker made a motion approving Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the Supplemental Agreement No. 1; seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

2. Butler Fairman & Seufert: Erie Lackawanna Trail Supplemental Agreement No. 2: The Town of Griffith Erie Lackawanna Broad Street Trailhead and Alley Improvements: We have a list of scopes of work and exhibit A, some of which have increased, some of which have decreased. They are all to offset so now therefore to initiate the amended and design services for the projects, the parties agree that the Original Agreement No. 1 be further modified by this Supplemental Agreement No. 2; therefore, the total lump sum compensation for this work shall remain the same and the not to exceed fees shall remain the same and the overall total fee shall remain the same. A summary of fees is noted in Exhibit A. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 and authorize President Rick Ryfa to sign, seconded by Council Member, Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

3. Butler Fairman & Seufert: Change Order # 5 Central Park Phase 2: Adding sod, total amount \$1,640.00, changing the contract to \$1,250,090.32, Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve this change order, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Ryfa stated all this simply does instead of using seed they are going to sod, for a small amount of price, that is a good deal, all in favor, Motion Carried.

4. Butler Fairman & Seufert: Change Order #2 Sidewalk Replacement Program Contract A: This is for Milestone Contractors North, patching the sidewalk four inch to changing the unit price to \$125.00, the original contract price \$12,195,720.00, current contract price adjusted by previous change order to \$12,247,020.00. The new contract price including this change order will be \$12,247,020.00. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve change order # 2, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

5. Ordinance 2023-13: An Ordinance Amending Town Ordinance 2021-38 establishing a 176 Fund-ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and all matters Related thereto. All funds allocated to the Town from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under this 176 Fund shall be used by the Town pursuant to Plan A attached hereto and marked Exhibit A by reference and in compliance with Section 603 © of the ARP. This being an Ordinance Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, roll call taken, all in favor, rules suspended, Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to adopt Amending Ordinance No. 2023-13, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried. Ryfa stated we have money left over from the original projects, which we used to fund the water meter replacement program and the water main extension by Reder Road area, so this allows us to spend it on other funds.


Council President Rick Ryfa stated if you have driven off the highway or down Cline Avenue you see a mess right now, that is not from Griffith, that is INDOT, Andy Raab, our public works Director is not here today but we will ask him to inquire to the traffic plan is and if that will change anytime soon.

Pending Items: NONE

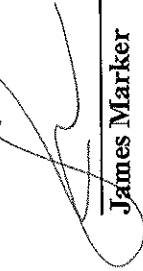
Public Comment: NONE

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned to 7:14p.m.

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


Rick Kyfa - President


Lawrence Ballah - Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

