

# December 30, 2024

## TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the December 30, 2024, meeting to order at 1:07 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 - Absent

#### ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer  
Greg Mance – Chief of Police - Absent  
Building Commissioner  
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 December 17, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS: COMMUNICATIONS:

#### 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:

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FOP Contract:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt the FOP Contract seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.
2. **Appointment of Police Chief:** Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to appoint Al Tharp effective January 10, 2025, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, motion carried.  
**Resolution 2024-15: Transfer Appropriations year end clean up:** Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to continue this item seconded, by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

### PENDING ITEMS: NONE

Public Comment: NONE

*Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a motion to recess and re convene at 5:30 pm, motion moved by Council Member Jim Marker, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.*

The meeting recessed at 1:15 pm.

The Town Council meeting re convened at 5:45 pm.

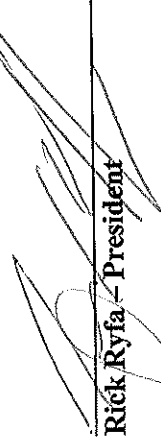
**Claims:** Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims including corrections \$5,005,412.73, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**New Business:**

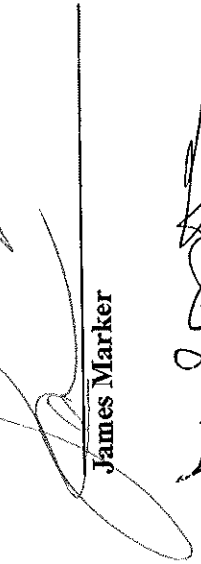
- 3. Resolution 2024-15: Transfer Appropriations year end clean up:**  
Council Member Tony Hobson made to approve, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.

The Town Council Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

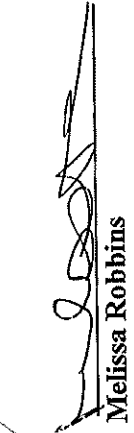
COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

  
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Rick Ryfa - President

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Lawrence Ballah -- Vice President

  
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James Marker

  
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Tony Hobson

  
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Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

  
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Melissa Robbins