

March 21, 2017

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council President, Warren Schacht, led us with the Pledge of Allegiance via conference. Ms. Heath, Council Member not in attendance.

Special Guest: Milorad Milatovic, Water Reclamation Superintendant. He wanted to talk to the town council as well as the residents on how to get tied into water and sewer. Mr. Milatovic indicated that Mr. Michael Kuss would be doing the presentation however he is running late at a meeting in Michigan City. Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President asked if there were any type of financial aid for this endeavor. Mr. Milatovic responded by saying "Yes" the state has an interest in facilitating this for our town. The SRF (State Revolving Loan Fund Program) will be involved with assisting both the Town of Trail Creek as well as Pottawattamie Park. He was also asked to mention the Trail Creek Watershed Group; the group meets monthly at the LaPorte County Visitors Center to discuss issues that affect water quality in Trail Creek. The watershed program plan was updated last in 2006. Mr. Kuss has asked that the Town of Trail Creek assign a person to attend these meetings. Mr. Milatovic asked if he could leave a few copies of the plan for review and he will also be happy to email in a PDF file if someone would like. Mr. Schacht, Council President thanked Mr. Milatovic for coming into our meeting.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes from February 2017 as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund Mr. Silcox made a motion to accept the February 2017 Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to pay bills in the amount of \$55,159.59 (FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY NINE CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Invoice request for payment from Michiana Construction in the amount of \$30,000.00. Mr. Studtman asked to clarify the amount owed. Ms. Denham stated the amount owed is \$24,950.00, plus any change orders approved by council. Mr. Schacht asked what the percentage complete on the renovation is. Marshal Dick stated that he believed the project was 80-85% complete.

Correspondence: None

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle, MS4 Coordinator not in attendance. Mr. Doyle indicated that the action taken at the last MS4 meeting was that they are putting together a video of the MS4 group. This should be available by the next meeting.

Attorney: Attorney Mark Woodcox in for Attorney Herrbach with nothing to report at this time.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle in attendance.

- Hwy 20 Project: Mr. Doyle indicated that he received a phone call from Ms. Amber Thomas with INDOT, they will be having a meeting soon regarding the project and the Hydraulic Drainage Study along Hwy 20. He stated he has no meeting date as of yet, however a member of council should attend as well.
- Bids for the relocation water mains will be taken on April 10, 2017. Should have a contractor on sight by May 15, 2017. Mr. Studtman asked which lines will be relocated. Mr. Doyle responded by saying they are moving the line on the south side that was built in 2011. Moving it backwards and salvaging any materials we can. On the north side of plaza (Memo's to Frosty Boy) that line will be abandoned and a new one will be put in behind it. (15-18ft) Then, there will be an extension behind Frosty Boy. Mr. Studtman asked if there will be any kind of disruption in the water service. Mr. Doyle indicated that for a few hours there will be. Council President, Warren Schacht asked if all of the business and property owners have been notified about this project. Mr. Woodcox responded by saying that anyone who has questions, could potentially contact Bill Herrbach's office.
- Preliminary Engineering Study done on the Melody/Rainbow Trail storm line the estimate will be about \$150,000- \$160,000.00 range to put the storm line in. Mr. Doyle advised that we wait on this project until the state is done with their project. Ms. Denham indicated that there has been no date set as of yet for the INDOT Cross Matching Grant.
- 2017 Street Improvement Projects: Mr. Doyle asks that we make a decision sooner than later. Ms. Denham, indicated that the town does have \$190,000.00 to spend on street improvements projects. Mr. Schacht stated we will table under next month when we have more direction.

Street Department: Mr. Jeff Bruder, Street Commissioner in attendance.

- Dead-limbed Nelson Park, on the SW ball diamonds. The eastside will be done hopefully before baseball begins, if funds permit.
- Picking up sticks, limbs and branches currently.
- Leaf pick up will begin April 17 and run through April 28.
- Generator: Current Electric will be putting in the generator in the next few weeks. He would like to pour a concrete pad to get the generator off the ground. (6x6 pad) When the old generator is removed, there will be a break in power for the entire complex, possibly a day where the town hall may have to close for the

day. This break in power will also happen when they put the new generator in. Mr. Schacht asked if the power is out can Coolspring Fire get into the Bay if needed. Mr. Bruder stated that the man door has a code that's battery operated.

- Park Board Meeting; Jeff would like to attend the next meeting. He indicated he has some ideas as to beautify the parks. He would also like to get the tennis courts and the basketball courts stripped and sealed. Also, he would like to put a handicap friendly ramp for accessibility as well as new picnic tables.
- Bay 3 Garage had been kicked up to 75 degrees, and should really be kept down. He turned it down to 60 degrees. Perhaps a lock box on the thermostat.

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: Mr. Scott Silcox; Liaison for the park board indicated that there is still a need for one more volunteer person on the park board. If anyone is interested please contact the town hall for more information. Mr. Silcox stated that he would like to try and meet more often.

Building Inspector: Not in attendance

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance.

- TCPD Renovation: 80% complete. He asked that the council members come over after the meeting to see
- Old Copier: Will donate to a committee he is on that came about after the Michigan City Community Picnic. This committee will be getting their 501 3C
- New 2017 Ford Explorer: Getting away from the vinyl flooring and going to carpet with this new one. Also, getting a full back up system, this will increase the cost by about \$ 200.00. Marshal Dick indicated that he would have the full specifications next month. He reports that the White Tahoe will then be stripped down of its graphics and lights and sold to the public through sealed bids.
- Foot Patrols: Doing more foot patrols at night through the parks and streets. Please make sure to lock your car doors.
- LaPorte County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Michigan City and Trail Creek Police are coming to together to increase patrols along highway 20 in response to the recent rash of fatal accidents.
- Radar Trailer: The Marshal indicates that because this equipment is there, he has noticed a decrease in the speeds in a welcomed asset to the town.

Old Business:

- Purchase of Chipper: Council President, Warren Schacht talked about the whys and why not's of purchasing a chipper. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the purchase of a chipper would be a good purchase and would meet the towns needs. Mr. Bruder indicated that the chipper would be a Bandit Model 200 for \$26,168.40, and would be here in 6-8 weeks after order is placed. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to purchase the Bandit Model 200 Chipper for

\$26,168.40; motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

New Business:

- ACME Franchise Fee: Tabled until next month
- Change Order for Michiana Construction: Adding \$270.00 for additions to the restroom to the TCPD Renovation

Public Comment:

- Mrs. Jerraly Stark; 2109 Red Oak Drive: She indicated that she is enjoying the app Next Door to keep a connection with other Trail Creek Residents. She also indicated that she is glad that the town is utilizing the Radar Trailer.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Ms. Denham in attendance.

- Ms. Denham reported that since utilizing MCSI Collections in November 2016, the town has collected almost \$18,000.00 in past due refuse bills, and \$ 6000.00 in fees to collect. She indicated that she believes adding MSCI Collections has had an impact on lowering the amount owed.

Council Comment:

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Warren Schacht, Council President
Jennifer Heath, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
April 18, 2017