

March 15, 2022

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Mrs. Jennifer Heath, Council President led council in the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Kubik to approve the meeting minutes from February 2022 as written, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund Report: Clerk Treasurer, Joshleen M. Denham gave council the Fund Report for February 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the fund report, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and the motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Clerk Treasurer, Joshleen M. Denham gave copies of the bills to council for February 2022. Council Member, Scott Silcox asked what need to be done to the 2018 Dodge Charger, Marshal Dick responded by saying routine maintained and a core battery. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the bills as presented, motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek and then was unanimously carried.

Correspondence: None

MS4: Kate Doyle, MS4 Coordinator for the Town was not present however, Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer indicated that due to the changes to the MS4 Program, Ms. Doyle is recommending a workshop with council.

Attorney: Attorney Christopher Willoughby in attendance to discuss:

- Local Income Tax Ordinance # 2-+2022 was sent to Mayor Tom Dermondy's Attorney, Nick Otis of Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones LLP; as a show of support for the possible increase to the fund for the purposes of adding necessary monies for first responders.
- Redevelopment Commission: TIF District; Zoom meeting with Matt Reardon, Tony Rodriguez and Tim Haas, Town Engineer to discuss a proposal for services. Possible Workshop in the future.
- Baseball MOU: Approved with the following changes
 1. Parking Language
 2. Communication with Park District and Clerks office on the Rental of the park.

Council Member, Scott Silcox made a motion to approve the Baseball MOU as written, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and then was unanimously carried.

Engineer: Tim Haas, not in attendance. Council President, Jennifer Heath gave a short report:

- CCMG Grants will be announced in April 2022

Park: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Report: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- Possible Purchase of New Vehicle. He explained that police vehicles are very tough to get these days. He is working with LaPorte Chrysler for a 2022 Dodge Charger for \$ 38,000.00 no including the upfit which would be approximately an additional \$ 13,000.00 for a total of \$51,000.00. This cost does not include the graphics needed which may cost \$1000.00, however they may have some that could fit the new vehicle. It does not include the vehicle scanner either, which could run about \$400.00. Marshal Dick indicated that we do have (2) 2015 Ford Explorers both with high miles, a 2018 Dodge Charger and a 2019 Dodge Durango. He would like to keep all his fleet for the time being.

Clerk-Treasurer Ms. Denham indicated that she could find the annual lease/purchase price, however the upfit charge of \$ 13,000.00 would be difficult to find. She stated that it may be best to get the ARP funds in place and use some of those funds for the upfit. She also indicated the potential use of the LIT funds for this cost. Attorney Willoughby stated that even if the LIT increase is approved by County Council, the town would not receive the first installment until the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2023.

Attorney Willoughby indicated that the state may have other price options as well. Marshal Dick ran through what items come out of his capitol outlay, ammo is one of those costs including the lease payments, vests and other items.

- 2024 is the Town's 100th anniversary (the Town was incorporated in 1924) Marshal Dick would like to have a celebration and possibly the Clerk's office would like to take part in this. Ms. Denham stated that it would be nice for the town to acknowledge the milestone with the residents of the town.

Street Department: No Report

NIRPC: no report

Old Business:

- Employee Policy: Attorney Willoughby recommended hiring an HR professional, Pam Kruegar to assist and finalize the Employee Policy.
- 235 Harding; Attorney Willoughby to follow up on this property
- Refuse Accounts: Council Member, Peter Pizarek approved waiving the outstanding refuse for Hoppe Enterprise; 2811 Michigan Blvd in the amount of \$2538.53, minus the 33% fee that goes to collections, motion was seconded by Mr. Kubik and was then unanimously carried.
- Refuse Account: 235 Harding; Council would like to have the attorney look at the title of the property prior to agreeing to make any adjustments on the account.

New Business:

- ARP/Employee Policy meeting scheduled for 03/22/2022 at 6:00 pm

Public Comment:

- Kit Owens, 211 Old Mill Road in to express his concern with Nipsco's contractor Davey's. He indicates they are trimming back the trees to much and are leaving behind the stumps. He wondered if the town street commissioner could contact him regarding the snow pileup on SW corner of Old Mill and the planting of grass seeds due to the damage from the snowplow. Also, he wanted to say how much he appreciates the town street department for filling the potholes. Council President, Jennifer Heath to check with street commissioner regarding the tree trimming and the snowplow location.

Clerks Comment: Ms. Denham in attendance with no report.

Council Comment: Council Member, Scott Silcox would like the thank the Marshal Dick and Deputy Korepanow during an auto accident by his wife.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr.Pizarek to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and the motion was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President



Peter Pizarek , Council Vice President

ATTEST:



Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

April 19, 2022