

April 21, 2015

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council Vice President, Warren Schacht, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes A motion was made Mrs.Heath to approve the meeting minutes from the March 17, 2015 as written; motion was seconded by Mr.Studtman, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the fund report for April 2015; motion was seconded by Mrs.Heath.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mr.Studtman to approve claims in the amount of \$94,810.63(NINETY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY THREE CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr.Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle, MS4 Coordinator in attendance. She reported that Rick Brown has completed some self inspection forms for Jeff Bruder, Street Commissioner. These forms will help keep things documented throughout the year. Also, an education committee has been formed and will meet up to two times a year. The 2014 Good Housekeeping audit; Kate indicated that the audit went "ok". There were also two full tables of materials and documentation. In the near future there will be more online training materials available to municipalities, since training should be completed at least one time per year.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney in attendance and reported on the following:

1910 E. Cool spring: Mr. Herrbach spoke with the bank that mortgages this property. He indicated that the mortgage has been sold to a different bank. However, he did find out that the mortgage on this property is current as well as the taxes on this property. The property owner has a nine thousand dollar refuse bill. The property has liens and Mr. Herrbach is trying to locate the owners to rectify this bill.

210 Harding: At this time Mr. Herrbach indicated that there are no real safety issues.

234 Harding: This property is scheduled to go to sheriff's sale in the fall of 2015. At this time there are no apparent safety issues with the property.

Engineer Mr. John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance to discuss the 2015 Street Improvement Program. He has taken the time to write out the areas of concern, please see attached.

There are also some drainage issues on the south end of Greentree and Dogwood Drive.

- Repairs to or replace inlets ; this should be looked into . The area has been marked for digging. Mr. Schacht, Council President recommended that we get some estimates on this and return next month with results.
- Hwy 20 project; Mr. Bob Alderman state representative sent an email regarding the project. Mr. Alderman explained that Mr. Doyle should be hearing from someone in LaPorte regarding this.
- Mr. Schacht, asked Mr. Doyle about the ditch at Evergreen Plaza and as to the potential drainage issues with the weeds. John recommended that the ditch be cleared out or excavated, due to the sediments' impeding the water flow. Mr. Studtman, Council Member asked if the town should obtain bids for this work. Mr. Doyle responded by saying, that not to many companies do this type of work. A good suggestion would be either Woodruff & Sons or D&M Excavating.

Street Department: Mr. Jeff Bruder, Street Commissioner in attendance. The subject of Pritz Park and mowing came up. Mr. Bruder indicated that he would put the park on next week's schedule to be mowed. Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President stated that it seems a lot of people are enjoying the path. There was some discussion of getting the park board involved on potentially adding a few other amenities like an exercise station. Also, since there are only two entrances to the park, perhaps some parking signs would be helpful.

Street Commissioner also added that the spring clean up is more than two thirds done. All residents should receive approximately two pick -ups.

Street Department has been working hard filling part holes as well.

NIRPC: Mr. Bayler attended the meeting on April 16, 2015. He indicates that there was not much discussion regarding the Highway 20 project.

Park Department: Mr. Scott Silcox, Park Board Liaison indicated that he was having some difficulty contacting other members of the board. However, he would like to set up a meeting in early May, to discuss Pritz Park and other potential issues.

Building Inspector: No report

Planning and Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report on our newest deputy Nic Korepanaow. Nic is nearing the end of his training with TCPD and at the end of the month he is scheduled to work his first shift alone.

Marshal Dick also wanted to ask residents and council to keep a couple of dates in mind:

- August 4th is National Night Out; this event is still in the brainstorming stages and more information is to come at the next meeting. However, he would like to see it done at Nelson Park, with some burgers and hotdogs, games, prizes and perhaps a DJ. The purpose of the event is to bring the community together and offers an opportunity for residents to discuss safety issues and or concerns.

Also, the Marshal would like to hold a gun safety class. This class would be a total of four hours, one hour being at the range. More information will be given at the next meeting.

One more thing, Marshal Dick stated that the new police cruiser is in service. He offered council as well as residents to view the vehicle after the meeting.

Old Business:

- **St. Stan's 5K walk/run is scheduled for June 6th**

New Business:

- Mr. Herman Lehman, 2702 Greenwood. Mr. Lehman wanted to discuss his concerns for the GAF plant and the smell. He brought along with him some information regarding the hazards of the asphalt pollutants. Council as well as Mr. Lehman spoke in length regarding his concerns. Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney stated that he would write a letter to both Michigan City and carbon copy IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management). Marshal Dick indicated that this is a concern of others as well, as it is all over social media. Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President thanked Mr. Lehman for expressing his concerns.
- Park Ordinance: Marshal Dick would like to suggest that the park ordinance be changed to show hours of operation. Suggestion would be changing the wording to Dawn to Dusk. Mr. Schacht, Council President suggested that the Park Board discuss this at their upcoming meeting.

Public Comment: Nancy and Donald Bulyar; 230 Old Mill Road. They were in to discuss some old business regarding the flood insurance. The town sent out letters to all residents on Johnson Road, Old Mill Road and Cricket in March 2015 requesting if any of those residents are being charged a flood insurance premium based on the new flood plain mapping. Mrs. Bulyar stated that her mortgage company has since retracted the flood insurance requirement and will be refunding their monies. The town did not receive any other information from those residents who received letters.

Jerraly Stark; 2109 Red Oak Drive. She wanted to inquire as to why we changed refuse companies. Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney explained that the contract was up for bid and in December 2015 the town accepted the lowest most responsible bid, which was Borden. Ms. Stark indicated that she has no complaints with the new company she was just curious why we switched.

Mr. Jim Switzer, Electrical Inspector and resident at 2708 Greenwood Avenue asked Marshal Dick if there was a noise ordinance. His concern was that there is a constant pounding of music coming from cars that drive up and down Greenwood. Attorney Herrbach explained that there is and that it is done by the amount of decibels. Marshal Dick stated that when that happens to contact dispatch.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Ms. Denham, Clerk Treasurer mentioned that she would like to hire an IT (Information Technology) Specialist. Council approved the hiring of Mr. Jon Meyer, for a lump sum of \$ 110.00 per month or \$1320.00 per year.

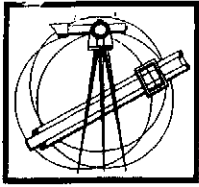
Council Comment: There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Silcox to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED: _____

Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST:


Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: April 21, 2015



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Town Council of Trail Creek
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RE: 2015 Street & Storm Drainage Improvement Program
Town of Trail Creek

Dear Council Members:

On April 16, 2015, I conducted a tour of the streets within the community in regard to repair and replacement of streets and areas that are experiencing storm drainage problems. The results of this tour are outlined as follows:

1. Streets that are in need of overlaying and/or milling of the existing pavement and overlaying with hot asphaltic concrete surface. In most cases the surface is cracking, raveling or spalling off along with noticeable wear in the wheel tracks.
 - Intersection of Yanke and Welnetz Road
 - Intersection of Greentree and Red Oak Drive
 - Yanke Road – Coolspring Avenue to Welnetz Road
 - Roeske Avenue – Welnetz Road to U.S. Highway 20 including drainage improvements
 - Whippoorwill Avenue – Penny Lane to Johnson Road including drainage improvements
 - Welnetz Road – Town Limits to Black Oak Drive
 - South end of Greentree and Dogwood Drive including drainage improvements
 - Laurel Drive – Spruce to Welnetz
 - Avondale Avenue – Oriole Drive intersection
 - Dogwood Drive – Welnetz to Red Oak
 - Edgemoor Drive – North of Coolspring Avenue
 - Avondale Avenue at Oriole intersection
 - Oriole Drive – Blue Bird to Meadowlark – various locations

2. Streets that are showing signs of wear that will require attention in the future.
 - Chapala Parkway – Michigan Boulevard South along with drainage improvements on the East side North end
 - Menke Road – south entrance drive to Fiberbond Corporation northerly to Greenwood Avenue
 - Trail Street – Coolspring north to point three-hundred (300) feet south of Radke

- Laurel Drive, Pine Cone Drive, Spruce Drive – original pavement
- Dogwood Drive – Welnetz to Greentree Drive
- Greentree Drive – Welnetz to Dogwood Drive

2a. Miscellaneous Repair – mill and pave

- Greenwood Avenue - two-hundred (200) feet east of Roeske Avenue
- Park Lane
- Roeske Avenue – north of Highway 20

3. Complete reconstruction of street.

- Martin Drive – Michigan Boulevard to Plum Street
 - While not yet in need of repair the entire pavement and base needs to be removed due to the type of base material used. The base was constructed with a combination of blast furnace slag and concrete dust. While this combination formed a very dense base it did not allow for expansion of the asphalt surface. When temperatures rose the asphalt expanded and heaved up where the asphalt was thin causing lumpy and irregular surface.

4. Drainage Problems

- Black Oak Drive/Redwood Drive
 - Remove and replace two (2) inlets and connecting pipes that are connected to the drain behind Evergreen Plaza. The new structures and pipes will be connected into the system discharging through the storm water pump station.
- Black Oak Drive – Coolspring Avenue to Red Oak Drive
 - Install two (2) to four (4) inlets and connect to storm sewer on west side of street.
- South end Greentree and Dogwood Drive
 - Repair/replace inlets and drainage pipes.

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- Brookdale Avenue
 - Standing water at Roeske Avenue intersection; install storm drain inlets and piping.

- Roeske Avenue/Killdeer Drive
 - Northeast corner install drywell.

The foregoing may not be all areas that need attention. If you have any additional locations, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,


John A. Doyle, P.E.

JAD/kd