

July 18, 2020

The Trail Creek Town Council met in an regular session on Tuesday, July 18, 2020 at 7:03 p.m., via video zoom call, due to the LaPorte County guidelines for coronavirus. Joining the video zoom call included Council President; Jennifer Heath, Council Vice President; Scott Silcox, Council Member; Peter Pizarek, Council Member; Marshal Steve Dick, Street Commissioner; Chris Ott and Town Engineer; John Doyle, Town Attorney; Bill Herrbach. Also, joining via audio on zoom, was Council Member; Sharon Gralik. Administrative Assistant; Rhea Bruder standing in for Clerk/Treasurer; Joshleen Denham.

Fund: No Report due to technical difficulties

Minutes: No minutes due to technical difficulties.

Approval of Claims: No claims due to technical difficulties

Correspondence: None

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle in attendance to report

- Zoom MS4 meeting today; there was a repair request at Sures Ditch, MS4 contributed 48K and will be reimbursed half from LaPorte County.
- Fish Track Lake: An emergency pumping of 23.5 inches of water was necessary. MS4 contributed 18k to this emergent situation.
- Budget Hearings for MS4 will be held on July 28, 2020
- Social Media had 284,173 hits; Arianna and Mr. Rick Brown of MS4 will be recognized for their awareness videos at the next state conference.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach in attendance to report:

It has been quite legally, nothing to report except to give thanks for the police department, the engineer and the clerks office for getting the bonds, insurance and any permitting done for the deforesting behind Traditions Event Center.

Engineer: Mr. John Doyle in attendance to report:

- Contracts for 2020 Street Improvement Projects with CCMG Grant Funds:
 1. Woodruff & Sons: Contract Division "A": Welnetz Road \$ 238,329.88
 2. Reith Riley: Contract Divisions "C" & "D": Whippoorwill & Chapala \$ 120,455.8

Council President: Jennifer Heath to sign contracts tomorrow at the town hall. Attorney Herrbach asked the Engineer if the Sanitary District will be contributing monetarily? Mr. Doyle responded by saying yes.

- Inlet on Dogwood that needs repair. It has been rocking and doing some damage to the concrete. After a short discussion it was decided that Woodruff & Sons could repair while working on Welnetz Road. Mr. Doyle indicated that he would get some estimates. He is thinking it would be approximately 3-5k to repair.
- Driveway done with proper paperwork; Attorney and Engineer will be working with the homeowner and the contractor to make sure specifications were followed. Because there was no permit or contractor registration pulled the contractor did not receive the specifications and elevations as requested by the engineer. Council President asked Admin Assistant; Rhea Bruder for a copy of the driveway ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, it is possible that up to 25% of the driveway must be removed and redone to avoid the water collecting in the street. Attorney Herrbach to send a letter to homeowner.

Park Department: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Report: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- PPE: Ordered masks with logo and will have enough to disburse some to the street department and the town hall for use. Washable cotton masks.
- Coverage; Still providing 24/7 coverage, with some overtime because of vacations
- Tahoe has been fully decommissioned, thanks to Street Commissioner; Chris Ott. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to put an ad in the paper and social media for the sell of the 2007 Tahoe, motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek and then unanimously carried. Marshal Dick indicated that he needs to put a new battery in the Tahoe. Chris Ott recommended going to a junk yard and getting it for a lower cost than new.

Street Department: Street Commissioner, Chris Ott in attendance to report:

- Cleaning Street Drains this week. Mrs. Heath indicated that she has received several compliments regarding his department on how clean the town has been.
- 2010 Coolspring; Mr. Pizarek inquired? Apparently, homeowner is back to mowing the right of way for now.

NIRPC: no report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Public Comment: None

Clerk Comment: Admin Assistant; Rhea Bruder indicated that she had a phone call with concerns of traffic on Welnetz during the deforesting. Council President stated she also received a call regarding the concern for the number of trees that are coming down. Bill Herrbach stated the town

does not have an ordinance on trees. Mrs. Heath said this person may be interested in one of our boards.

Council Comment: Council Vice President; Scott Silcox asked Marshal Dick if the code enforcer was working yet? Marshal responded by saying this is a personnel issue and he will fill the Council President in.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm motion was seconded by Mrs. Galik and was then unanimously carried.


APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President

Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST:


Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: August 18, 2020