

June 16, 2015

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 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 Mr. Studtman to approve the meeting minutes from the May 19, 2015 as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the fund report for May 19, 2015; motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve claims in the amount of \$99,919.06 (NINETY-NINE NINE HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence None (See department reports; Marshal Dick)

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle, MS4 Coordinator in attendance. She indicated that she will be getting more doggie bags for next month's meeting, to promote cleaning up after your pet. However, there are other materials available as well. She stated that Trail Creeks portion of the MS4 invoice is \$ 1042.00.

There will be a booth for MS4 at the LaPorte County fair as well this year. We will be doing the catch basin for the cigarette butts and it will be used as part of their presentation. Currently, the location for the booth will be at the 4H Building.

Attorney: Not in attendance, no report.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance. He reports that he sent out a request for proposals for the Dogwood/Greentree Inlet Replacement Project discussed last month. He did receive just one proposal from Woodruff and Sons in the amount of \$26,099.00. This amount was agreed upon via email between the Council President; Warren Schacht, Council Vice President; Jennifer Heath and Mr. Doyle himself. Because Woodruffs is the only one that responded the agreement was to go ahead and start the job. He spoke directly with the contractor and they agreed to do the project for T/M (Time and Materials) Once the job got started a telephone wire was found to have grown through to the top of the pipe, causing issues. Video was taped, and given to the Clerk-Treasurer, Joshleen M. Denham for the town's records. Mr. Doyle recommended that the town send a letter thanking Woodruff and Son's for agreeing to complete this project on a time and materials basis.

Mr. Doyle indicated there will be a meeting regarding the Highway 20 project on July 02, 2015 at 1:00 p.m, in the parking lot of Brown Mackie College. This notice was given by INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation), Lawson-Fisher and the state. Although, the Town of Trail Creek was not included on this letter. Mr. Doyle however will be attending this meeting. Mr. Schacht, Council President asked Mr. Doyle who was in charge of this meeting. Mr. Doyle stated he would get that information to him following the meeting.

Street Department: Not in attendance

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: Not in attendance, no report

Building Inspector: Steve Thomas, Building Inspector in attendance and reports that the abandoned property located at 3411 S. Roeske needed to have the access door located in the rear of the property boarded up. He indicated that this has been done.

Planning and Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance. He reports that the Trail Creek Police Department will be holding off on the "National Night Out Against Crime" due to lack of information, however the police department may still have a community "get together", more information to follow at out July 2015 meeting.

He also wanted to report that the St. Stan's 5k Walk/Run went off flawlessly there were no problems and he is looking forward to the race again next year.

Marshal Dick in cooperation with the Clerk-Treasurer, Joshleen Denham have created and had made the town ID's. All town employees should have one; street department, town hall, inspectors and council. He suggested that perhaps once our new website is up and running a digital copy of the ID's can be uploaded.

Marshal Dick read aloud some correspondence from Detective Andy Hynck, of the LaPorte County Sheriff's office. Detective Hynck expressed his gratitude for the assistance of the Trail Creek Police Department, Chief Deputy Eric Lisoski during a police matter.

Old Business:

- Electrical Inspector, Jim Switzer in attendance to review some possible changes to the town's electrical code. He would like to see the following:
 1. GCFI outlets in the bathrooms, kitchens and outside receptacles.
 2. Smoke detectors by bedrooms and furnace areas.
 3. On 200 amp services, install two ground rods; on 100 amp services install one ground rod.
 4. Ground hot water tanks, jumping hot, cold and gas lines.

Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney not in attendance. Council decided to table discussion until our July 2015 meeting.

- **Abandoned Properties:** Clerk-Treasurer, Joshleen Denham explained that a grass assessment was done at the beginning of May and letters sent out giving residents ten days to bring to compliance. Those properties that were still in violation have been mowed by the town. An invoice will go out to the homeowner, per town ordinance.
- **Park Hours:** Marshal Dick would like to see the hours of the park from Dusk to Dawn, the Park Department last month recommended changing the hours from 6am to 10 to 6am to 9pm. However, Marshal Dick opened up for discussion the possibility of consideration to change to Dawn to Dusk, or 6am to Dusk. He explained that his concern is in the summer time. Council would like to table until next month at which time Marshal Dick will have another proposal on the park hours. He would like to do some research on parks in our surrounding areas.
- **GAF Environmental Concerns:** Mr. Herman Lehman, 2702 Greenwood Ave; in attendance to follow up on GAF Environmental Concerns. He indicated that GAF was going to make yet another adjustment to their system to help alleviate the smell, by October 2015
- **2015 Street Improvement Projects:** Mr. Schacht asked Mr. Doyle if we could table this until our July 2015 meeting. Mr. Doyle agreed, but asked that all council members please go through the list to find the most necessary projects to complete.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: None

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

APPROVED:


Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST:


Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: July 21, 2015