

**August 18, 2020**

The Trail Creek Town Council met in an regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:02 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, Police Marshal; Steve Dick, Street Commissioner; Chris Ott MS4 Representative; Kate Doyle and Town Engineer; John Doyle, Town Attorney; Bill Herrbach and Clerk Treasurer; Joshleen Denham. Not in attendance is Council Members; Deborah Neumaier and Sharon Gralik

**Fund:** Council Member; Scott Silcox did not receive packet for approval

**Minutes:** Council Member; Scott Silcox did not receive packet for approval

**Approval of Claims:** Council Member; Scott Silcox did not receive packet for approval

**Correspondence:** None

**MS4:** Ms. Kate Doyle in attendance to report

- 26 MS4 Awareness Videos Released
- 737 Instagram Followers
- 1216 You Tube Followers
- 267,626 total views
- New this month is "Coffee with Rick", this segment will feature past presidents from the program as well as other community leaders

**Council President:** Jennifer Heath mentioned what a wonderful awareness program they have created.

**Attorney:** Mr. Herrbach in attendance to report some changes to the permits. He is working with the Marshal as well as the building inspector to make any changes.

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:

- 2020 Street Improvement Program is going well
- Some concern regarding erosion on property behind Traditions; MS4 to continue to follow up.
- Possibly holding off on the Welnetz Road Construction: Concern regarding the large trucks utilizing Welnetz and Hwy 20. Mr. John Doyle to follow up

**Park Department:** No Report

**Planning and Zoning:** No Report

**Building Report:** No Report

**Police Department:** Marshal Dick in attendance, he will speak under "New Business" on the agenda.

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

- Put a new "Welcome to Trail Creek" sign down on South Roeske
- Cleaning Storm Drains

Mr. Ott reports that everything else is running smoothly.

**NIRPC:** no report

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- Body Camaras; after a lengthy discussion regarding the safety of our officers and residents council has approved a 5 year Program for \$16,027.00( five payments as laid out in contract) The Marshal states that this package will cover all 3 officers currently on staff

Attorney Herrbach asked about how long the storage is? Marshal indicated it was 180 days. Mr. Herrbach asked if we could extend that amount of time? Per the Marshal, yes, we can add storage at 0.48 a gig. Marshal Dick let council know that both Steve Bacztub and John Dudek from the Police Advisory Board are also in agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the above contractual terms for body camaras, motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek and then carried.

Street Commissioner: Chris Ott expressed his interest in getting dash camaras for his department trucks. He referenced a recent incidence where he and his crew were working on Coolspring and could have been hurt. Council President: Jennifer Heath invited Mr. Ott to get some estimates on those camaras for next months meeting.

- 2007 Tahoe: Five sealed bids opened; Mr. Pizarek made a motion to approve Bill Coda's bid in the amount of \$2066.00, Ms. Denham will contact Mr. Coda.

**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:**


- Concern of Trail Creek having more power outages, Mr. Herrbach to contact NIPSCO or the IURC

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Jennifer Heath, Council President

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Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST:   
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer  
Approved: September 22, 2020