

June 15, 2021

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Mrs. Heath led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the meeting minutes from May 2021 as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Kubik and then was unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Kubik to approve May 2021 Fund Report, motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek and then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Mrs. Gralik to approve the bills for May 2021 and motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence:

- Council President Jennifer Heath read aloud a “thank you” letter from St. Stan’s for the 5k Walk/Run which was held in Trail Creek on June 5, 2021. Police Marshal Dick reports no incidences, perhaps some more volunteers in the future for safety.
- Council President, Jennifer Heath read aloud an email received to the clerk’s office on June 01, 2021 from Mr. Dave Cunniff at 2815 Greenwood Ave. regarding the noise caused by drivers throttling their engines loudly down Johnson Road. After a brief discussion from council and the Marshal it was decided there is not much that can be done about that. Although, the Marshal did indicate he would let his deputies know to look for it because there is a noise ordinance.

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle not in attendance, Mr. John Doyle reported:

- Mr. Doyle indicated that the last MS4 meeting was held on June 8, 2021.
 1. Changes to the MS4 program; permits, inspections and new applications must be signed off by an officer of the town, up to four times per year. The officer of the town will sign off on three and the fourth would be signed off by the MS4 Coordinator of the county.
 2. Ollie’s Bark Park Bridge and Landscaping will be following up soon.
 3. Recommendation to put water and sewer in at the park, perhaps the American Rescue Act Plan if the funds allow for it.

Attorney: Bill Herrbach in attendance to report:

- AIM: Accelerated Indiana Municipalities has an electronic communications seminar Attorney Herrbach would like to attend. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve Mr. Herrbach attending the seminar on June 30, 2021, via zoom for a total cost of \$50.00, motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek and then unanimously carried.
- Certifying Waste Ordinance for the courts on July 27, 2021, regarding the property located at 1929 E. Coolspring Avenue. Attorney Herrbach indicated that the Clerk, Joshleen

Denham would need to certify the ordinance. Mr. Herrbach also asked the Marshal for current pictures of the waste on that property.

- Former Abrahams Property: Clearing and Cleaning up property. Attorney Herrbach to follow up with another letter. Council President, Jennifer Heath reported that she had received resident complaints regarding trees from that property falling into the neighbors' yards. Attorney Herrbach stated that if the tree falls onto the neighbor's yard, it would be the responsibility of the neighbor to clean it up.

Engineer: John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance to report:

- Closing of Johnson Road without the town's prior knowledge. Nipsco did some work on Johnson Road near Michigan Blvd. A brief discussion was had between council, Marshal and Clerk's office. It was decided that Attorney Herrbach would write a letter to Governmental Affairs at Nipsco so that the town is aware of any road closures. Also, so that Emergency Services are made aware.
- Economic Assistance for water and sewer throughout the town. Council President Jennifer Heath indicated that while water and sewer would be something to consider, it would need to be in the future because of the town's current budgets.

Park: Clerk's office received an email from Mr. James Ganschow, Park Board President (Copied was Council President, Jennifer Heath) regarding the condition of some of the playground equipment and other accessory buildings in our parks. Ms. Deham, Clerk-Treasurer stated that she sent the email to Street Commissioner, Chris Ott for further review of our parks.

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Report: Mr. Steve Thomas, Building Inspector just asked if the driveway at 2510 Greenwood Avenue has been brought into compliance. Attorney Herrbach reported that in fact it was.

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- Police Applications: Received five applications, will wait for the mail if there are more. Application must be postmarked by June 15, 2021.
- Marshal Dick complimented the street commission on the clean up of some street from weeds and bushes.

Street Department:

- Filling Potholes
- Wood Chipping; Sticks, Limbs and Branches
- Cat Tails at Ollie's Bark Park; the cat tails in the ditch will stay due to drainage concerns.
- MS4 Audit; Shop is being continually cleaned for the annual audits.

NIRPC: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Electronic Communication Seminar held by AIM (Accelerated Indiana Municipalities). A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to allow Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney to attend on June 30, 2021, via zoom, motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek and then was unanimously carried.

Public Comment:


- 621 Dogwood: Cheryl Williams in to discuss and ask council to approve an ordinance making golf carts legal with in the town limits. A brief discussion was had by council and the Marshal. Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney will do some research and get back with the town. If the council decides to make Trail Creek a golf cart community, Mr. Herrbach offered to contact Ms. Williams directly.
- Herman Lehman; 2702 Greenwood Avenue., in to express his concern of the sale of the property at 133 Sarah Jo. He stated that years ago, the property owner ran a garage business and was somehow grandfathered in to do so. His concern was that the potential new owners may run a business. Clerk-Treasurer, Joshleen Denham previously had explained the variance process to Mr. Lehman. She indicted that the property is currently zoned residential and therefore would need a variance to switch the zoning to business. Attorney Herrbach explained again that is the process for any zoning changes to a property.

Clerks Comment: Ms. Joshleen Denham, Clerk-Treasurer indicated that she would like to schedule two special meetings/workshops for the American Rescue Act Plan and for the 2022 Preliminary Budget Meeting. We will combine the meeting to schedule for Jun 29, 2021 at 6:00 pm.


Council Comment: None

A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm, motion was made by Mr. Silcox and motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President



Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
July 20, 2021