

June 19, 2018

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council President, Warren Schacht, welcomed newly sworn council member Deborah Neumaier and then led us with the Pledge of Allegiance via video conferencing.

Special Guest: Mr. Rick Brown, MS4 discussed the dog park. He indicated that the MS4 Program has some non-reverting funds they would like to donate \$25,000.00 toward the fence and possibly other items such as doggie bags and dispensers. He prepared a "letter of intent" and presented it to council. Mr. Warren Schacht thanked him for this generous donation. Amanda Wojasinski, Park Board Member will be in touch with him regarding the construction of dog park. Mr. Brown indicates that the contractor has already been secured, C&G Excavation. Town Engineer, John Doyle will look into the cost of putting water and sewer out at the dog park. Some suggestions of the name of the park; Mrs. Deborah Neumaier suggested naming the park after Mr. John Bayler, Former Council Member who just recently passed away. Mr. Rick Brown suggested that the park be name after "Ollie" MS4 Coordinator, Kate Doyle's dog. Mr. Warren Schacht suggested that the park board would need to be involved as far as the naming of the park. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to move forward with the plans of the dog park, motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve the meeting minutes from May 2018 as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to accept May 2018, Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumaier and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Mr. Studtman asked about the Boyce bill in the amount of \$ 162.38, Ms. Denham explained that this is the bill for the delinquent notices that were sent out at the end of the 1st quarter. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to pay bills in the amount of \$ 237, 277.85 (TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY FIVE CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumaier and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: A letter from St. Stan's Patrick Kroehler thanking council for another good year of the annual 5k/walk/run. He requests that the town consider this again next year on June 01, 2019.

MS4: No Report

Attorney: Mr. Bill Herrbach, Town Attorney in attendance.

- Mr. Herrbach welcomed new council member Deborah Neumaier. Mr. Herrbach gave Mrs. Neumaier some background on the building codes specifically regarding the abandoned / vacant homes.
- Plan to demolish 110 Harding. Homeowner has been informed and has not responded. 235 Harding has also not responded to requests to make compliant the property.
- Draft Permit Fee Schedule: Mr. Herrbach reviewed with council Michigan City's Fee Schedule. He indicated that council should have a special meeting regarding the fees and revisions. Council decided that a meeting to discuss inspectors and fees would be Monday July 16, 2018 at 5:00 pm and following that would be a budget meeting with council and department heads at 6:00 pm.
- 1929 Coolspring: Mr. Herrbach indicates that his property is again in need of being cleaned up. He has been in contact with the Adult Protective Services. Ms. Denham stated that she has also been in contact with the trust and a clean up company. She will get that scheduled and coordinated with them.
- Terms for Council: Mr. Herrbach indicated that he prepared resolution # 2-2018 to waive political parties on the park board. He also stated that the council should also have terms set up where as two members have a 3 year term, and 3 members have a 4yr term.

Engineer: John Doyle in attendance.

- Roeske Ave Project almost complete. Mr. Doyle indicates the drainage is good. Still have some minor clean up issues and major driveway repairs on profile of curbing. Curbing should have been 2 inches and is 4 inches, this will get shaved down. Mr. Schact asked about the lighting. Mr. Doyle stated there should be at least 2 - 3 street lights on Roeske. Mr. Bruder, Street Commissioner will look into this as well as the possibility of LED lights.
- D&M Invoice: Mr. Doyle recommends payment in the amount of \$ 264,144.76. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to make this payment to D&M, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.
- Doyle & Associates Invoice: Mr. Doyle asked for payment in the amount of \$16,237.50. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to payment the invoice amount, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.
- Melody Lane Project: Mr. Doyle recommends payment to DeBoer E-Golf in the amount of \$9,629.10. This money was encumbered in the year 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to make this payment, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.
- Walsh & Kelly; overlay on Melody Lane: Mr. Doyle indicates that he has not received a payment request as of yet, however this should be available at the July 2018 Town Meeting and should be approximately \$22,000.00.
 1. Mrs. Heath states that there is some standing water near her neighbors' house. Mr. Doyle stated that he would look into this.

- Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer indicated that the payment for D&M would be taken from fund number 278 (INDOT CROSS MATCH GRANT) up to the amount of the grant which is \$ 333,664.50.
- Highway 20 Project: Mr. Doyle will report back next month on the progress.

Park Department: Mr. Silcox, Park Board Liasion reports that he was unable to attend the last park board meeting, however he is aware that Mr. Kyle Kazmierczak has stepped down as President and handed the torch to Mr. Jim Ganschow who is now the president. Also, Amanda Wojasinski is the lead member on the dog park. Mr. Schacht stated that he was able to attend that meeting and feels that it went very well.

Building Department: Steve Thomas, Building Inspector in attendance and reports that the FOP has started clean up. However, they cant not rebuild there due to the septic system. They are currently looking for more property to rebuild.

Planning and Zoning:

Police Department: Marshal Dick not in attendance. Mrs. Heath reported for him:

- Correspondence from Mr. Rob Quinn regarding the professionalism he received from Deputy Nic Korepanow. Mr. Quinn is a retired paramedic from Laporte County.
- Taser/Body Cam Contract: The Marshal respectfully asks that council approve this contract.
- St. Stan's 5k Walk/Run: Marshal Dick reports that there were no issues during this race.
- Secure Indiana Grant: This was a \$ 4,000.00 grant and the department unfortunately did not receive, because it must be used for a life saving event.

Street Department: Mr. Bruder in attendance:

- Property behind Hammers will be mowed by the street department this upcoming week.
- Salt Purchase: He has received confirmation of salt to be delivered sometime in early September. We could receive between 83.44 - 100 tons of salt.
- Salt Dome almost complete, the fence will be reinstalled this week.
- Repair of bleachers complete.

Old Business:

- Master Services Agreement for Tasers/Body Cams: Mr. Herrbach reviewed for legal compliance. A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to accept the contract, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

New Business:

- Ordinance # 5-2018 Front Yard Parking/Commercial Buses (deletes ordinance # 4-2018) Mrs. *Heath* suggested that we have a special meeting regarding this ordinance as there are some concerns that she has prior to approving this ordinance. A motion was made by Mrs.

Heath to suspend ordinance # 4-2018 until it can be properly discussed, motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumaier and was then unanimously carried.

- Ordinance # 6-2018; Ordinance to create the INDOT Cross Match Fund # 278. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve ordinance # 6-2018, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.
- Resolution # 2-2018: Resolution to waive political affiliations for the park board. A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve resolution # 2-2018, motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

- Dwayne Shaffer; 114 Harding in to express his concerns with both 110 Harding and 235 Harding. He had a petition that was signed by all residents on the street for the demolition of both homes. Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney stated that there is a legal process for this to be done, however the town is moving in that direction.
- Jerrally Stark; 2109 Red Oak Drive
 1. Suggested that the name for the new dog park should be "Ollie Park"

Clerk Comment: Ms. Denham reported that the refuse contract is up this year so we will need to get that into the paper for sealed bids.

Council Comment: None

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm; motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Warren Schacht, Council President
Jennifer Heath, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
July 17, 2018