

April 17, 2018

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council President, Warren Schacht, led us with the Pledge of Allegiance via phone conferencing. Immediately following the pledge Warren asked that we take a moment of silence for the passing of a council member, Mr. John Bayler. Mrs. Heath also read the obituary and funeral information so that anyone who would like to attend could.

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

Approval of Fund A motion was made by Mrs. Heath, to accept March 2018 Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to pay bills in the amount of \$ 112,625.56 (ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-SIX CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: None

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance to report:

- Annual Report complete, Ms. Doyle will forward.
- Pritz Dog Park: Mr. Rick Brown, LaPorte County MS4 indicated that he would like to contribute a total of \$25,000.00 toward the fencing for this project. Mr. Brown will possibly meet with the park board in May.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach in attendance to report:

- Mr. Herrbach indicated that some park signs would need to be put up for the owners that will be taking their dog to the park
 1. Hours of the park, expected behavior of the dogs utilizing the park
- Ordinance for; Front Yard Parking ; also to cover commercial buses, and the enforcement of such violations. To table until May meeting.
- Inspectors Contracts and Fee Schedule Revisions: Inspectors to get information to Attorney Bill Herrbach so that these revisions can be made.
- Land & Water Nelson Park: Mr. Doyle and Bill Herrbach will review the deed for the park and then prepare the proper language for a future potential grant which the Park Department would like to receive.

Engineer Report: Mr. John Doyle in attendance.

- **Roeske/Welnetz Project:**
 1. Project began two weeks ago, currently they are working hard doing the clearing, and removal of stumps.
 2. Woodchips from clearing will be recycled for the Pritz Dog Park area
 3. Salvage stone/concrete will also be recycled for the parking lot area of the dog park.
 4. Preconstruction DVD has been done and will forward to clerk; Joshleen M. Denham for the record.
- **Melody Lane Project:** Mr. Doyle and Street Commissioner Jeff Bruder did a walk through with the contractor DeBoer E Golf. Walsh and Kelly will then begin the overlay project.

Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President asked about sidewalks on Roeske, Mr. Doyle indicated that no there are currently no plans for sidewalks, however depending on the budget Mr. Doyle can have those added. No plans for sidewalks will be made at this time.

Park Department: No Report (Mr. Silcox indicates that they will be scheduling a meeting very soon)

- Mr. Schacht, Council President asked Mr. Silcox about the progress of the dog park. After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Denham will contact Park Board President Kyle Kazmierczak to get a meeting scheduled. Attorney Herrbach indicated the drawing would have to be approved so that we can move forward with dog park plans. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the drawings so that the park department can move forward on the plans, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Street Department: No Report

NIRPC: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Department: Building Commissioner, Steve Thomas in attendance:

- **FOP:** Steve spoke with the insurance adjuster for the FOP regarding the clean up from the fire on Johnson Road. She stated that she will forward to the department that handles this. Steve indicated that he would follow up with her tomorrow.

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance.

- Newest Deputy: Christopher Southwell. Marshal Dick indicates that Chris is doing great and has completed the FTO program and is feeling comfortable on the road.
- Dog Park: Marshal Steve Dick indicated that he would like to add two more signs to the Pritz Dog Park that will indicate the non-emergency phone number for LaPorte County and no parking overnight.
- Steve would like council to consider an ordinance allowing the sale of a CD with crash report photos. The Sherrifs Department does this and charges \$75.00 per CD and that revenue would go into the LECE (Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund) A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to have this ordinance drawn up by the town attorney, motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath.
- Proposal on tasers/body cams: Marshal Dick presented the contract for this. After a lengthy discussion about the benefits of this program, it was decided that this would be tabled until next month when the town attorney will have the chance to review the contracts.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Sealed Bids on 2003 GMC Truck: Council rejected all bids to the possibility of a 4th bid being misplaced. A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to reject bids, motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Brent Bassett: 520 Johnson Road would like to thank the Trail Creek Police Department for their increased presence on Johnson Road since December of 2017. He asked the council president if he had the opportunity to meet with the advisory as he indicated? He also wanted to know about the data from the radar trailer from Jan and Feb 2018, any updates? Brent then asked the Marshal when and where the radar trailer will be placed? The Marshal indicated that the radar trailer was in for repair but that when it is put back out, it will first be put by Nelson Park as baseball has started.
- Brother Smith with Right Now TV stopped in looking for large areas of land that will be sold in Trail Creek. After a lengthy presentation as to why he was looking for the property, Mr. Herrach stated that the town doesn't have any large property areas that are for sale currently.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment : None

Council Comment: None

There being no further business a motion was made by Mrs. Heath to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:


Warren Schacht, Council President
Jennifer Heath, Council Vice President

ATTEST: Rhea Bruder
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
May 15, 2018

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