

July 16, 2019

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

President, Jennifer Heath led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes After making a correction on page one, a motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes from June 2019 as written, motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumaier and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to accept June 2019 Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumaier and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Clerk, Joshleen Denham shared the APV for payables for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$ 128,076.94 (ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS AND NINETY FOUR CENTS) A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the July 2019 bills in the amount above, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: None

MS4: MS4 Coordinator; Kate Doyle in attendance to report:

- The drain project for Bethany Church in Laporte County was approved by the County Council. Once the project is complete, MS4 will be unveiling the drain paintings and post on you tube and facebook.
- Budget Hearings are next week.

Council President, Jennifer Heath asked Ms. Kate Doyle about the non-reverting funds. Kate Doyle responded by saying; she thought LaPorte County MS4 Director, Rick Brown would be here tonight, however he is not. She went onto to say that MS4 would like to donate a stone pathway for Ollie's Bark Park. Mr. Rick Brown will attend the August 2019 meeting to give more information.

Attorney: Bill Herrbach in attendance.

- Indicated that he had sent the state building codes down state, haven't heard anything back.
- Court Hearings scheduled for 1929 Coolspring and North Roeske for ordinance violations.
- Interlocal Agreement: Sent to County Attorney, however that attorney recommended that this be put on the agenda during a meeting. Mr. Herrbach recommends that the town put an ad in the paper for a plumbing inspector of our own. Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer will take care of this. A motion to put an ad in the paper for a plumbing inspector was made by Mrs. Neumaier, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and then unanimously carried.

Engineer: John Doyle in attendance.

- Mr. Doyle did send out the "Notice to Proceed" to Rieth & Riley. The project will start no later than July 30, 2019. They have forty -five days to complete, this starts tomorrow. (calendar days)
- Doyle and Associates to provide the administrative oversight and resident inspections.
- Ollie's Bark Park is complete, but we have not received an invoice yet.
- LTAP Plan for Asset Management is complete and ready for upload to the LTAP data management system. Ms. Denham will upload to system for the 2nd call of INDOT CCMG
- Roads for 2nd INDOT CCMG:
 1. Welnetz Road: Roeske to Yanke / Complete Reconstruction & Drainage
 2. Chapala Parkway: Michigan Blvd to the end / 1.5" Mill/Resurface & 2"
 3. Brookdale Avenue: Roeske Ave to Edgemoor / 1.5" Mill /Resurface & 2"
 4. Whippoorwill Avenue: Roeske to Edgemoor Drive / 1.5" Mill & 2" / Possibly Drainage

Ms. Denham will be preparing the grant and submitting to INDOT as soon as possible. Call for project begins July 01, 2019 and ends August 02, 2019. Awards will be announced sometime in late September 2019 or early October 2019.

- Pritz Development was turned down during a county commission / council meeting regarding his proposed development across Highway 20. He has 1-2 years before he can resubmit his plan for approval, per Mr. John Doyle.
- Storm Water Pumping Station: Per Mr. Doyle advised that the floats on the pumping station were out of balance. Street Commissioner, Jeff Bruder is working with Mr. Doyle to correct. Mr. Doyle indicated that he would be having an expert come out to take a look.

Park Department: Board President; Jim Ganschow in attendance to report:

- Potential Walkway for Ollie's Bark Park being donated by MS4; Mr. Ganschow expressed his excitement about this
- Parking Lot/ Redwood Extension: The park board has viewed this and is pleased with the work that has been done.
- Water for Bark Park; Mr. Ganschow would like to investigate this next year.
- Checklist prior to opening Ollie's Bark Park:
 1. Receptacles need placement as well as Dogipots
 2. Signage for Park needs to be hung
 3. Date for the dog park opening; Mr. Ganschow and Street Commissioner, Jeff Bruder to get together to discuss.
 4. Picnic tables need placement.
 5. Donation of tree by Park Board Member, Melinda Nagle; Mr. Bruder to work with her on placement.

6. Permits for Dog park and tags need to be done (Ms. Denham will get this done)
- Fall Festival; Not sure they will have one this year, if they do it will be combined with the dog park opening. Park Board is looking into getting donors for postage for the flyers.

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Report: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- Radar Trailer is now on Johnson Road to monitor traffic
- New Laptops for Department: Marshal Dick would like to look into Dell Tough Books which run from \$1200 - \$1500 including mounts, for the police vehicles. He will get a quote from Dell.
- Police Advisory Board: Will be meeting next week
- Resignation of Sergeant Eric Lisoski; Marshal Dick read aloud his resignation letter for council and residents. His last shift will be August 01, 2019

Ms. Denham and council stated they were sorry to see Eric leave, but wish him the best in his future endeavors.

- Advertise for replacement - per Attorney Bill Herrbach; just get it in the paper. Marshal Dick will put together a timeline for hiring of a new deputy.
- Chesterton Police Department would like to purchase Eric's vest. Eric's vest had four years of life on it as it was purchased in March 2018 in the amount of \$882.00. To put Eric on the road right away, Chesterton would like to purchase. Marshal Dick will work with the Chief in Chesterton on an amount. Marshal Dick went on to say that vests are specific to the person wearing them (the panels), if Chesterton didn't offer to pay, the vest would just sit at station, it would be of no use.

Street Department: Street Commissioner in attendance to report:

- Storm Water Pumping Station Floats: Mr. Bruder stated that Current Electric did take a look at it and one of the two floats is not working properly. (About 12ft down) Engineer will have a pumping station expert to look at it. Mrs. Heath; Council President asked Mr. Bruder how often the pumps and floats are checked on the station? Mr. Bruder responded by saying when the town gets a lot of rain. Mr. John Doyle, Town Engineer indicated that he may need a tanker truck to flush the system with large amounts of water to see if it's working properly. Mr. Silcox, Council Vice President indicated that he may be able to get the assistance of Coolspring Fire Department for this.
- Down Trees: Mr. Bruder indicated that his department has been very busy with down trees lately, do due the storms and the amount of rain we have received plus the high temperatures are stressing the trees.

Mrs. Heath asked Street Commissioner about the Evergreen Plaza ditch? Mr. Bruder stated they were out there today, and it should be completed soon.

Mrs. Heath then asked how the pothole patching was going? Mr. Bruder responded by saying it is an ongoing project.

Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney will draw up an agreement with Wally Pritz for the cost of the ditch clean up.

NIRPC: No Report; per Ms. Denham they only meet once a quarter. Next meeting is August 15, 2019 and she will try to attend.

New Business:

- **Five Ton Load/Weight Limit:** Attorney Bill Herrbach will look in an ordinance for this. Per Marshal Dick, a lot of trucks use Menke Road and it could be potentially damaging our roads. Engineer, John Doyle stated that the town owns the western half of Menke.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Clerks Comment: Ms. Denham in to report;

- Preparing for the second call of the IDOT CCMG
- Budget meeting with Kurt OTT on July 23 at 9:00 am.

Council Comment: None

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm; motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumier was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President

Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST:


Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
August 20, 2019