

May 19, 2020

The Trail Creek Town Council met in an regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7:00 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, Council Member; Deborah Neumaier, Marshal Steve Dick, Street Commissioner; Chris Ott and Town Engineer; John Doyle. Also, joining via audio on zoom, was Council Member; Sharon Gralik.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the February minutes as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes as written for March, motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Approval of claims for the combined months of March and April 2020 was motioned by Mr. Silcox and seconded by Mr. Pizarek and then unanimously carried

Correspondence: None

MS4: No report

Attorney: No report

Engineer: Mr. John Doyle in attendance to report

- INDOT Grant Plans and Specifications are ready for the 4 applications submitted. The Welnetz Road application which is a total reconstruction may come in at 30k higher than expected. The advertisement will go in the News Dispatch on June 2, 2020. On June 12, 2020, the bid openings at 10:00 am. At the June meeting the award for the bid will be given or rejected. A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to advertise for bids, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and then unanimously carried.

Park Department: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Report: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- PPE's are accessible and our deputies are staying healthy
- Officer Korepanow received a promotion on April 1st and is now Sergeant Korepanow. Council praised Sergeant Korepanow for his hard work and continued dedication to the Town of Trail Creek.

- 2007 Tahoe; Ok to move forward with decommission vehicle to sell. Council Member: Scott Silcox suggested that our Street Commissioner; Chris Ott decommission the vehicle to save money. Marshal Dick and Chris Ott will work together to make this happen.
- Officers are in good health and good spirits
- Light out in front of Trail Creek sign located at the town hall area; Possibility identified suspect; Council President; Mrs. Heath approved the replacement of the light.

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

- During the quarantine from COVID 19, the street department took over 1000-yard waste bags to the landfill. Large Sticks, Limbs and Branches have also been picked up
- Plans to power wash playground equipment and picnic tables prior to the re-opening of our parks. Basketball hoops will also be reinstalled at that time.
- FOP Owned Property: Chris Ott suggests that the property is becoming overgrown. Marshal Dick to contact them and let them know.
- Street Commissioner recommends having the portion of Johnson and Hwy 20 be repaved by the County or State which owns the property, instead of utilizing the towns funds for this expense.

NIRPC: Meeting scheduled for Thursday the 21st at 9am

Old Business: none

New Business:

- 5-2020 Revision of Penalties on ordinance violations; after a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the ordinance as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and then unanimously carried.
- Mr. Patrick Kroehler of St. Stans wrote a letter to council requesting a change in the date of the race per the COVID 19, A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to change the race to Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 8:30 am, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried. Council President: Jennifer Heath reminded council that the Swanson Center will have their 5k Walk/Run in Trail Creek on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

Public Comment: None

Clerk Comment: None

Council Comment: Council Member; Peter Pizarek stated that the property at 101 Melody has had garbage possibly large items, out for pick up for a month. He will contact Street Commissioner for use of the town dumpster.

Council President: Jennifer Heath gave thanks to both the Street Department and the Marshal's office for their continued dedication to our town.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Silcox to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm; motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President

Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
June 16, 2020