

June 16, 2020

The Trail Creek Town Council met in an regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 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; Marshal Steve Dick, Street Commissioner; Chris Ott and Town Engineer; John Doyle, Town Attorney; Bill Herrbach. Also, joining via audio on zoom, was Council Member; Sharon Gralik.

Fund: A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the May Fund Report, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and then unanimously carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mrs. Gralik to approve the May minutes as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Approval of claims for the month of May; a motion was made by Mrs. Gralik and seconded by Mr. Silcox and then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: Council President spoke with Larry Fabina, Town of Trail Creek resident with concerns surrounding the deforesting going on behind Traditions event center. Attorney, Bill Herrbach and Town Engineer; John Doyle will follow up to make sue there are no erosion issues or MS4 concerns and will report back to council

MS4: Mr. Doyle reported for Kate Doyle indicating that they had a meeting today, and took some bids for a drainage project in LaPorte.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach indicated that it has been quite with legal issues. He thanked all departments for working together during this unprecedented time.

Engineer: Mr. John Doyle in attendance to report

INDOT CCMG BID OPENING: Special meeting held on Friday, June 12, 2020 with Attorney Herrbach, Town Engineer; John Doyle and Council President Jennifer Heath present:

Contract Division "A": Welnetz Road

- Woodruff & Sons: \$ 238,000
- Reith Riley: \$ 245,000
- Walsh & Kelly: \$ 290,000

Contract Division "B": Brookdale

- Walsh & Kelly: \$ 92,700
- Reith Riley: \$ 87,325.75

Contract Division "C": Whipoorwill Ave

- Walsh & Kelly: \$ 39,400
- Reith Riley : \$ 31,700

Contract Division "D": Chapala

- Walsh & Kelly: \$ 107,000
- Reith Riley: \$ 88,755.85

After a lengthy discussion with council, engineer and checking in with the clerk it was decided to drop the Brookdale project until next year. Mr. Doyle recommended the following contractors and divisions:

Walsh & Kelly: Contract Division: "A"

Reith Riley : Contract Divisions: "C" & D

A motion was made by Peter Pizarek to approve and award contracts as written above, motion was seconded by Sharon Gralik and then unanimously carried. Town Engineer to send out the "Notice of Awards"

Next CCMG Grant council would like to focus on Brookdale with drainage and the other side of Welnetz Road.

Park Department: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Report: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- Code Enforcer should be ready to start next week
- Radar Trailer has been deployed at Greenwood/Bluebird (A big thank you to the street commissioner, Chris Ott for his help in getting this done)
- Appreciation gifts and cards were given anonymously to TCPD thanking them for their hard work and dedication to the town.
- Protective Gear: Marshal Dick would like council to approve for the following riot gear:
 1. Face Masks for helmets, 20x36 clear shields, riot batons, and flex cuffs.

The total for this necessary equipment is \$1172.00. Council Member: Peter Pizarek asked if there were any grants available for this. Marshal responded by saying not to his knowledge.

Before as motion was made Marshal, Dick broke down the cost of each item:

- 3 Peacekeeper Shields: \$ 642.00

- 3 Riot Batons: \$ 78.00
- 2 Non-Ballistic Face Shields: \$ 170.00
- 3 Chemical Agents: \$ 150.00
- 3 Packs of Flex Cuffs \$ 60.00
- TOTAL: \$ 1172.00

Marshal Dick also inquired with council in buying a ballistic shield perhaps in the near future. Only one to keep at stations at a cost of \$ 1600.00 Council President, Jennifer Heath stated may at another time. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the gear above, motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek and then unanimously carried.

Council Member; Scott Silcox asked about the decommissioning of the Tahoe. Marshall indicated that it is almost decommissioned, that Jerry Bailey will be completing the task and then it will be ready for sale.

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

- Leaf Machine: Street Commissioner research the price to rebuild or replace. After a lengthy discussion council decided it would benefit to town to replace. Below is the breakdown with a 1yr warranty and continued mechanical help.

NEW: \$ 69,895.00
 TRADE: \$ 4,000.00
 TOTAL: \$ 65,895.00

The monies for this purchase were approved for the 2020 budgets and will be taken out of the refuse fund. A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the purchase, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Marshal Dick took a moment to thank Chris for his help regarding a possibly confused or lost bike rider in Michigan City. Chris stopped, and helped by putting the bike in the truck and taking the gentleman home.

NIRPC: no report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Public Comment: None

Clerk Comment: Joshleen Denham indicated that it is budget time again, a special meeting must be set to discuss. Ms. Denham will get a date together and confirm with council.

Council Comment: Council Member; Peter Pizarek stated that the property at 2010 Coolspring isn't mowing the easement. Attorney Herrbach indicated that it is a right of way and is owned by the town. Attorney Hererbach will investigate getting an ordinance in place for this.

Street Commissioner Chris Ott asked about the FOP property and the lawn care? Marshal Dick stated that the FOP is planning to drop a shed on the property to house a lawn mower. He will follow up to make sure.

Council President: Jennifer Heath gave thanks to the clerks office for sorting out the garbage/yard waste pickups.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox, and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President

Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: August 18, 2020