

July 20, 2021

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Mrs. Heath led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the meeting minutes from June 2021 as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Kubik and then was unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Kubik to approve June 2021 Fund Report, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Per Clerk Treasurer, Joshleen Denham, there was a problem with the server so the approval of the claims will be tabled until the August Meeting for both June and July 2021.

Correspondence:

- Ms. Denham read aloud correspondence from Ms. Marilyn Groendyke; 401 Firefly regarding the letter that was send to all residents from the clerk's office. She wanted to let us know that she had read the entire packet with the information letter and the memo from Borden Waste Away.

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle not in attendance, Mr. John Doyle reported:

- The proposed landscaping and bridge to be put in at Ollie's Bark Park is being submitted for the grant by MS4 of LaPorte County.

Attorney: Bill Herrbach not in attendance.

Engineer: John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance to report:

- 601 Dogwood; resident putting dirt in the swale from a pool build. Engineer, John Doyle spoke with resident and explained the importance of the drainage and asked that they remove the dirt from the ditch.

Park: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Report: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- Hiring Process for Full Time Police Officer; Applications were accepted until June 15, 2021, Marshal Dick will keep council informed as to the next step in the hiring process.
- Refuse: Large item pick up: After a lengthy discussion regarding large item pick up, Ms. Denham indicated that we need to follow the memo that was sent our to all the residents

from Borden Waste Away and approved by Lakeshore. This memo states that residents are allowed one large item every week with their garbage pickup. The item can not be more than 75lbs and it must be called in by Thursday evening so that Lakeshore can prepare for the pickup.

- Marshal Dick indicated that more than half the year is over, and he has been unable to take his vacation. Without a 4th officer it has been challenging to cover all the shifts for vacation and comp time.

Ms. Denham, Clerk Treasurer asked if the town is going uncovered at any time. Council President, Jennifer Heath indicated “no” while Marshal Dick stated that we are but only on Sunday mornings, so that he can take his comp time. He did indicate that the 911 center is aware of this. Ms. Denham then asked if council should look at the possibility of on call time again to cover the shift with a Trail Creek officer. Marshal Dick stated that they did that years ago but that he found that residents didn’t care for that to much.

Street Department:

- Parking Lot lines will be repainted.
- Ditches are being cleaned and mowed
- Ditches at the Bark Park; Council asked if the street commissioner could mow the ditches there, however he is to speak with the engineer since some of those ditches are for drainage.

NIRPC: Ms. Denham indicated that she did attend the meeting on July 15, 2021, via zoom for a full commission. The meeting was regarding some budget changes that they needed a full quorum for.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Golf Cart Ordinance:** Council President Jennifer Heath indicated that this should be tabled until Attorney Bill Herrbach is here. A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to table the golf cart ordinance, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.
- Mulch being replaced at both Nelson and Congdon Park playgrounds as well as replacing a broken railroad tie.

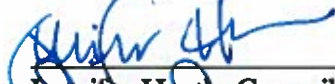
Public Comment:

- Mr. Fabina at 622 Greentree, in to discuss his concern of trees down on property behind Traditions Event Center. Engineer, John Doyle to speak with the owner.
- Ben Wiggins; 626 Greentree in to discuss the development of the 7 acres behind Traditions Event Center. Council explained that they were unsure but would investigate this further.

Clerks Comment:

A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, motion was made by Mrs Galik and motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President



Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST:



Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

August 17, 2021