

September 17, 2019

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 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.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Patrick Kroehler; St. Stan's 5k Race Director in to ask council if he can have the race for 2020 on June 6. (see attached letter from St. Stan's regarding the race) Council President, Jennifer Heath asked Marshal Dick if there were any problems with the race this year, Marshal Dick responded by saying no problems. Mr. Kroehler indicated that this annual race was started by the previous Clerk-Treasurer, Anne Dobbs during the towns Bi-Centennial in 1976. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to have the St. Stan's Annual Walk/Run 5k race on June 06, 2020, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve the meeting minutes from August 2019 as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

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

Approval of Claims: Clerk, Joshleen Denham shared the APV for payables for the month of August in the amount of \$ 180,130.33 (ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY THREE CENTS) A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the bills in the amount above, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and was then unanimously carried. Vice President, Scott Silcox inquired to Marshal Dick, how many sets of stop sticks were purchased? Marshal Dick responded by saying we now have four sets.

Correspondence: None

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

- Standard Inspections: 173
- MS4 Assistant; Ariana assisting Rick Brown to put together training videos. So far, the training video on you-tube on the effects of cigarette butts has been hit 8,700 times and the stormwater video, 908 hits.
- LaPorte County MS4 has been established on You-tube, Instagram and Facebook.

Attorney: Bill Herrbach in attendance to report:

- Update on Ordinance Violations:
 1. Court date scheduled August 27 for Allen Murray; Vehicles Parked on Front Lawn. Mr. Murray is now in compliance per Mr. Herrbach.
 2. 1929 Coolspring: Judgment ordered with penalty included of \$2500.00 per violation. If found in violation again, the penalty will be assessed as well as the town

would then be able to assign a company to do the clean-up. Mr. Herrbach indicated that he would give the resident ten days to clean up the property at which time the Marshal and the attorney will go over to inspect for compliance.

Engineer: John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance:

- 2019 Street Improvement Program is now complete. All streets are done. Mr. Doyle indicated that there is one small issue at the corner of Martin and Plum. Reith Riley has agreed to make repairs to this easement not replacements. Also, the invoices came in about \$16,000.00 less than expected.

Park Department: No report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Report: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- TCPD Hiring: Applications are being reviewed. Physical and Written tests will be within the next 21 days. We added five more applications with the second call. ILEA starts January 06, 2019. Part-timers have stepped up for the coverage needed.
- Stop Sticks x 4: Each vehicle is now equipped with Stop Sticks. Council President, Jennifer Heath added that this was a good investment.
- Bark Park: Maybe a sign that says how to register your pups.
- Ordinance Violations: 405 Johnson Road, grass has been cut.

Street Department: Street Commissioner not in attendance.

NIRPC: No Report; per Ms. Denham, meeting will be October 01, 2019 at 9:00am.

New Business:

- 2019 1st Public Hearing of 2020 Budgets: Ms. Denham read aloud the 2020 advertised budgets for the town. (See attached Notice to Taxpayers). Ms. Denham indicated that this is a preliminary and that the town needs to reduce the general fund by \$112,000.00 and the MVH Fund by \$ 30,000.00 between unused monies from 2019 and 2020 budgets. Ms. Denham asked that the Department Heads make every attempt not to spend money unless necessary and to work with her on any reductions for this year and next.

Old Business: None

Public Comment:

- 136 Sarah Jo: Mr. Alex DeSantiago in to express his concern over a letter he received from the town hall regarding the ownership of ducks. He explained that these ducks are his pets and produce up to 300 eggs per year of which his family will eat. They live within the household and outside. He stated that he is 90% done completing a 6ft fence for them. He indicated he was unaware of the ordinance for no ducks since the town had recently

approved owning chickens. He asked that council reconsider this as an option for residents. The town council will take this under review and get back with Mr. DeSantiago. Council President Jennifer Heath indicated that a special meeting would need to be scheduled. Attorney Herrbach stated that a letter from his neighbors stating they are ok with him owning ducks would be beneficial to his case.


- 2510 Greenwood Ave; Fred & Theresa Bildhauser in to express concern for the new building permit forms and the pricing. He stated that he was not made aware as a contractor that this would be changing. Council explained that the changes were in the making for over one year and that public hearings must be made in order for council to approve. The forms and pricing could change at any time and that this is the responsibility of the contractor to inform themselves of changes. After a lengthy discussion involving council, the building commissioner; Steve Thomas, Attorney Herrbach and Clerk Treasurer; Joshleen Denham, his concerns were taken under advisement but there will be no changes at this time. Mr. Bildhauser, also informed council of the bush at Martin/Greenwood and Roeske/Greenwood that are causing an obstruction of view. Ms. Denham indicated that her office will send out a letter to both homeowners. Also, the home at 2601 Greenwood, which is under a trust: Turczynski Leonard Guardian of Trust benefit over Colby Turczynski is getting run down and shows no improvement. He asked that the Building Commissioner, Steve Thomas look at it. Mr. Thomas agreed.

Clerks Comment: Ms. Denham, Clerk Treasurer again made council aware of the necessary budget decreases that needs to be made in remaining monies from 2019 and reducing the budget for 2020.


Council Comment: None

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President



Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
October 15, 2019

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Notice to Taxpayers is available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888) 739-9826.

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, IN 46360.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of TRAIL CREEK CIVIL TOWN, LaPorte County, Indiana that the proper officers of Trail Creek Civil Town will conduct a public hearing on the year 2020 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Trail Creek Civil Town not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Trail Creek Civil Town shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Trail Creek Civil Town will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date	Tuesday, September 17, 2019	Adoption Meeting Date	Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Public Hearing Time	7:00 PM	Adoption Meeting Time	7:00 PM
Public Hearing Location	211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, IN 46360	Adoption Meeting Location	211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, IN 46360
Estimated Civil Max Levy	\$588,638		
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate	\$75,949		

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference (Column 3 / Column 5)
0005-CASINO/RIVERBOAT	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0101-GENERAL	\$794,179	\$447,370	\$0	\$432,188	3.51%
0254-LOCAL INCOME TAX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0706-LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0708-MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$212,300	\$112,857	\$0	\$109,041	3.50%
0720-MAJOR MOVES - TOLLROAD COUNTIES	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
1151-CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2379-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMP (CIG TAX)	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2391-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$50,000	\$28,411	\$0	\$9,432	201.22%
2411-ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CEDIT	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	\$303,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	

-112 General - 30K muH 2019 2020

6402-TRASH /
SANITATION -
OPERATING

Totals	\$1,661,179	\$588,638	\$0	\$550,661	
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OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

September 17, 2019
Town of Trail Creek
211 Rainbow Trail
Trail Creek IN 46360

RE: Proposed Trail Creek 5K Run/Walk
Saturday June 6, 2020

To The Town of Trail Creek President Mrs. Jennifer Heath and Council Members:

The St. Stan's 5K Run/Walk Committee on behalf of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church is grateful to you for allowing us to have the 5K this past June 1, 2019 and we are requesting your approval to continue this event to take place June 6, 2020.

The Run/Walk fundraiser will again be tired for Seniors, Adults and Children. We propose that the same route that was used this past June 1, will remain the same.

We will be preparing entry forms which will include waivers of liability for the benefit of Trail Creek, and will cooperate with the Trail Creek Town Council and Police Department to make this event fun and safe for all— an event for Trail Creek and our parish to be proud of, and to continue again on an annual basis.

Your kind cooperation with our request is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Race Director, Patrick Kroehler.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our request.

Very Truly yours,
St. Stan's 5K Run/Walk Committee

Patrick Kroehler
Race Director

9/17/19; approved
by Council *JPH*
Sec Cox / *St. Stanislaus*