

August 18, 2015

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council Vice President, Warren Schacht, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Not In Attendance: Town Attorney; Bill Herrbach, Council Member; Jeff Studtman, Building Commissioner; Steve Thomas, and Street Commissioner; Jeff Bruder.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the meeting minutes from the July 21, 2015 as written; motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the fund report for July 21, 2015; motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Approval of Claims Council Member; John Bayler asked Clerk-Treasurer; Joshleen Denham about APV# 2644 for Anthem Dental in the amount of \$ 213.67 for the July Dental Premium. He wondered why the amount was different then for the August Premium APV# 2623. Ms. Denham explained that the difference was paid electronically by APV # 2548 in the amount of \$131.74 and was on last month's accounts payable register. A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the bills in the amount of \$81,870.88 (EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY EIGHT CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence Council Member; John Bayler read aloud a letter of correspondence received from Mr. Tom Holets; 628 Black Oak Drive commending the Street Department for their favorable work picking up after the storm damage.

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle; MS4 Coordinator in attendance to report on the LaPorte County Fair. She indicated that it went very well. She stated that this year they had computers set up with videos for both adults and children to review. Although, because of the storm that rolled through attendance was down from last year.

Also, Rule 13; she explained Rule 13 is the MS4 Program. Some changes have been made to this program where as a contractor has to go through the process of obtaining an MS4 permit, if a contractor has an area off-site where they dump construction debris. The off-site area can either be permanent or temporary.

Ms. Doyle spoke of the invoices to the entities for the MS4 Program, Ms. Denham, Clerk Treasurer indicated that she had not as of yet received the invoice. Ms. Doyle stated that she would follow up and forward a copy to the Town of Trail Creek.

One last item to report; Ms. Doyle indicated that the MS4 section of the LaPorte County website is adding more training content for elected officials to review.

Attorney: Marc Woodcox in attendance as Bill Herrbach is out. Mr. Woodcox had no report.

Engineer: John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance to discuss the INDOT highway 20 project; he indicates that the project has been moved forward again after the meeting with INDOT in July 2015, with changes. Mr. Doyle stated that he again had difficulty receiving the plans from INDOT. In the new plans there is no verbiage on any drainage issues as stated during the July 2015 meeting. Also, as far as he is aware the state is still buying up the right of way near evergreen plaza, therefore owners of businesses will still need to move their signs back in the upcoming future.

2015 Street Improvement Project; Mr. Doyle indicated that the bidding process is running 10-15 days behind. He will be putting an ad in the newspaper for the bid, however a special meeting will need to take place for the bid opening. He will be in contact with the Clerk's office regarding a date and time.

Mr. Doyle stated that last month we had a rain storm that caused power to go out, in some areas of town. Including, the loss of power at the pumping station. Mr. Doyle asked if there was a "chain of command" when the pump station loses power between the street and police department, so that the portable generator could be put in place in the event this happens in the future. Council stated that the street department should come up with a procedure for this.

Street Department: No Report

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: No Report

Building Inspector: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance. Nothing pressing to report, except that he would like council approval to began looking into getting bids for the renovation on the police department building.

Old Business:

- 2015 Street Improvement Project: See above under Engineers report
- Updating Electrical Codes; Jim Switzer in to discuss the need to update these codes and other codes such as the need for permits for roofs, windows and siding. Electrical issues include the need for GCFI outlets on pools. Council

asked that Jim get together with Attorney Bill Herrbach to discuss these issues and report back at next month's meeting.

New Business:

- Municipal Complex Sign; Marshal Steve Dick along with Clerk; Joshleen Denham indicated the need for a municipal complex sign. Council agreed, Steve will work with Joshleen to find out pricing information.

Public Comment: None

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Ms. Denham; Clerk Treasurer explained to council the need to set up a budget meeting with the department heads to discuss upcoming budgets for 2016. A meeting was scheduled for August 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Comment: Mr. Warren Schacht; Council President wanted to express his sympathy for the loss of Mr. Ronald Lombard. Mr. Lombard served our community five terms (20 years) as both council member and president of council. At this time, Mr. Schacht asked that we take a moment of silence. Mr. Schacht then asked if there was any further business, Mr. Silcox, Council Member asked if the generator between the Police Department and the Town Hall was fixable. He asked because when the power goes out it is difficult for Coolspring Fire Department to manually get into the garage, to get the fire truck out during an emergency. Ms. Denham, stated that she would get with Mr. Bruder regarding this.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Silcox to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.; motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:


Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST:


Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: September 15, 2015