

March 19, 2019

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 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.

Mrs. Heath welcomed Sharon Gralik who was sworn in at the LaPorte County Clerks office to take the vacant seat on the board.

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

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

Approval of Claims: There were no bills to approve for February.

MS4: MS4 Coordinator; Kate Doyle: No report since there was not a quorum at their MS4 meeting.

Attorney: Mr. Bill Herrbach, Town Attorney in to report:

- **Permit Fees:** Mr. Herrbach explained the new permit fee schedule; all inspections will now be \$50.00 plus a \$5.00 administrative fee.
- **Chicken Application** has been created and given to the town hall
- **Dog Park Use permit** is complete and given to the clerk

Engineer: John Doyle in attendance.

- **Roads weathered** due to the winter months; such as: Welnetz, Roeske, Edgemoor and Johnson Rd. Mr. Doyle will work with street commissioner to create a list. Council President, Jennifer Heath asked if these roads could potentially be part of the grant from INDOT if we receive it. Ms. Denham, Clerk Treasurer stated that the grant is specific to 6 different roads and those are not included. Ms. Denham further indicated that we may have to think about cashing in our CD with Horizon Bank which amounts to approximately \$127,000.00.

Park Department: No report, Upcoming meeting scheduled for April 15, 2019.

Building Department: Building Inspector; Steve Thomas in to report that he boarded up the door at 235 Harding Avenue. This house has been vacant for quite some time. Ms. Denham asked that he get an invoice to her for payment.

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance:

- 2019 Charger; Officer Korepanow while on duty accidentally hit a deer. The vehicle is currently being repaired and will be back in service shortly.
- Training: Marshal Dick and Sargent Lisoski along with several other agencies had the opportunity to train at the Laporte City School; for a mock school shooting. Marshal Dick explained that this was a very important training, as Trail Creek is very near six schools in the area and would probably be the first on seen.
- Deputy Southwell will complete his probation period next week.
- Foot Patrols will continue, and the weather gets nicer.
- The town was established March 8, 1924, this year marks 95 years as a town. Marshal Dick read aloud the very first meeting notes from that date, of which the Marshal was appointed as well as the secretary and council members.
- Vacation Pay: Marshal Dick explained that while Deputy Korepanow was on leave for a worker's compensation injury, he didn't have the opportunity to take his vacation. Marshal Dick asked for permission to allow him to take 4 days' vacation time and be paid at 100% of 6 days at 12.25 hours at his hourly rate. Since the request is outside of our employee policy, a short discussion was had with council and the attorney. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve vacation pay as stated, motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumaier and was then unanimously carried.

Street Department: Mr. Bruder, Street Commissioner not in attendance.

NIRPC: Ms. Denham indicated that the next meeting is in May 2019

New Business:

- **Ollie's Bark Park: Parking Lot/Road Extension.** A special meeting was held to open bids and take them under advisement. Sealed bids for Contract Division "A", "B" and an alternate. (See Below)

Contract Division "A": Redwood Drive Extension

Walsh & Kelly \$ 21,350.00 D&M Excavating: \$29,984.00 Woodruff & Sons: \$33,866.88

Contract Division "B": Ollie's Bark Park Parking Lot

Walsh & Kelly: \$ 18,250.00 D&M Excavating: \$ 22,982.00 Woodruff & Sons: \$ 31,731.88

Alternate to Contract Division "B" Paving

Walsh & Kelly: \$17,845.00 D&M Excavating: \$18,863.00 Woodruff & Son's: \$21,023.88

Mr. John Doyle, Town Engineer made his recommendation, to use Walsh & Kelly for both divisions. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to accept the bids for contract divisions A & B from Walsh & Kelly totaling \$ 39,600.00, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

- Interlocal Co-Op Agreement: Attorney Herrbach prepared an agreement to utilize county inspectors if we don't have one. Inspections fees will be \$55.00. A motion was made by Mrs. Neumaier to accept the interlocal agreement as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Old Business:

- Ollic's Bark Park Signage: Ms. Denham has a proposal for one set of signs. Attorney Herrbach indicated that we may need two sets of signs.

Public Comment:

- Margaret Cole: 2012 Redwood Drive; she stated that her property ends up at the ditch behind Evergreen Plaza. She expressed concern over the potential flooding with the ditch not being cleaned up. She stated that a few years ago she had written a letter to Senator Scott Pelath regarding her concern with the flooding that could be caused by the Highway 20 Project. Mr. Doyle asked to have a copy of the letter, as he will be writing another letter to the state expressing his concerns as well.

Council President, Jennifer Heath stated that she would get with the street commissioner on cleaning up the ditch.

Clerks Comment: Ms. Denham reported that she just came back from training with ILMCT in Muncie, Indiana.


Council Comment: No Comment

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

APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President



Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
April 16, 2019