

August 15, 2017

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council President, Warren Schacht, led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes from JULY 2017 as written; motion was seconded by Mrs Heath, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund A motion was made by Mrs. Heath, accept the JULY 2017 Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to pay bills in the amount of \$ 65,206.37(SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS AND THIRTY SEVEN CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: NONE

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance.

- MS4 Budget Meeting was held and there will be no increases to the budget.
- MS4 Training Video is now complete, Kate will forward to Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer and she will forward to council.
- MS4 Non-Reverting Funds available to any municipality in LaPorte County. Some discussion will be had regarding if Trail Creek could benefit from these funds as well.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach not in attendance.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle in attendance.

- Highway 20 Project: Water lines are currently being completed at Evergreen Plaza.
 1. Drainage: INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) has indicated the many ideas they have on the drainage concern, however according to Mr. Doyle they have not provided any financial commitment. Mr. Doyle stated that he fills all the communities that are affected should pay a portion of this concern. There should be a meeting with other communities to discuss this issue.
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- **2018 Street Improvement Projects:**
 1. **INDOT Community Cross Match Grant:** Ms. Joshleen Denham with the help of Mr. Doyle submitted the application on July 14, 2017 to INDOT. Awards will be given end of August or early September.
 2. Possible other small projects that need to be done this year, will discuss at next meeting if funding is available.

Street Department: Mr. Jeff Bruder in attendance.

- **Generator:** The generator has been purchased and installed. The street department will be looking into a fence to secure the generator.
- **Parks:** The concession stands and bathrooms have been updated, painted and has new electrical outlets. The bathrooms will be opened for the Fall Festival.
- **Pritz Park Leaf Removal** has been done

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: Mr. Kyle Kazmierczak 102 Park Lane, Park Board Interim President in attendance to give council a summary of what the park board has been doing.

- **Sentinal Alarm;** The camaras and the network has been approved and will be put in shortly
- **Bathrooms at Nelson** have been cleaned and updated. Potential in the future to have bathrooms built at Congdon Park.
- **Fall Festival:** Approval by council; the park board has been working hard to get this put together. Below is just a few of the activities
 - a. Hamburgers/Hotdogs, bake sale, games for the kids, vendors for crafts etc. Advertising will be done via social media, the radio and also mailing flyers out to residents.
- **Future Plans:** Making parks ADA Compliant, repair fences at parks and new picnic tables.
- **Drawings of Pritz Park:** Kyle formally requested the drawings for the park. Mr. Doyle will get him copies.

Building Inspector: No Report

Planning and Zoning: Mrs. Heath, Board Member indicated that there is a meeting scheduled for August 22, 2017 at 6:00 pm on the Abraham property.

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance.

- **Open House at Police Department:** This will be in September 2017

- New Police Vehicle: Steve explained that he cancelled the order for the 2018 Ford Explorer and opted for a 2018 Dodge Charger for about \$2000.00 less. He will be looking into and placing order shortly.
- Pop Up(Easy up tent): The Trail Creek Police Department has purchased one with the logo which can be used several times throughout the year at events such as the Laporte County Community Picnic, Trail Creeks Fall Festival, Trick or Treat at Nelson Park and several other events they would like to be a part of.

Old Business:

- Franchise Fee Ordinance: tabled

New Business: None

Public Comment:

- Jerraly Stark, 2109 Red Oak Drive in attendance and asked how we intend to advertise for the Fall Festival. Council explained through social media, the radio and flyers.
- Roger Stark, 2109 Red Oak Drive; Concerned about some vehicles blowing stop signs on Welnetz Road. Marshal Dick indicated that he will be patrolling the area even more frequently.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: None

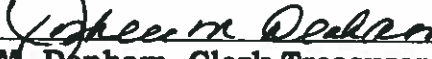
Council Comment: Mr. Scott Silcox, Council Member stated that on the Next Door App someone posted that they heard screams in the area of their neighborhood. He stressed the importance of contact the LaPorte County Dispatch at 219-879-6700 or by calling 911. Marshal Dick stated he reviewed the service calls for that night indicated and found nothing had been called in. He also stressed the importance of contacting your local authorities. Mr. John Bayler, Council Member commended the police department for the service they provide to our community.

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 and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Warren Schacht, Council President
Jennifer Heath, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
September 19, 2017