

**June 18, 2019**

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Street Commissioner, Jeff Bruder and Town Attorney, Bill Herrbach not in attendance.

President, Jennifer Heath led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** After making a correction on page two, a motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes from May 2019 as written, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and was then unanimously carried.

**Approval of Fund A** A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to accept June 2019 Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumaier and was then unanimously carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Clerk, Joshleen Denham shared the APV for payables for the month of 2019 in the amount of \$ 93,412.36 (NINETY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY SIX CENTS) A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve the June 2019 bills in the amount above, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

**Correspondence:** Council President Jennifer Heath read aloud some correspondence from Patrick Koehler, St. Stan's Race Director, thanking the Town of Trail Creek for allowing them to have the race another year. Ms. Denham read aloud some email correspondence from resident Brent Bassett, 520 Johnson Road, he wanted to thank the police for the extra effort in controlling speeding along Johnson Road. Ms. Denham indicated that there was a letter that was unsigned and therefore will not be read aloud.

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

- The MS4 Committee did not have a quorum at the last meeting therefore a meeting was not held.
- Storm Drain Paintings: MS4 Regional Director, Rick Brown's Assistant has come up with a clever idea of painting informative and eye-catching storm water paintings that will bring awareness on the importance of keeping storm drains clear of debris. Kate will find out more information regarding pricing and get back with the town council. Town Council really liked the idea. More information can be found on the LaPorte County MS4 Facebook page.
- Ms. Denham asked if the town could still benefit from any of MS4's non reverting funds? Ms. Doyle responded by saying we will need to speak with Rick.

**Attorney:** Mr. Bill Herrbach, Town Attorney not in attendance. Ms. Denham asked council to review the state building codes and sign as per Bill Herrbach. A motion was made by Mrs. Neumaier to accept ordinance # 6-2019, adoption of the state building codes as written, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and then unanimously carried.

**Engineer:** John Doyle in attendance.

- CCMG (INDOT Cross Match Grant) ; special meeting was held on June 13, 2019 at 10:00am to open bids. Bids are as follows:
  1. Rieth Riley:

Contract "A"; Laurel Drive:	\$ 57,000.00
Contract "B"; Spruce:	\$ 55,705.00
Contract "C"; Pine Cone	\$ 14,426.00
Contract "D"; Edgemoor	\$ 75,750.00
Contract "E"; Martin Dr.	\$ 161,950.00
TOTAL PROJECT:	\$ 364,901.00
TOTAL GRANT AWARD:	\$ 291,412.50
LPA RESPONSIBILITY:	\$ 73,488.50

Bids were opened and taken under advisement on June 13, 2019. Awards to be held at regular scheduled meeting on June 19, 2019. After council review and Engineer recommendation; a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to accept Rieth Riley's bids for Contracts A-E in the amount of \$ 364,901.00, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and then unanimously carried. Mr. Doyle indicated that the timeline will be 45 days. He will send of the notice of award.

- Mr. Doyle stated that he needs to speak with Street Commissioner regarding the storm water pumping station and the floats. Ms. Denham stated she would let Mr. Bruder know.

**Park Department:** No Report

**Planning and Zoning:** No Report

**Police Department:**

- Radar Trailer: Deployed at Whippoorwill Ave.
- Range Training: Range training will be held on June 28, 2019, at that time all deputies will be qualified.
- Dog Park: Concerns with signage; need to relook at wording for no overnight parking

**Street Department:** Street Commissioner not in attendance. Ms. Denham reported:

- Nelson Park Shelter is repaired
- Patch for potholes has been ordered from Walsh & Kelly, once they pick it up the potholes will be filled.

**NIRPC:** No Report

**New Business:** Covered above

**Old Business:** Covered above

**Public Comment:**

- James Switzer; Resident and Electrical Inspector for the town expressed concerns regarding the continued follow up on ordinance violations. He indicated that the town could really benefit from an ordinance inspector.
- Wallace Pritz; Owner of Evergreen Furniture, wanted to know what the schedule was for mowing the ditch behind the plaza. Council President, Jennifer Heath stated that with the amount of rain lately, it has saturated the ditch making it very hard to mow. She asked that he be patient with the town and as soon as it dries up, the ditch will be mowed. Mr. Pritz indicated that he respects that.

**Clerks Comment:** No Report

**Council Comment:**

- Council Member; Jeff Studtman expressed concerns for the liquid being dropped on our streets from the garbage truck. Ms. Denham explained that when residents put liquids in the garbage and it is then compacted, this can happen. Ms. Denham will follow up with Bordon.
- Council Member; Sharon Gralik asked Marshall Dick about the junked /abandoned vehicle ordinance. Marshall Dick explained the ordinance.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr.Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm; motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik was then unanimously carried.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Jennifer Heath, Council President

  
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Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

**ATTEST:**

  
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John M. Denham

**Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer**  
**July 16, 2019**