

November 21, 2017

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 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 via video conference.

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

Approval of Fund A motion was made by Mrs. Heath, to accept the November 2017 Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to pay bills in the amount of \$45,331.49 (FOURTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE DOLLARS AND FOURTY NINE CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: NONE

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance.

- MS4 has been contacted regarding another illegal dumping on Johnson, a carpet cleaning business, the owner was cited and fined.
- Rick has come up with a flyer on MS4 and the fines associated with dumping.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach in attendance.

- Sign design at Evergreen Plaza being done by Michiana Signs and Lighting. The design does not meet the guidelines as there has been no location given as per the code. If they are going to use the signs they have they must file for a variance.
- Variance has been filed for White Eagle Park. The potential new owner would like to use for the same purpose as before, a wedding banquet facility or possible daycare center. Meeting scheduled with the Board of Zoning on December 05, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the town hall.
- Dog at Large: There have been more then a few warnings given for this ordinance violation. This could bring a fine upwards of \$2500.00 or possible euthanize the animal. President, Warren Schacht asked for the specifics on this case. Mr. Herrbach indicated that this individual has been given a ticket for this matter from LaPorte County Sheriff's office twice. This falls under code as an aggressive dog.

Engineer:

- DeBoer E-Golf: Melody Lane Drainage Project, work has started they are saw cutting today. They will begin putting in pipe on Monday.
- Hwy 20 Project: There is no new information on this project for next spring.

Street Department:

- Leaf pick up is a little behind due to the truck breaking down for a few days as well as the leaves taking a little longer this year to fall.
- Extension to leaf pick up schedule. Street Department will be picking up leaves under December 04, 2017 weather permitting

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: Meeting scheduled for December 04, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the town hall.

Planning and Zoning: Meeting scheduled for December 05, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the town hall.

Building Department: Steven Thomas, Building Inspector in attendance and reported that 1910 Coolspring has been purchased and is being renovated. The trees and shrubs have been cut back and electrical work has been completed.

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance.

- Trick or Treat: Went fantastic, TCPD had hot chocolate, donuts and glow sticks at Nelson Park for the trick or treaters. Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer, her eight year old son, Ethan and some of the Marshal's family helped as well. He thanked those people for helping.
- TCPD New Hire: Chris Southwell just finished up week five at the academy and is doing well.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Council Members At Large Ordinance: Per Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney the town did pass this through an ordinance in 1983. He indicated he wasn't aware of this because he was not the town attorney then. Council members are currently elected by the entire town not just by district. Again in 1992 this was passed through ordinance.
- Melody Lane Drainage Project (Contract Division "B") : Overlay proposal award/reject
 1. Reith Riley: \$22,800.00 includes some milling of 2-3 butt joints.
 2. Walsh & Kelly: \$ 22,610.00

Since there is not enough time left in the year to complete this in 2017. Mr. Doyle indicated that it will be done next year by encumbering those funds. Mr. Herrbach indicated that the board should make a motion to honor the bid for Spring of 2018. Mrs. Heath made a motion to honor bid for Spring of 2018 from Walsh and Kelly in the

amount of \$ 22,800.00 at which time the work can be completed, Mr. Studtman seconded that motion and was then unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

- Brent Bassett; 520 Johnson Road: He indicated he has lived in Trail Creek for 14 years and came to the October 2017 Town Meeting, to express concern over speeders on Johnson Road. He reported that he has not observed any changes. He travels Johnson Road 6-7 times daily. He indicates that this is a daily issue. He and some of his neighbors have also grown concerned. He states that the Marshal had promised several times before the donation was given that he would enforce the data on the radar trailer. Mr. Bassett indicated that he would like the data from the radar trailer as well, he was told that getting the data is not easy. However, Mr. Bassett is an IT person and offered his assistance. Since then he has still not received any information regarding the data on the machine. Mr. Bassett concluded by saying he only wants to see a more overall presence from Trail Creek Police Department.

Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President thanked Mr. Bassett for his concern and for the collection of data. He indicated that he would collaborate with the Marshal to find a good solution to this problem.


- Ruben DeVilla; 521 Johnson Road; Also, concerned with speeding traffic on Johnson Road as well.
- John Elderidge; 1906 E. Coolspring in to discuss his concern with his refuse bill. Mr. Herrbach took the lead and indicated that Mr. Elderidge can give him his information and he will work with Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer and get back with him.
- Robert Schemburger ; 1926 Welnetz Road wanted to give a pat on the back to the Street Department on the clean up on South Roeske.
- Jerrally Stark; 2109 Red Oak Drive; Complimented the Street Department on taking the dead tree down. She also stated that maybe to slow down the speeders on Johnson Road, put more stop signs in or maybe some speed bumps.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: None

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

APPROVED:

Warren Schacht, Council President
Jennifer Heath, Council Vice President

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

