

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 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.

Special Guest: Mr. Patrick Koehler, with St. Stan's here to discuss the proposed race scheduled for June 3, 2017 utilizing the same route. This run/walk fundraiser is for adults, seniors and children. Entry forms will be available shortly. Marshal Steve Dick indicated that there should be an agreement on the cost of utilizing the town resources and overtime for the police department. A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to allow the St. Stan's race for Saturday June 3, 2017, motion was seconded by Ms. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

Minutes A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the meeting minutes from the August 16, 2016 written; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund Mr. Studtman made a motion to accept the August 2016 Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to pay bills in the amount of \$ 71,113.64 (SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY FOUR CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: None

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle, MS4 Coordinator not in attendance. Mr. Doyle indicated that the last two meetings for MS4 have been cancelled.

Attorney: Attorney Bill Herrbach in attendance.

- Account reviews for delinquency and then turn over to MCSI.
- 1910 Coolsping: Mr. Herrbach spoke with the bank regarding the property. The property management company came in and brought some concerns into compliance. The owners have not been found in default on taxes or the mortgage. The bank will be filing some collection action against the owner.
- 235 Harding: The property should be brought into compliance and /or go through the process of condemnation. There is an owner of record; this property has also been turned over to collections.

- Park Board Meeting on October 11, 2016, Bill will be attending to perhaps give the board a function. Some examples would be the baseball, concessions and perhaps discuss Pritz Park.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle in attendance to report that contract division "B: Yanke Road-Welnetz Road to Coolspring Avenue and "C": Dogwood Drive – Welnetz Road to Red Oak Drive have been completed with the exception of the clean up. Request for payment will come next month. Mr. Schacht asked if there were any exceptions or additions to the contract price. Mr. Doyle indicated that yes there will be probably a \$5000.00 - \$7000.00 difference over and above the contract price.

Street Inventory (Asset Management Plan) will have something to present to the board at next month's meeting.

Highway 20 Project; Mr. Doyle stated that there will be a clearing contract sometime in March 2017, then begin to move utilities to be completed by the end of 2017, and advertising for construction bids in November 2017. The project will last probably a year.

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

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: Park Liaison and Council Member Scott Silcox indicated that the Park Board will be having a meeting October 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Building Inspector: No Report

Planning and Zoning: Ms. Heath indicated that the meeting will be held October 04, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance.

- Municipal Sign: He does not have an update. Will follow up and report next month.
- SOP and the take home policy: The policy states that the officer can have a take home vehicle if he lives within 10 miles of the town. He indicated that currently we do have one officer who lives 20 miles outside of the town limits. His request is to have this officer have a take home car as an incentive for doing such a favorable job for the town. The use would be limited for to and from work only no personal use. Attorney Herrbach indicated that the SOP would need to be amended to read that. Mr. Warren Schacht asked how far we allow an officer to drive outside of the town limits. Marshal Dick responded by saying you have to look at the individual. After a lengthy discussion by council, the attorney and Marshal Dick, a motion was made by Ms. Heath to allow Officer Korepanow the use of a take home care as long as the SOP is amended; motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.
- Donations for the Radar Trailer; Marshal Dick indicated he received a phone call by a resident today and the topic of a radar sign came up. The resident

asked if donations could given/taken for this. The resident wrote a check for \$500.00 toward this, he indicated that another resident and business owner would then match that.

Old Business:

- Refuse Contract: Ms. Denham indicated that we need to decide if we will extend the contract with Borden Waste Away or bid the contract out. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to extend the contract for two years with Borden for the same terms; motion was seconded by Ms. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

New Business:

- Zoning Board Nominations / Appointments:
 1. Mike Mackey; 229 Johnson Road
 2. Robin Kohn; 208 Johnson Road
 3. Dan Tompkins ; 229 Avondale

A motion was made by Ms. Heath to accept the appointments for the Zoning Board, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried. Mr. Herrbach, town attorney mentioned to the new members that the next zoning board meeting will be held at the town hall on Oct. 04, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Bill Green, Zoning Board President mentioned that he would appreciate that members come to the meeting fifteen minutes early for election of officers.

- Park Board Nominations/ Appointments:
 1. Tiffany Hoen; 420 Laurel Drive

Mr. Silcox mentioned that the next Park Board meeting will be October 11, 2016 at 6 pm at the town hall. He will send out reminders of this to members.

A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to accept the park board nomination; motion was seconded by Ms. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

Ms. Hoen mentioned that she may have another nominee to the Park Board; she will ask that person and get back with the town hall.

- 2017 Budgets: Ms. Denham, Clerk Treasurer read aloud the budgets from the Form 3 submitted to Gateway "Notice to Taxpayers" see attached. Ms. Denham further indicated that we increased the budget by 17% up from 2016. Ms. Denham shared that she has spoke with Cender and Company and they are comfortable with doing that.

She then indicated that at the October Meeting we will be adopting the budgets for 2017.

- TCPD would like to donate the old copier; Ms. Heath indicated that perhaps the United Way would like the copier. A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to

donate the copier; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

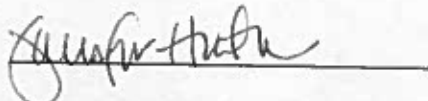
Public Comment:

- Peter Pizarek, 201 Rainbow Trail discussed concerns with the drainage at the end of his driveway. Mr. Doyle indicated that there is a drywell located there. He stated that he will look into it, that perhaps a vac truck may be necessary to clean out. However, this concern has been addressed and that perhaps we can do something about this next year for our 2017 Street Improvement Projects.
- Debbie Bartlett, 417 Black Oak Drive; she expressed the need for a front yard parking ordinance. She indicated that it looks unsightly and that can drop property value. She also indicated some possible ordinance violations at 325 Black Oak , 2006 Coolspring and on Dogwood. Marshal Dick was asked if these are violations. After a lengthy discussion regarding this it was decided that because the ordinances are in need of updating, the attorney will be looking into these concerns. In the meantime, Marshal Dick was asked to look into this alleged violations and get back with council.
- Timothy Bartlett, 417 Black Oak asked if mound sewer systems are required in the town. Attorney Herrbach indicated that the decision is up to the Health Department.
- Don Westphal, 439 Johnson Road; Would like to know how he finds out what is going on in Trail Creek. Mr. Studtman responded by saying we have a facebook page and our town website. Ms. Denham also indicated that she could give Mr. Westphal meeting notes if he would like. His second complaint is the speeding on Johnson Road. Mr. Studtman stated that the Radar Trailer will help assist with this problem.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: None

Council Comment: There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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
October 18, 2016

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Notice to Taxpayers is available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888) 739-9826.

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, IN 46360.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of TRAIL CREEK CIVIL TOWN, LaPorte County, Indiana that the proper officers of Trail Creek Civil Town will conduct a public hearing on the year 2017 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Trail Creek Civil Town not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Trail Creek Civil Town shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Trail Creek Civil Town will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date	Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Public Hearing Time	7:00 PM
Public Hearing Location	211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, IN 46360
Estimated Civil Max Levy	\$513,902
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate	\$75,551

Adoption Meeting Date	Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Adoption Meeting Time	7:00 PM
Adoption Meeting Location	211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, IN 46360

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy
0005-CASINO/RIVERBOAT	\$200,403	\$0	\$0	\$0
0101-GENERAL	\$772,263	\$401,894	\$0	\$344,585
0706-LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$18,348	\$0	\$0	\$0
0708-MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$307,530	\$101,456	\$0	\$139,040
0720-MAJOR MOVES - TOLLROAD COUNTIES	\$22,800	\$0	\$0	\$0
2379-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMP (CIG TAX)	\$20,382	\$0	\$0	\$0
2391-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$14,000	\$10,552	\$0	\$10,165
2411-ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CEDIT	\$82,293	\$0	\$0	\$0
6402-TRASH / SANITATION - OPERATING	\$190,950	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$1,628,969	\$513,902	\$0	\$493,790



St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

September 20, 2016
Town of Trail Creek
211 Rainbow Trail
Trail Creek IN 46360

RE: Proposed Trail Creek 5K Run/Walk
Saturday June 3, 2017

To The Town of Trail Creek President Mr. Warren Schacht and Council Members:

The St. Stan's 5K Run/Walk Committee on behalf of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church is grateful to you for allowing us to have the 5K this past June 4, 2016 and we are requesting your approval to continue this event to take place June 3, 2017.

The Run/Walk fundraiser will be tired for Seniors, Adults and Children. We propose that the same route that was used this past June 4 will remain the same.

We will be preparing entry forms which will include waivers of liability for the benefit of Trail Creek, and will cooperate with the Trail Creek Town Council and Police Department to make this event fun and safe for all- an event for Trail Creek and our parish to be proud of, and perhaps to continue on an annual basis.

Your kind cooperation with our request is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Race Director, Patrick Kroehler.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our request.

Very Truly yours,
St. Stan's 5K Run/Walk Committee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Kroehler".

Patrick Kroehler
Race Director