

January 23, 2018

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 2018 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 conferencing. Mr. Jeff Studtman, Council Member not in attendance.

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

Approval of Fund A motion was made by Mrs. Heath, to accept the December 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 \$66,452.63 (SIXTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY THREE CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: Ms. Denham read a loud some correspondence from a resident, Mr. Brent Bassett, 504 Johnson Road, Trail Creek, he thanked the police department, the street department and the town hall for all the hard work during the 2017 year and looks forward to working with us all next year.

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance.

- Entity Billing: Kate indicates that this billing will be going out during the first quarter of 2018. Annual Report should be out shortly
- 2017 Review:
 1. Site Evaluations: 1424
 2. New : 19
 3. Complaints: 93
 4. Fines: \$ 2000.00

Attorney Report:

- Baseball MOU: Mr. Herrbach extended his appreciation to the park board president; Mr. Kyle Kazmierczak for speaking with the parks department in Michigan City; Jeremy Kienetz to get this new Memo Of Understanding in place for the 2018 Baseball Season. Some of those changes to the MOU include that Michigan City Parks and Rec will fertilize the parks at least once during the season.

- **White Eagle Park Use Variance:** There was a meeting regarding this with the board of zoning and this was voted on and approved with some conditions.
- **Meeting with the FOP (Fraternal Order Of Police):** This meeting was held by Mr. Herrbach and John Doyle along with Steve Thomas and members of the FOP board; Tim Baker and Todd Bolus. Mr. Doyle dicussed options as to the rebuilding of the FOP at the same location. There may be a septic issue, they will check with the Laporte County Health Department. Before rebuilding can be done the insurance, company must first determine the cause of the fire.
- **Work Session:** Mr. Herrbach would like to hold a work session with council to discuss the possibility of revising the ordinance on boats, trailers, buses and RV's. Council agreed and scheduled a meeting for February 06, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Also, as part of that meeting Mr. Herrbach will discuss with council the new laws on electronic communication and whether or not Mr. Warren Schacht can vote on the board.

Engineer Report: Mr. John Doyle in attendance.

- **Highway 20 Project:** Mr. Doyle indicated that they will be reviewing bids in June or July 2018. Groundbreaking will be done sometime in 2018.

Street Department: No Report

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: No Report

- **Picnic Tables;** the park department has it in their budget to purchase 8 new picnic tables two of which will be ADA Compliant.

Planning and Zoning: Mrs. Heath reported that there was a meeting regarding the White Eagle Park Use Variance and this was approved with some conditions.

Building Department: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance.

- **Deputy Southwell:** Will be graduating next Friday at the Morrisville High School, at 6:30 pm (5:30 Central Time). Marshal Dick and Sergeant Lisoski will be heading down to be there for his graduation.
- **On December 30, 2017 Marshal Dick met with Mr. Brent Bassett of 504 Johnson Road.** The Marshal indicated that they had a good conversation regarding some of the unforeseen issues they face on a daily basis. The Marshal explained to Mr. Bassett the dynamics of the department so that Mr. Bassett could get a better understanding of the challenges he is faced with.
- **Advisory Board Meeting** was held on January 02,2018, he gave them an update of the department.
- **Exploratory K-9 Unit:** Marshal Dick would like to possibly have a K-9 Unit starting sometime in 2019. He explained that he would like to start researching this so that

he has a good estimate on what should go into his budget for 2019. Budgets for 2019 will be discussed as early as June 2019. Sergeant Lisoski has offered to be the K-9 handler.

- Marshal Dick would like to start a bike patrol. He explained that the department has acquired two police bikes that need some work. This program will be started this year.
- 2018 Charger: The vehicle is in the last stages of upfitting and should be done in a week. The graphics will be done sometime in February.

Old Business:

- Melody Lane Drainage Project: Engineer John Doyle made a pay request in the amount of \$ 78,525.90 for DeBoer EGolf. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to pay the request, motion was seconded by John Bayler and then unanimously carried.
- Welsh and Kelly has submitted the contract and bonds for the overlay of Melody Lane following the drainage work.

New Business:

- Mr. Herrbach, Town Engineer presented the board with the MOU (Memo of Understanding) between Michigan City Park and Rec and the Town of Trail Creek regarding the upcoming baseball season. This MOU has some changes from last year. Michigan City Park and Rec will fertilize the fields at least once during the season.
- 2018 Street Improvement:
 1. Roeske Project: Preliminary Plans are 95% complete. Plans have changed from the what was submitted to INDOT for the grant received by the town. Mr. Doyle explained that the town must also tie into the Hwy 20 project. This will require the town to do some clean up to rebuild Welnetz Road with drainage. For this reason, the overall project will cost more than originally anticipated. Mr. Doyle stated that council should open bids at the February meeting then award bids by the March meeting. Ms. Denham stated that the contract must be signed for the Roeske project and sent to INDOT by March 31, 2018 in order to utilize the grant. A motion was made to seek bids by Mr. Silcox , seconded by Mrs. Heath then unanimously carried.
- INDOT Community Cross Matching Grant: Ms. Denham presented to the board for signature the contract between the town and INDOT to received the grant awarded. Ms. Dneham indicated that the town attorney has already reviewed the contract and found no problems.
- The Park Board has asked legal advice from Mr. Herrbach regarding a member of the park board who has not come to any of the meetings in 2017, will not return phone calls or answer to any letters regarding his continued interest in being a member of the Park Board. Mr. Herrbach indicated that he to sent Mr. Nagle a certified letter and to this date has not received a phone call letting the town know if he is still interested. With this, the park board respectfully asks council to replace Mr. Nagle with a resident who is interested in being on the park board.

- Resolution # 1-2018: Ms. Denham asked for council permission to clean up the red-lined appropriations within the 2017 budget through this resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve Resolution # 1-2017 in the amount of \$ 83,646.97 motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and then was unanimously carried . Ms. Denham will make the adjustments.

Public Comment:

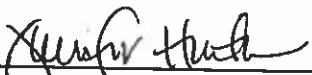
- Brent Bassett; 504 Johnson Road: He indicated that he and the Marshal did meet and had a productive conversation. Mr. Bassett wanted to offer his assistance with the technology of the radar trailer for the data download and any IT assistance the town may need. He indicated that is what he does for a living. Mr. Bassett stated the original stats pulled off the machine may in fact be correct. He asked Mr. Schacht, Town President if he met with the advisory board and the Marshal as he stated he would. Mr. Schacht asked the Marshal to give some department stats for 2017. The Marshal stated that there were 1219 traffic stops; 514 were on Johnson Road while 210 were on Welnetz Road and highway in addition to other duties. He also stated that currently the radar trailer is out of service pending a battery check. Once it is up and running he will request the manufacturer of the radar trailer to change some of the parameters. Marshal Dick stated to Mr. Bassett that yes, he has met with the advisory board, however is not prepared to discuss the meeting until he speaks with the council president.
- Ruben De Avila; 521 Johnson Road: he wanted council to know that he has seen a significant decrease in the speeding on Johnson Road. He also offered to help the town by perhaps being a traffic cop for the town. He indicated that he is a retired Chicago Police Officer. Council President, Warren Schacht thanked Mr. De Avila , for his offer and he will take it under advisement.
- Jerrally Stark; 2109 Red Oak Drive: wanted to let the Street Department know what a fantastic job they did with the snow removal.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: No Report

Council Comment: No comment

There being no further business a motion was made by Mrs. Heath to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm; motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Warren Schacht, Council President
Jennifer Heath, Council Vice President

ATTEST:


Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

February 20, 2018