

## September 19, 2017

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 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 phone conference. Mr. Silcox, Council Member not in attendance.

**Special Guest:** Patrick Koehler, with St. Stan's in to ask permission to have the St. Stan's 5k walk/run again in 2018. He read allowed a letter presented to the board, indicating that he would like to have the race on June 02, 2018 with an 8:00 am start, utilizing the same course/route as used in previous years. Marshal Dick indicated that this year's race went well. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Studtman to approve the St. Stan's Race for June 02, 2018, motion was seconded by Mr. John Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

**Minutes** With a correction to July's meeting minutes (Mr. Warren Schacht was in attendance) A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the meeting minutes from AUGUST 2017 as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

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

**Approval of Claims** A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to pay bills in the amount of \$ 27,428.74 (TWENTY SEVEN THOSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTY FOUR CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mr.Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

**Correspondence:** NONE

### Department Reports:

**MS4:** Kate Doyle in attendance.

- Non-Reverting Funds with MS4 is upwards of \$50,000.00
- Rick Brown reported on the Bags on Board Program; he stated that "Oliver" Kates dog is the face of the program and can be found on all of the packages.
- Rick Brown along with County Parks Supervisor, Jeremy Sobecki to discuss the potential of the Park Board working with MS4 Coordinator on getting some entity money from MS4 to help with the cost of the dog park.
- Mr. John Doyle presented a preliminary design of the potential dog park to the council. Mr. Warren Schacht asked why the park board was not present? Mr. Bill Herrbach, Town Attorney brought Warren up to speed by stating that the park board is aware of the MS4 Program assistance and that they will also pay engineering fees as well. After a long discussion, council decided to have Mr. Bill Herrbach take the lead and have Rick Brown meet with the park board as

well. A suggestion was that perhaps Bill, Rick and Jeremy as well as other members of the park board meet at Creek Ridge County Park to get some ideas.

**Attorney:** Mr. Herrbach not in attendance.

- Dennis Switzer: 132 Sarah Jo has paid the invoice for the pool safety issue at the vacant property in the amount of \$ 4,263.93
- 1910 Coolspring; Bill has been in contact with Chase Bank regarding the outstanding refuse on the account. He states that this account has been turned over to MCSI for collection. Chase will contact MSCI and make payment of \$20,000.00 account.
- Vacant/Abandoned: Bill indicated that he has sent out upwards of 25 letters to residents who have vacant or abandoned properties within the town limits. The letters gave them 10 days to register the property with the town.
- Zoning Board Meeting: A meeting was held regarding the Abraham property located behind White Eagle Park. From that meeting it was decided that the new owners of that property would have the approval from the town to subdivide the 2 parcels and place a house on one. Details will be drawn up by the engineer and the attorney.
- Special Meeting: Bill would like to schedule a work session with the council to discuss the potential of changing or revising some of our current ordinances.
  1. Abolishing the districts
  2. Front yard parking
  3. Potential for allowing chickens
  4. Parking of buses with in the town limits or on easements

A special meeting was scheduled for October 04, 2017 at 6:00pm to review ordinances.

Park Board will meet again on October 09, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

**Engineer:** Mr. Doyle in attendance.

- Hwy 20 Project: John indicates that both sides of the water lines are complete, next step is the relocation of utilities, which will begin October 01, 2017
- Storm Sewer Line at Melody: A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to get bids on this project, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried. John will seek sealed bids to be opened at the October 17, 2017 meeting.

**Street Department:** Mr. Jeff Bruder in attendance.

- Leaf Pick up: Tentatively scheduled for October 19 through November 22 weather permitting
- Planting Mums at Nelson for the festival

**NIRPC:** No Report

**Park Department:** No Report

**Building Inspector:** No Report

**Planning and Zoning:** Mrs. Heath, Board Member indicated that there was a meeting scheduled for August 22, 2017 at 6:00 pm on the Abraham property. Mr. Bill Herrbach already gave an update from that meeting.

**Police Department:** Marshal Dick in attendance.

- Fall Festival: Event to be held September 23, 2017 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Trail Creek Police will there with apple cider and donuts.
- Unified Community Picnic: This is a county wide initiative, Steve would like to invite everyone out.
- Hiring of New Officer: The interviews will be held on September 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Prior to those interviews with council the candidates will be interviewed by TCPD and the advisory board. The academy is set to start of October 16, 2017

**Old Business:**

- Plat Subdivision for Welnetz Road Phase II: Mr. Doyle has the drawings and will need signatures to complete.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on 2018 Budgets: Ms. Denham read out loud the 2018 budgets as advertised.
- 1959 Tractor Bid: Mr. John Doyle read out loud the one bid presented by Mr. Mark Quartuch in the amount of \$ 351.00. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to accept the bid, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

**New Business: None**

**Public Comment:**

- Jerraly Stark, 2109 Red Oak Drive in attendance, she wanted to thank the street department for taking down a dead tree in her area.
- Sheryl Brotsky Winski; 122 Johnson Road; she wanted to report that there is another abandoned house at 120 Johnson Road. Marshal Dick and Building Inspector Steve Thomas to consider looking into this.
- Robert Schemberger, 1926 Welnetz Road expressed his concern regarding the drainage issues on Roeske could be due to the fallen trees. Street Commissioner Jeff Bruder stated that he will look into this and possibly do some clean up.

**Clerk-Treasurer's Comment:** None

**Council Comment None**

There being no further business a motion was made by Mrs. Heath to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm; motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

**APPROVED:**

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**Warren Schacht, Council President  
Jennifer Heath, Council Vice President**

**ATTEST:**   
**Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer**  
**October 17, 2017**