

May 17, 2016

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 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, via conference call. Ms. Denham, Clerk Treasurer not in attendance.

Minutes A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the meeting minutes from the April 19, 2016 written; motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund Mr. Bayler made a motion to accept the April 2016 Fund report, the motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims Mr. Studtman asked about the cost of the garage doors, Mrs. Rhea Bruder, Administrative Assistant stated that all of the doors will be replaced. The labor is being done by Mr. Bruder, Street Commissioner. A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to pay bills in the amount of \$ 92,649.11 (NINETY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTY NINE DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: None

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle, MS4 Coordinator in attendance. She reports that Rick Brown found an intern for the Indiana Program . Also, Ms. Doyle indicated that she had a meeting with the LaPorte Lake Association regarding a partnership that will help to facilitate testing and such for the program. She also indicated that she had dropped off another box of the "Bags on Board" to the town hall. Lastly, she reported that there was one rule 5 review, and 15 site inspections. Mrs. Heath asked if those inspections were all in Trail Creek, Ms. Doyle stated no that is for the entire county. Mr. Schacht, Council President asked if there is any additional training needed for the elected officials. Kate stated that she will check, Rick is steadily uploading training to the website. Mr. Studtman asked what that website is: LaporteCounty.org and the conservation district.

Attorney: Attorney Bill Herrbach in attendance. Mr. Herrbach stated he will report under old business.

Engineer: John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance. Wanted to discuss a possible drainage issue at 3406 S. Roeske, the resident is dumping sump water into the park property. Because of this, the amount of water is causing a "pond" and as the weather gets warmer, this could cause a problem with mosquitoes and such. South Roeske in that area has no drainage. If the town tells the resident they cannot discharge into the park property, we would need to give some recommendations as to what he could do.

For instance the town could allow him in corporation with the town, to dig a swale to help with the drainage. Mr. Doyle indicated that in 2009 the town took bids on the reconstruction of Welnetz Road, the bids came in at \$300,000.00. Mr. Schacht asked Mr. Bayler if he has had any contact with the resident. Mr. Bayler indicated that he has not spoke with the resident at 3406 S. Roeske, he spoke with another resident that alerted him to the problem. After a lengthy discussion by council and Mr. Doyle it was decided that Mr. Doyle would find out how much it would cost to dig this swale. It was also decided that a letter should be generated to the resident at 3406 S. Roeske discussing the concerns and recommendations regarding the problem. Also, Mr. Doyle will get with the street commissioner regarding a temporary fix. Mr. Doyle also discussed the 2016 Street Improvement Projects, what streets are in need of repair if any and what the budget for those improvements would be. Mr. Silcox mentioned an area on Greentree that needs repair. Mr. Doyle indicated that we have a similar situation on Whippoorwill that we should look into. Mr. Doyle stated that we have a list of streets with concerns from last year. Mrs. Heath recommended that Mr. Doyle find out an estimate of the costs for the items that we discussed and next month we could prioritize from there. Council agreed.

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

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: No Report

Building Inspector: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance. He reported on the sign for the front, he met with an electrician about two weeks ago to explore the possibility of illuminating our sign at night and our flag pole. The estimate would be \$ 675.00 plus an additional \$ 200.00 to put a dusk to dawn light in.

Also, the plans on the police department renovation are down state. They did kick back the plans for some clarification on some stuff. The architect will make the changes and send it back down to state. He hopes to hear something soon.

The Marshal reported on the Department of Homeland Security Grant, he has not received any information on that, it is still pending.

Lastly, he wanted to make council aware of a dog in town that has been causing problems for about the last eighteen months. He has spoke with the town attorney and there will be some action taken to remedy the situation. If anyone has a concern or a problem, please direct concerns to him.

Mr. Silcox asked the Marshal about the 800 MHZ and them wanting to push this forward right away. Marshal Dick indicated that he had not heard that, he states they are looking at the first or second quarter of next year.

Mr. Schacht asked about the website and getting updated pictures and biographies in. The Marshal stated that he will work with Deputy Korepanow to get his done.

Old Business:

- **MCSI Contract:** Mr. Herrbach checked with Ms. Bruder, Administrative Assistant regarding keeping track of bankruptcies, and in fact the town hall does keep track of them. Also, some revisions will need to be made to the contract, he will follow up with Mr. Dan McDonald , Representative with MCSI to get this done.
- **Electrical Codes:** Mr. Herrbach indicated that a lot of the ordinances will be revised this year. Mr. Switzer, Electrical Inspector wondered if any updates will be made to the ordinances regarding the electrical codes. Mr. Herrbach stated yes, hopefully by the middle of summer we will have that ordinance completed.

New Business: NONE

Public Comment: Jerrally Stark at 2109 Red Oak Drive; made a comment last month regarding no speed limit signs in her area. However, she indicated that she was wrong and wanted to apologize.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: See Memo

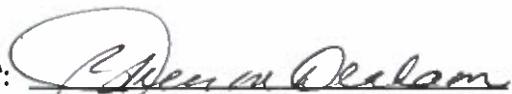
Council Comment: Mr. Schacht, Council President just wanted to remind council members to look at our streets for concerns to review and discuss next month. There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



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

ATTEST:



**Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
June 21, 2016**

Memo from the Clerk's Office:

May 17, 2016

** Sorry I was unable to attend tonight, as I have a sick little one at home ☹

- State Board of Account FULL examination will be conducted on Monday, May 23rd. Last examination for the town was for the years 2010 – 2011. They will be examining 2012-2015. Ms. Denham will be leaving the examiner a key to the office since she will be working from 8 am to 7pm to complete.
- State Board of Accounts Clerk Treasurers School will be held at the Blue Chip Casino from June 4th through the 9th. Ms. Denham will be attending.
- Budgets for 2017: IT is that time of year to start thinking about budgets for next year. I would ask that each department head start thinking about what they might like their budgets to look like next year. If there are any upcoming purchases or projects, this should be included in the budgets for next year. We will be looking to have a special meeting sometime in June or early July to go over budgets.