

**Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for:
May 20, 2008**

(A complete transcript is available in the Clerk's office on tape # 335)

The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 20th, 2008 at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All Council members and Clerk/Treasurer Anne Dobbs were present.

Following presentation of the minutes of the regular Council meeting on April 15th, Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for approval. Councilman Warren Schacht seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Clerk/Treasurer Anne Dobbs presented copies of a financial report regarding the Town. Councilman Jeff Studtman moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Claims – Claims against the town in the amount of SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS and 09/100 (77,709.09) were presented. Councilman Jeff Studtman moved for payment, Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

Council President Ron Lombard introduced Doug Samuelson from the Michigan City Police Department Canine Program. Doug gave an informative presentation on the part that "canine officers" play in the department. Officer Samuelson introduced Bob Lewis from C.U.P.S., who spoke on how they provide dogs and train them for the program. They will be providing the new dog and will train him, along with Deputy Kinney, for the Trail Creek Police Department.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Attorney William Herrbach reported that he has not had any answer from the LaPorte County Plan Commission in regard to the "outside wood burners", hopefully there will be no problem and they will handle the necessary inspections. He also stated that he had talked to Robert Lindenmeyer concerning the Town's liability for people walking to Nelson Park from St. Lukes Church parking lot, this concerns people attending baseball games. Mr. Lindenmeyer said our liability coverage will cover this.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Steve Thomas was not in attendance again.

ENGINEER: Engineer John Doyle reported that the man who is going to be seeding Pritz Park is working on the park as the meeting was being held. Mr. Doyle stated that the Ms4 Coordinator, Rick Brown, has inspected the Krachinski property on Highway 20. He reported that areas of less than one acre do not come under his jurisdiction. Mr. Brown will be contacting IDEM. Mr. Doyle said that he feels both property owners (David Bays and Mike Krachinski) should establish the legal boundaries. This is between the two property owners and the Town has no part in this. Engineer Doyle addressed the 2008 Paving Program and asked for some direction from the Council. He was instructed to secure some bids for these projects and a final decision will be made. Councilman Jamie Baldwin requested that he go on record as wanting the NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000.00) that was used from the Major Moves CD be returned to that account before anything is approved. President Ron Lombard stated that he feels if we have an opportunity to make some much needed improvements we should return \$45,000.00 and delay the other \$45,000.00 until the future.

MS4: Kate Doyle reported that "Notice of Intent" will start in September and contractors on the Monroe Street Project have allowed Rick Brown to install some inlet protection devices to see how well they will work.

PARK DEPARTMENT: Councilman John Bayler, Park Liaison, reported that he attended the Park Board meeting and the topic of discussion was the parking problems at Nelson Park during baseball season. Signs are proposed to control the parking and Attorney Herrbach stated that Engineer John Doyle will need to supply some dimensions. Clerk Anne Dobbs requested that item "3 under "New Business" be addressed at this time. Street Commissioner Brian Kubath informed the Council that he had installed a new camera in an effort to apprehend the vandals that have been destroying park property. The restrooms were left unlocked and three (3) rolls of toilet tissue were stuffed into the toilet in the mens restroom and an effort was made to pull the toilet loose from the floor. Councilman Studtman requested that Chris Willoughby be notified of this matter.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No report.

POLICE DEPT: Marshal Todd Klosinski requested that formal approval be given for the implementing of a canine unit for his department. Councilman Jeff Studtman moved for approval and Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous. Attorney Herrbach informed the Council that it will require a salary adjustment for Deputy Gary Kinney, who will be the "canine officer". Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved to approve the salary increase and Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Street Commissioner Brian Kubath reported that they are in the middle of "Spring Clean Up" and all of the debris is being taken to the Pawloske Dump instead of making multiple trips to Westville. This will all be removed by contracted haulers. He also stated they will be replacing some bad areas in the privacy fence on the west side of the Congdon Park playground. Brian said that they had the services of "work release men" to clean up Pritz Park. They removed many loads of debris. Street Commissioner Kubath stated that the stop light at Johnson and Coolspring had gone out and to replace the computer the cost will be \$3,200.00. Councilman Jeff Studtman questioned the need for a light and asked if this could be handled by three way stop signs, Marshal Klosinski stated that this is too busy an intersection not to have a stop light.

NIRPC: Ron Lombard reported that he attended the Convention and Visitor Bureau meeting for the presentation of the Rose Award. It was presented to NIRPC.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Addressed under "Engineer".

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clerk Anne Dobbs read Ordinance #191 adopting a new Code book and providing for repeal of certain ordinances. Councilman John Bayler moved for adoption and Councilman Jamie Baldwin seconded. The vote was unanimous.
2. Resolution #2008-2 Adopting Keystone Software Systems was read. Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for passage and Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous.
3. Park vandalism – addressed under "Park".
4. Clerk Dobbs requested that the fee for Fraud Reports be set at \$3.00 as opposed to the \$10.00 for Crash Reports, etc. Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved to approve the \$3.00 fee and Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments: Fred Weiss, 2550 S. Roeske, showed the Council the type of "top dressing" that was used at his property following the 2007 Paving Project. He also had raked large stones out of the dirt.

Council Comments: No comment.

Clerk's Comments: Clerk Anne Dobbs reminded the Council of the Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 26th at 1:00 p.m. at Nelson Park. The program is dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Michael Brady.

There being no further business or comments Councilman Jeff Studtman moved for adjournment at 8:30 p.m. Councilman John Bayler seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Attest: _____
Anne M. Dobbs, Clerk-Treasurer