

**Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for:
July 22, 2008**

(A complete transcript is available in the Clerk's office on tape # 337)

The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2008 at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All Council members were present except Councilman Jamie Baldwin. Clerk/Treasurer Anne Dobbs was present.

Following the correction of the written amount in the minutes of June 17th, 2008 to read ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THREE DOLLARS and 50/00, Councilman Jeff Studtman moved for approval and Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Upon review of the Clerk Treasurer's Report Councilman Jeff Studtman moved for acceptance and Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Claims – Claims against the town in the amount of SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY TWO DOLLARS and 53/100 (\$73,832.53) were presented. Councilman Jeff Studtman moved for payment, Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Anne Dobbs read a letter written to Marshal Klosinski from a young man thanking him for stopping him from stealing a sign. He stated he will never do anything like that again. A letter was read from Ashley Taylor thanking Deputy Steve Dick for getting restitution for her bicycle that was taken and damaged.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Attorney William F. Herrbach reported that he had received the plans for parking at Nelson Park and Whippoorwill Avenue. After reviewing them he feels that all of our parking ordinances need to be updated and he will prepare one ordinance that will be codified in 2009. Mr. Herrbach stated that he has received five ordinance violations. The first fine is \$50.00 and for each additional violation the fine increases. He is also following up on some fireworks complaints and will determine if there are grounds for charges.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Not in attendance.

ENGINEER: Engineer John Doyle submitted the plans and drawings for the 2008 paving program for the Councils approval and signatures. The easements have been granted. Bids will be opened for these projects at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 14th. The awarding can be made at the August 19th meeting. Mr. Doyle reported that the paving on Trail Creek's side of Roeske Avenue will require more asphalt than originally thought which will increase the Towns share by about \$6000.00.

MS4: In the absence of Kate Doyle, John Doyle reported that MS4 is concentrating on their educational programs.

PARK DEPARTMENT: Robin Kohn, President reported that the Board met and discussed the repairs to the tennis courts. They have received a bid of \$2,360.00 for repairs to the cracks. Council President Ron Lombard signed the acceptance. Ms. Kohn will send this to the paver.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Clerk Dobbs reported that there have been reports of a possible business being run at 309 Johnson Road. William Greene, BZA President will be looking into this.

POLICE DEPT: Not in attendance.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Street Commissioner Brian Kubath was not in attendance.

NIRPC: President Ron Lombard reported on the plans for 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Switzer property at 132 Sarah Jo Avenue was discussed. Mr. Herrbach will follow up on this.
2. Overlay on Roeske – addressed earlier.
3. Clerk Dobbs stated that she will make contact with Michigan City Animal Control concerning the removal of dangerous animals in Trail Creek.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The problem of evergreen trees that have sustained some salt or exhaust burns was discussed. The property is located at 101 Whippoorwill Avenue. John Doyle stated that he can not make a determination if these are located on Town property until a plat of survey is provided.
2. Clerk Anne Dobbs reported that the Nelson Park Summer Playground Program received a 1st place at the Michigan City Summer Festival Kiddie Parade.
3. A letter was sent to David Konop, 1910 E. Coolspring Avenue, concerning the unsightly condition of the property. He is stationed in Germany and has not replied. Mr. Herrbach stated he will follow up on this.
4. The property at 110 Brookdale has been condemned by the La Porte County Board of Health. Mr. Herrbach will follow up on this.
5. Clerk Anne Dobbs stated that she will be notifying the Council of workshops for the 2009 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments: Jennifer Lute, 516 Johnson Road, informed the Council that there is an area in front of her house that holds standing water. She said that it freezes in the winter and creates a hazard. She would like a drain put in.

Council Comments: No comment.

Clerk's Comments: No comment.

There being no further business or comments Councilman Jeff Studtman moved for adjournment at 8:10 p.m. and John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Attest: _____
Anne M. Dobbs, Clerk-Treasurer