

Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for:
August 19, 2008

(A complete transcript is available in the Clerk's office on tape # 338)

The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, August 19th, 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 July 22nd, 2008 Councilman John Bayler moved for approval. Councilman Warren Schacht seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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

Claims – Claims against the town in the amount of NINETY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS and 34/100 (\$91,816.34) were presented. Councilman Warren Schacht moved for payment, Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Anne Dobbs read a letter from the Treasurer's office of the State of Indiana reassuring the Town that funds in excess of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) are protected as long as they are deposited in an "approved depository", which the Town funds are.

A letter from Mayor Chuck Oberlie inviting the members of the Local Government Summit to submit information at the next breakfast meeting concerning Health Insurance coverage.

Engineer John Doyle opened the sealed bids that were submitted for work on the drainage ditch behind Evergreen Plaza (see attachment). Following the opening the bids were taken under advisement and awarding will be made at the September 16th meeting.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Attorney William F. Herrbach reported that he sent letters to residents at 1132 S. Roeske, 110 Harding, 110 Brookdale, 132 Sarah Jo and 1910 Coolspring Avenue advising them of the various ordinance violations. The fourteen (14) day notice has expired and the Town can now go in and work on correcting some of these. The property owner will be billed and if no payment is made, a lien will be placed on the property.

Mr. Herrbach has filed two (2) complaints in court on two (2) properties regarding dog complaints, these are at 309 Johnson Road and 422 Yanke Road. The court date will be the first week in October. He stated that he is continuing to investigate the "fireworks" complaint that was made on July 4th.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Steve Thomas reported that four (4) permits were issued since the July meeting.

ENGINEER: Engineer John Doyle reported on the bids that were received on August 15th for the extension of the storm sewer on Welnetz Road, Laurel Drive, Greentree and Dogwood Drive. The itemized bid tab was sent out with the Council packets. Delta III submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$121,313.00, D & M was \$172,631.40, Woodruff and Sons was \$210,789.00 and HRP was \$213,136.00. His recommendation is that the contract be awarded to Delta III. Councilman John Bayler moved to award the contract and Councilman Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

MS4: Kate Doyle reported that under Rule 14 Rick Brown has been doing inspections between Michigan City and La Porte and things are working well with no major problems.

PARK DEPARTMENT: No report from the Board. Clerk Dobbs read a letter from the Indiana Municipal Insurance Program that was a follow-up to the on site inspection that was made to identify potential liability problems. The recommendations were discussed and will be corrected. A copy of the letter will be sent to Robin Kohn, Park Board President.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No report

POLICE DEPT: No additional report.

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

NIRPC: Nothing to report – meeting cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Konop property (addressed under “Attorney”)
2. Karallas property (addressed under “Attorney”)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bid awarding “addressed under “Engineer”).
2. Bids will be advertised for the 2009 – 2010 Refuse Removal –opening of bids will be at the September 16th meeting.
3. Insurance Inspectors report (addressed under “Parks”).
4. Health Insurance renewal has been received and the increase is 21.3%. Some alternatives may be looked into.
5. One CD matured on 8/6/08 and was renewed with an interest rate of 2.950%. This is a 12 month renewal.
6. The Council will hold a budget workshop for the 2009 budget on September 9th at 7:00 p.m. They will hold an informational meeting with the Park Board at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the duties of the Park Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments: Brenda Hubertz, 312 Edgemoor Drive, addressed the Council on several matters. She stated cars are speeding on Edgemoor during baseball season, the Karallas property on Brookdale and a “dawn to dusk” light on her property and who owns it. A lengthy discussion followed.

Council Comments: No comment.

Clerk’s Comments: No comment.

There being no further business or comments Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for adjournment at 8:15 p.m. and Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Attest: _____
Anne M. Dobbs, Clerk-Treasurer