

**Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for:
September 16, 2008**

(A complete transcript is available in the Clerk's office on tape # 339)

The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 16th, 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 August 19th, 2008 Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for approval. Councilman John Bayler seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Clerk Treasurer's Report will be provided at a later date.

CLAIMS – Claims against the town in the amount of SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS and 80/100 (\$77,895.80) were presented. Councilman Warren Schacht moved for payment, Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

BID OPENING: Sealed bids for Refuse Removal for 2009 and 2010 were opened. Bids were received from Allied Waste, Able Disposal and Waste Management. (see attachment). The bids were given to Attorney William Herrbach, with awarding of the contract to be made at the October 21 meeting.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Attorney William F. Herrbach had no report at this time.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: No permits were issued since the August meeting.

ENGINEER: Engineer John Doyle presented the request for final payment for the work on Rainbow Trail. Engineer Doyle has been in contact with Delta III and work on the drainage project on Laurel Drive and Welnetz Road should be starting next week..

MS4: Kate Doyle reported that Rick Brown has been visiting sites in LaPorte County where work is being done that comes under MS4 guidelines.

PARK DEPARTMENT: Robin Kohn reported on the joint meeting with the Park Board and the Council. The Board is requesting a written description of the duties and responsibilities of the Board. This will be prepared for a later date.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Nothing at this time.

POLICE DEPT: No additional report.

STREET DEPARTMENT: In the absence of Street Commissioner Brian Kubath, Jeff Bruder reported that they are preparing for leaf removal that will start October 20th. The new traffic lights for Johnson Road and Coolspring Avenue have been ordered and will be installed very soon. The Department will continue picking up limbs and branches until September 30th.

NIRPC: Council President Ron Lombard reported that their meeting will be held on September 18th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Engineer John Doyle addressed the bids that were opened on August 19th for work to be done on the Evergreen Plaza ditch. There were two (2) bidders: D & M Excavating and Woodruff & Sons (see attachment). D & M's bid was \$157,116.00 and Woodruff & sons bid was \$255,013.00. Upon his review of the bids his recommendation is

award the contract to D & M Excavating. Councilman John Bayler moved to award the contract to D & M and Councilman Warren Schacht seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2. The property located at ¹⁰¹⁰1846 E. Coolspring Avenue has been cut and cleaned up. As soon as the required time has passed and no payment has been made by the homeowners, liens will be placed on the property.
3. The property located at 110 Brookdale has been cut and cleaned up. As soon as the required time has passed and no payment has been made by the homeowners, liens will be placed on the property.
4. The Health insurance contract was renewed on September 10th with a three percent (3%) increase in the overall premium.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Larry Weaver, 624 Black Oak Drive addressed the Council in regard to the water problem in this area. It was a lengthy presentation (see tape #339 side "A").
2. Ryan Miller from the Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department spoke on behalf of the Fire Department and clarified why they can not pump water without having an acceptable place to pump it. Fire Chief Mick Pawlick also explained that he and one of the other men did bring a truck to this area but there was nothing they could do.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments: Dennis Metheny, Coolspring Township Trustee, brought applications for FEMA assistance for flood damage.

Heather Roberts, 633 Dogwood Drive, stated that she has seen people dumping yard waste and other debris in the ditch that impedes the flow of the water.

Council Comments: Councilman Jamie Baldwin stated that he felt that the storm sewers are working well and with a few exceptions flooding is at a minimum.

Clerk's Comments: No comment.

There being no further business or comments Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for adjournment and Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Attest: _____
Anne M. Dobbs, Clerk-Treasurer