

**Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for:
October 21, 2008**

(A complete transcript is available in the Clerk's office on tape # 340)

The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 21st, 2008 at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All Council members and Clerk/Treasurer Anne Dobbs were present.

Following the correction of the address on the Konop property from 1810 E. Coolspring Avenue to 1910 E. Coolspring Avenue, Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for approval. Councilman John Bayler seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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

CLAIMS – Claims against the town in the amount of SIXTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS and 35/100 (\$69,225.35) were presented. Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for payment, Councilman Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Attorney William F. Herrbach reported that the Town has resolved the dog citations that were filed against the resident on Yanke Road. He has also completed his investigation of the "fireworks" complaint from Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Meyer. He could not gather enough evidence to file any charges. A letter has been sent to the Meyers' informing them of his findings. Mr. Herrbach reported to the Council that he had reviewed the refuse bids that were opened at the September meeting and he found there were so many discrepancies that his recommendation is to reject all bids and re-advertise for new bids. Councilman Warren Schacht moved for rejection and Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Steve Thomas reported that just two (2) permits were issued since the September meeting.

ENGINEER: Engineer John Doyle reported that the Laurel Drive and Welnetz Road drainage project will be completed within the week. Mr. Doyle requested that he be authorized to issue the "permission to proceed" to D & M. Excavating for the work to be done on the Evergreen Plaza ditch. The Council gave it to him.

MS4: Kate Doyle reported that they have received their "Notice of Sufficiency" for the next five (5) years. She feels that Rick Brown is doing a really good job.

PARK DEPARTMENT: Robin Kohn, President, reported on their October 14th meeting. They will be meeting in November and will be discussing with the Baseball league how the program worked this past summer. She invited members of the Council to attend.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Nothing at this time.

POLICE DEPT: Marshal Klosinski reported that he has been working with the people at Crismar Graphics to get the design for marking all of the police vehicles; they will be doing the Street Department vehicles at the same time. President Lombard asked if the Marshal had contacted the Michigan City Police Department in regard to purchasing gas for the Towns police vehicles?.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Street Commissioner Brian Kubath reported that he acquired three (3) proposals for installing a new heating/cooling unit for the police building. The new LED traffic lights have been installed at Coolspring Avenue and Johnson Road. Mr. Kubath reported that the fall leaf removal started on Monday, October 20th.

NIRPC: Council President Ron Lombard reported that the completion date of 2010 has been set for the extension of Fogarty Street to Highway 12.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clerk Anne Dobbs reported that the property owners of 1910 E. Coolspring Avenue and 110 Brookdale were sent bills for cutting and cleaning of these properties. There was no response so liens have been placed in the Records Office.
2. Refuse Contracts – addressed earlier.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clerk Dobbs informed the Council that Municipal Code will make our Town codes internet accessible for a charge of \$350.00. Attorney Herrbach suggested that this be delayed until the codes are updated in 2009.
2. Clerk Dobbs requested permission to contract with Keystone to design a software program, for accounts receivable and accounts payable.
3. Last day for Wednesday yard waste pick up will be Wednesday, October 29th.
4. There is still a need for one more Budget meeting to have the #100 account for salaries to be finalized.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments: Representatives from the Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department were in attendance to discuss the 2009 contract. The increase in cost will be 2.5%. President Lombard informed them that it will be looked over and the Town will get back to them.

Council Comments: The Council asked Marshal Klosinski about the calls at Decoy's. He said that he doesn't turn his reports into the newspaper so Trail Creek Police are not listed in the paper.

Councilman Warren Schacht informed the Council that he had contacted State Representative Scott Pelath concerning the flooding on the south side of Town. Engineer John Doyle, President Ron Lombard and Councilman Warren Schacht met with Mr. Pelath. He is going to follow up on this.

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