

**Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for:
November 18, 2008**

(A complete transcript is available in the Clerk's office on tape # 341)

The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 18th, 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.

Councilman John Bayler requested that a correction be made to the minutes. He attended the meeting with State Representative Scott Pelath and Councilman Warren Schacht. Following this correction Councilman John Bayler moved for approval. Councilman Jeff Studtman seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Following the presentation of the Clerk/Treasurer report 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 ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND SIXTY DOLLARS and 15/100 (\$185,060.15) were presented. Councilman Jeff Studtman for payment, Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Attorney William F. Herrbach reported that he has reviewed the Refuse Collection bids and the bid from Allied Waste Services met all of the requirements and had the lowest bid. It was his recommendation that they be awarded the bid in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS and 18/100 (\$304,506.18) for years 2009 and 2010. Councilman Warren Schacht moved to award the bid and Councilman Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspector Steve Thomas was not in attendance. Just one permit was issued since the October meeting.

ENGINEER: Engineer John Doyle reported that Delta III has submitted a bill for the work that has been completed on the Laurel Drive Project. Some changes will need to be made. Poles for NIPSCO, the phone company and the fiber optic lines will need to be moved.

MS4: Kate Doyle had nothing to report.

PARK DEPARTMENT: Councilman John Bayler, Liaison, reported on their meeting. They reviewed the baseball season and felt that it went fairly well. There is still need for the signs around Nelson Park parking which will be installed before the 2009 season.

PLANNING AND ZONING: The BZA hearing set for November 20th, 2008 has been cancelled.

POLICE DEPT: Deputy Steve Dick reported for Marshal Klosinski and stated that a claim has been filed with FEMA for the transmission damage done to the 2003 Crown Victoria during the flooding, they may pay for the repairs.

STREET DEPARTMENT: In the absence of Street Commissioner Brian Kubath, Clerk Dobbs reported that the Department is still picking up leaves.

NIRPC: Council President Ron Lombard had nothing to report. The meeting had been cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clerk Anne Dobbs asked that the Council provide her with some numbers for the 2009 Budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clerk Dobbs asked how the Council felt about delaying the Appreciation Dinner until January 2009. There were no objections.
2. Refuse Contract Bids (addressed earlier).
3. Following a review of the new Refuse Contract, Clerk Dobbs requested an increase in the annual assessment from \$160.00 to \$180.00. Councilman John Bayler moved to approve the increase and Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments: David Workman from Lake Shore Recycling and Disposal questioned the awarding of the bid since his was a lower bid. Attorney Herrbach explained that his bid did not contain a form #96 as required by State statute. Mr. Herrbach said he would provide a copy of all the requirements.

Council Comments: Councilman Warren Schacht asked about the Fire Protection contract for 2009. Mr. Herrbach stated that the contract calls for an automatic 2.5 increase each year. Payments will be made June 30th, 2009 and December 31st, 2009.

Clerk's Comments: No comment.

There being no further business or comments Councilman Jeff Studtman moved for adjournment at 7:40 p.m. and John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Attest: _____
Anne M. Dobbs, Clerk-Treasurer