

Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for
June 16th, 2009

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The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 16th, 2009 at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Council members present were Councilman Warren Schacht, Councilman Ron Lombard, Councilman Jeff Studtman, Councilman Jamie Baldwin and Council President John Bayler. Clerk/Treasurer Anne Dobbs was absent from the meeting but present was Chief Deputy Cindy Kautz.

The tape machine failed to record the minutes from the May 2009 meeting. Clerk Dobbs will try to transcribe from her notes the highlights of that meeting and they will be mailed to the Council as soon as that is completed.

The Clerk Treasurer report was reviewed, Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for acceptance and Councilman Ron Lombard seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS – Claims against the Town in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS and 79/100 (\$112,306.79) were presented. Councilman Warren Schacht moved for payment and Councilman Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Deputy Kautz read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartnick at 502 Greentree Drive, regarding their water problem. They are requesting that drains be installed on Greentree Drive.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Attorney William F. Herrbach stated that he had sent several letters to residents regarding the cleaning up of their properties. He has not had any responses as of this date. If this is not done timely liens will be filed against these properties. An ordinance regarding rental properties has been drafted, this is becoming an issue in the Town of Trail Creek. Some communities are requiring that if these properties are rental units, the renters must register yearly with the Town so that we will have a contact person.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Not in attendance.

ENGINEER: Engineer John Doyle reported that he has spoken to the contractor regarding the Pagel Park ditch. The contractor is responsible to finish this, some of the monies have been held and it was suggested that if they do not respond that someone else should be contacted to do this work. Engineer Doyle will speak to him again and if need be, he will send a letter. Engineer Doyle received an e-mail regarding various numbers given to the Town in regards to Stimulus money. It was noted that classes will need to be attended from someone who is employed full time by the Town of Trail Creek. The Roeske project is not eligible for this program because it is considered a local road. The Coolspring project may qualify but funds have been reduced, we will have to wait and see. Engineer Doyle is continuing to work regarding the water issue, concrete paved side ditches were suggested.

MS4: Kate Doyle advised the Council that MS4 is going to be audited but the dates continue to change. Things are starting to get busier for MS4.

PARK DEPARTMENT: No report. Chief Deputy Kautz announced that the playground program is up and running and as of this date 13 children have registered.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Bill Greene addressed the issue of a home on Trail Street that had previously asked for a variance but they were unable to follow through with the variance because they are renters not property owners. It was noted that these people are allowed to babysit in their home for five (5)

children or less without being a business or needing a variance. Another issue was noted by Bill Greene, Gary Kraemer and/or his wife is appearing before the Zoning Board to get a variance on their fence. They have already been told to take the fence down as it extends beyond the front foundation.

POLICE DEPT: Marshal Paul Schoof advised the Town Council that he presented his departments Standard Operating Procedures to the Council, he would like to have it reviewed by the Council within the next several weeks. He would appreciate any comments. Councilman Jamie Baldwin asked if the Town had recently seen an increase in thefts, Marshal Schoof stated that there have been several thefts but nothing out of the ordinary.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Street Department representative advised the Council that the Street Department has been busy replacing speed limit signs. The tennis court lights are going to be installed on timers, it should be done soon.

NIRPC: INDOT released 6/20/09 ludding (sp) date for Coolspring Ave.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The golf cart and sprayer originally belong to the Town of Trail Creek. It has become a concern since it is on the Towns insurance and is a Town liability. It has been suggested that the golf cart and sprayer be removed from our inventory by selling these items to the baseball program for a nominal fee. The attorney advised that these items would have to be bid out. Attorney Herrbach will speak to Chris Willoughby.
2. Riverboat Revenue – the Town received a check in the amount of \$73,000 from Riverboat Revenue for six months.
3. Park Board Appointments: There are two (2) vacancies on the Park Board. Councilman Ron Lombard nominated Ronald Nagle, Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made to accept Stan Kucharski's resignation. Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for acceptance and Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous. Warran Schacht nominated Marty Stockman, subject to her qualifications, Councilman Jamie Baldwin seconded. The vote was unanimous. Council President John Bayler will check Ms. Stockmans qualifications.
4. Changes have been made in the refuse and yard waste pick-up. Able has printed flyers and will be distributing them to all of the residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments: Herman Lehman of 2702 Greenwood Avenue had concerns regarding the upcoming holiday of July 4th. His concerns are that some of these fireworks could be a fire hazard and hopes that something can be done before something happens. Attorney Herrbach agreed but says because the way the law is written there is really nothing that can be done. Marshal Schoof is going to try and be more vigilant regarding the setting off of fireworks. Mr. Lehman is going to check with other communities to see how they enforce the fireworks law. Council President asked the Council to approve a 2nd Police Officer to be on duty Saturday, July 4th between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Council Comments: No comment.

Clerk's Comments: No comment.

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

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Anne M. Dobbs, Clerk-Treasurer