

**Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for:
October 20, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Council members present were Council President John Bayler, Councilman Warren Schacht, Councilman Ron Lombard and Councilman Jamie Baldwin. Councilman Jeffrey Studtman was unable to attend. Clerk/Treasurer Anne Dobbs was absent with Deputy Clerk Cindy Kautz taking her place.

Following presentation of the minutes of the regular Council meeting on September 15, 2009, Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for approval. Councilman Ron Lombard seconded and the vote was unanimous.

After Deputy Clerk Cindy Kautz presented the Clerk Treasurer's report, Councilman Warren Schacht moved for acceptance and Councilman Jamie Baldwin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS – Claims against the Town in the amount of FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS and 83/100 (\$57,164.83) were presented. Councilman Ron Lombard moved for payment and Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Attorney William F. Herrbach discussed an upcoming seminar on Land Use and Zoning Law and asked if the Town would pay the \$369.00 attendance fee – he would pay for his lodging. Councilman Baldwin moved for approval of paying the fee and Councilman Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous. Also, the attorney and Town building inspector Steve Thomas are to go to the property at 210 Meadowlark in the next two weeks.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Four permits were issued for a total of \$250.00 in fees.

ENGINEER: Engineer John Doyle reported that he had sent letters to Rieth-Riley and Woodruff and Sons asking that they hold their accepted bid amounts and extend the time period on the bids for the Roeske Ave. /Welnitz Road project, and presented faxes from both entities indicating their agreements to the extension. John also reported that the State has approved the Coolspring Avenue project and will have the official "letting" of the project in December.

MS4: Kate Doyle was not in attendance. John Doyle stated that she had attended the monthly MS4 meeting and would give her report at the November meeting.

PARK DEPARTMENT: John Bayler reported a scheduling problem with the Town attorney and that they are trying to coordinate a date for November.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No report

POLICE DEPT: Marshal Paul Schoof requested input on the S.O.P.'s from the Council; he indicated that he has not heard from all of them.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Not present. Cindy Kautz reported that leaf pick-up is scheduled to begin October 26th.

NIRPC: Councilman Ron Lombard confirmed the "letting" of the Coolspring Avenue project downstate.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Ron Lombard moved for approval of the ordinance establishing an Ordinance Violations Bureau, Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Ronald Lombard moved that approval of the ordinance amending Chapter 50, Article IV, Section 50-85, of the Town code of Trail Creek (regarding fences) be tabled until the November meeting, as some of the council members did not receive copies of the ordinance. Councilman Warren Schacht seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: Attorney Herrbach presented to the council copies of Bartlett Woods Acres permanent easements. Discussion by the Town Council members, Attorney Herrbach and Engineer John Doyle ensued due to the placement of the easements. One of the easements describes placement on the East side of the property and Engineer Doyle feels that is not the proper placement for the easement. Mr. Doyle indicated that he needed to look into the subject matter more and would ask the County Surveyor for drawings indicating the precise placement of the easements. Attorney Herrbach suggested passing the easements subject to approval by the Town Engineer. Councilman Jamie Baldwin so moved, Councilman Ron Lombard seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lucia Bim-Merle and Robert Nazareth, residents of South Roeske, both spoke as to the continuing flooding problem in their area and requested that they be kept informed of any developments in the easement requests. Mr. Nazareth also requested that he be able to look at the drawings done of the easements that would affect their properties. Sheriff Mike Mollenhauer issued an invitation to the County Beggar's Night to be held in the lot on State Street across from the Sheriff's Department in LaPorte. There will be games and treats for all who attend – it will be held Saturday, October 31st from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Council Comments: No comment.

Clerk's Comments: Cindy Kautz reminded residents that Beggar's Night in the Town would be Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business or comments Councilman Ronald Lombard moved for adjournment at 7:40 p.m. and Councilman Jamie Baldwin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Attest:

Anne M. Dobbs, Clerk-Treasurer