

**Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for:
December 15th, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 15th, 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, Councilman Jeffrey Studtman, Councilman Jamie Baldwin was not present. 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 November 17th, 2009 Councilman Jeff Studtman moved for approval. Councilman Ron Lombard seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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

CLAIMS – Claims against the Town in the amount of SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS and 83 /100 (\$79,530.83) were presented. Councilman Ron Lombard moved for payment and Councilman Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Marshal Paul Schoof asked at this time that his unused vacation days be paid by the Town. He will not be using these as vacation days so he is asking the Council to pay for them. A motion was presented, Councilman Warren Schacht moved for approval and Councilman Ron Lombard seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Attorney William F. Herrbach stated that he and Building Inspector Steve Thomas had a follow up meeting with the homeowner at 210 Meadowlark. It was determined that the resident on Meadowlark has an accessory structure that does not comply with the Town, he was advised by a letter that he will either have to remove the structure or bring it back to what it was before he added onto the same and also that he will have to apply for any permits that will be needed.

Secondly, we have not received a baseball contract yet from Mr. Willoughby. Attorney Herrbach has contacted Mr. Willoughby several times but has yet to hear from him.

The fire contract for the year 2010 is pending. Attorney Herrbach has made several changes and has forwarded the contract to the Coolspring Township Fire Department but has not received anything back from them yet, hopefully that contact will be signed in January.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: One Building permit was issued.

ENGINEER: Engineer Doyle stated that to the best of his knowledge we are still in the running for the stimulus monies for Roeske Avenue.

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MS4: Kate Doyle stated that there was nothing to report. The next meeting will be on the 16th of December, 2009.

PARK DEPARTMENT: Nothing

PLANNING AND ZONING: Nothing

POLICE DEPT: Marshal Paul Schoof stated that his department received a grant of \$2000 from Operation Pull Over. They received the first quarterly installment of \$500.00. Marshal Schoof stated that he has finished his S.O.P.'s and asked the Council how they would like to receive them. It was decided to have some copies made for the office; all the officer's already have them. A motion was made to approve the Standard Operating Procedures, Councilman Ron Lombard moved to approve the SOP's with changes and Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Street Commissioner Brian Kubath stated that the Street Department is geared up for snow removal.

NIRPC Councilman Ron Lombard stated that at the NIRPC meeting it was stated that they are following through on the stimulus monies. Trail Creek is still in the running for the \$373,000 for the Coolspring Project and that the letting is still scheduled for December, hopefully.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Ron Lombard made a motion to approve the Trail Creek Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures with changes. Councilman Warren Schacht seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: 2010 Appointments were made:

Attorney William Herrbach
Engineer John Doyle
MS4 Coordinator Kate Doyle
Town Marshal Paul Schoof
Street Commissioner Brian Kubath
Building Commissioner Steve Thomas
Park Liaison John Bayler
Electrical Inspector Jim Switzer
Plumbing Inspector Paul Foreman
Heating and Air Conditioning Inspector Tom Agorichas

Councilman Ron Lombard made a blanket motion to appoint all the previous names for the aforementioned positions for the year 2010, motion seconded by Councilman Jeff Studtman. The vote was unanimous.

Election of 2010 Council President. A motion was made to appoint Councilman Warren Schacht Town Council President, Councilman Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made to appoint Councilman Jamie Baldwin as President Pro-Tem, Councilman Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LaPorte County Surveyor Tony Hendricks and LaPorte County Engineer Jeff Wright spoke at the meeting. Mr. Hendricks gave the Trail Creek Council an update on the Roeske Avenue/Welnetz Road/Longwood easements, trees and underground utilities. All the entities which needed to give their approval to work on this project have been received so they are hoping to get started soon. The first thing needed to be done will be removal of some substantial trees which are located on these properties, one-half (1/2) in Trail Creek and one-half (1/2) on the LaPorte County side, also underground utilities need to be located. Realistically they are hoping that the County Highway Department will be able to get into that area in March or April of 2010.

Coolspring Township trustee Dennis Metheny has contacted many residents regarding the easement issue. There are several individuals which need to be contacted. The easements will now include storm water drainage; nothing will change other than that as there are already easements on all of these properties. There are still three (3) residents who need to sign from Trail Creek.

Clerk's Comments: none.

Council Comments: Congratulations was given to Councilman Warren Schacht on his appointment as Council President.

There being no further business or comments Councilman Jeffrey Studtman moved for adjournment at 7:32 p.m. and Councilman Warren Schacht seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Attest: _____
Anne M. Dobbs, Clerk-Treasurer