

**Minutes of the Trail Creek Town Council Meeting for:
September 21st, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Trail Creek Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 21st, 2010 at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Council members were all present.

Following presentation of the minutes of the regular Council meeting on September 21st, 2010 Councilman Ron Lombard moved for approval. Councilman John Bayler seconded and the vote was unanimous.

CLERK TREASURERS FUND REPORT – Councilman Jamie Baldwin motioned to accept the report. Councilman Ron Lombard seconded and the vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS – Claims against the Town in the amount of EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY ONE DOLLARS and 15/100 (\$83,191.15) were presented. Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for payment and Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Reserved comments until agenda is discussed.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Has issued two permits. Discussed was the possibility of permits being required for siding, windows, siding, doors and new roofs. This will also keep unlicensed contractors from entering the town. This could serve as protection for the residences.

ENGINEER: Town Engineer John Doyle stated that Reith Riley is working on Welnetz/Redwood project. The job should be completed in approximately one week. Mr. Doyle has prepared new maps for the town. Also discussed were the Roeske/Longwood project, should take about a week to 10 days to complete.

MS4: Rick preparing for annual report which is due next month. Trail Creek has 4 outfalls. Will be measuring what each outfall puts out. They will be testing for Phosphorus and E-coli using sticks that change color when held in water coming from outfall. Results will be part of the report. Has not been decided as to when this will happen.

PARK DEPARTMENT: Nothing to report.

PLANNING AND ZONING: John Doyle stated that they have signed off on the stimulus project on East Coolspring Ave as acceptance that the project is complete. Maintenance of the ditch behind Evergreen Plaza was discussed. Welnetz and Redwood projects are complete. Jamie Baldwin asked John Doyle about outstanding project payments. Just 10 % is remaining.

POLICE DEPT: Present nothing to report.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Jeff Bruder reported that leaf pick up will begin October 18th and leaves will be placed at Pritz Park. The Generator is running but all of the electrical work is not complete.

NIRPC: Ron Lombard reported on the meeting that was held last week on the Comprehensive Regional plan for Northwest Indiana. September 30th there will be a 4 hour meeting/workshop they are calling it a 20/40 plan for Northwest Indiana.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Frank and Patricia Smith of 1907 Welnetz Rd reported on the water from the roof being diverted onto the street and how unhappy he and his wife were with the way it was handled by the town. They stated

that this has been an ongoing problem with the previous owner and they are just trying to fix it properly. It was decided to keep an eye on the pipe and make sure it doesn't become a serious problem.

Rhea Bruder reported on past due refuse accounts. She asked for the board's approval on filing suit on the high dollar accounts. Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for approval to file suit one year and one day in continuity for liens over due and use any means possible for collection. John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Attorney Bill Herrbach spoke on proposed ordinance that was passed out to Council members concerning cell tower regulations. Ordinance speaks of many standards that have to be met by wireless providers. Council to adopt (if okayed) at next month's meeting.

Councilman Ron Lombard moved to authorize bids for new 2011/2012 refuse contract. Councilman Jamie Baldwin seconded. The vote was unanimous. Will open bids in November.

Theresa Ludlow spoke about the budget. Letter to DLGF requiring an adjustment to our maximum Levy and asking for 2011 adjustment. Theresa said all you can do is request it and see if the State will let you do it. Hopes to reinstate 2010 Levy. Growth factor 3.4% which means that for 2010 & 2011. Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for approval of ordinance for salaries of 2011 and Councilman Jeff Studtman seconded. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved to waive public reading of ordinance. Councilman Ron Lombard seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLERK'S COMMENTS: None

Council Comments: Councilman Jamie Baldwin commended Cindy Kautz for the excellent job she has done with what little she had to work with. Also he thanked Theresa and Joanne for their help as well. Council President Warren Schacht scheduled executive meeting to be held on Tuesday September 28th, 2010.

There being no further business or comments Councilman Jamie Baldwin moved for adjournment at 8:32 p.m. and Councilman John Bayler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Attest: _____

Cindy L. Kautz, Chief Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

ADDITION TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 MINUTES

Council President Warren Schacht announced the official retirement of Clerk Treasurer Anne M. Dobbs effective June 17, 2010. Shannon M. Gast was appointed to fulfill Anne's term, but subsequently Shannon turned in her resignation as Clerk Treasurer effective August 23, 2010.