

**February 15, 2011**

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All council members' present with the exception of Jamie Baldwin.

**Pledge**

Council President, Warren Schacht, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

Mr. Lombard moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, January 18, 2011, as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Studtman and unanimously carried.

**Clerk-Treasurer's Report**

**Approval of Fund Report**

Mr. Bayler moved to approve the Fund Report as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Lombard and unanimously carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Mr. Studtman asked about Hill Truck Sales invoice # 131636 in the amount of \$ 1407.26, Joshleen indicated she would look into what repair this was for and get back with Mr. Studtman. He also inquired about the ALCO (Access LaPorte County) invoice # 1500 for \$2000.00, it was explained that this is for the renewable contract for video recordings of our Town Hall meetings. Mr. Studtman then made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$109663.36; motion seconded by Mr. Bayler and unanimously carried.

**Correspondence**

Joshleen Denham, Clerk-Treasurer read some correspondence received from Mayor Oberlie regarding the letter of intent for the Town of Trail Creeks intent to contribute to the joint storm sewer project along Welnetz Rd., presented by Mr. Doyle during the January 31, 2011 Special Meeting. The letter from the Mayor indicates how pleased he is to hear of our intent and that he will maintain communications with us as we move forward.

The other correspondence came from Mr. Jim McCafferty of New Buffalo, MI regarding a kind and thoughtful act he received from Marshall Paul Schoof. Mr. Lombard indicated how nice it is to receive compliments like this one about our town's employees.

**Department Reports**

**MS4:** Mr. Doyle reported for Kate Doyle, he states that there is a meeting to be held on Thursday February 17, 2011. At this time there is nothing new to report.

**Attorney:** Mr. Herrbach gave a quick surety bond update. He reports that he spoke with Mr. R. Lindenmeyer to go over the progress. However, there is still some question as to the legal language of the combined bond. Mr. Herrbach will continue to work with Mr. Lindenmeyer and update us at the next Town Hall Meeting in March 2011.

Mr. Herrbach also gave an update on property address: 110 Harding Ave. (Mr. Hines); property is of serious concern to the council and Mr. Herrbach. There is some indication that there is not any running water in the property, the front window is broken out and there is a visible hole in the roof. Mr. Herrbach stated that Adult Protective Services has been contacted and they will be in contact with the Mr. Herrbach as well as the owner regarding the condition and state of property.

Mr. Herrbach gave one more report on the baseball contract with the Town of Trail Creek for use of the grounds. Baseball verification of insurance needs to be looked into and he believes the contract is every two years but is due to be re-submitted and signed.

**Engineer:** Mr. Doyle indicated that after the Special Meeting January 31, 2011 he met with the Mayor and his council to discuss the joint storm sewer project along Welnetz Rd. He reported that the county council meeting is scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, at that time he hopes to receive the blessing to proceed.

**Park Department:** Robin Kohn reports that the Park Department does have a new member appointed last month; Mr. Mike Lamb has rejoined our department. She also states that the park department had a meeting on February 8, 2011 and spoke about park rules for dogs, plus other items such as the town will not be offering the summer program this year due to finances. However, other programs were discussed such as utilizing the tennis courts by having programs for tennis lessons. She indicated that they needed to have Mr. Herrbach review some items, but will keep us updated on progress.

**Building Inspector:** No Report

**Planning & Zoning:** No Report

**Police Department:** Marshall Paul Schoof apologized for not having his full report done but stated that the council will receive the report in full for the March 2011 meeting. Mr. Schacht reminded the Marshall about the scheduling of his officers and that our insurance policy states that 30 hours per week equals a full time employee.

**NIRPC:** Mr. Lombard stated they had a meeting today, however nothing to report. The Marshall asked Mr. Lombard about the government grant money for police vehicles, that was spoke about last meeting. Ron Lombard said he hopes to hear more at the next NIRPC meeting, and will keep him updated.

**Street Department:** No Report. Mr. Bayler indicated that there have been several compliments from the residents about the great job the street department has been doing this year with the snow plowing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

309 Johnson Road: Attorney Bill Herrbach states that a letter was sent to the resident at this address asking them to seize and desist any business they may be running from the home. He also contacted Mr. Fuller to let him know the progress as to the letter sent.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Schacht reported that Mr. John Dornbrock at 322 S. Martin has 2 complaints to present tonight:

1. There is snow being plowed / pushed from St. Luke's Church into his driveway.
2. St. Luke's Church does not bring their garbage cans up in a timely manner according to ordinance.

Mr. Studtman indicated that he spoke with Mr. Dornbrock about these issues in his ward and said that he would contact the church and get these issues resolved.

**Public Comment:** none

**Clerk-Treasurer's Comment:** Joshleen Denham reported that the Annual CTAR Report for the State Board of Accounts has been submitted electronically and PART 1 will be published at least once by March 11, 2011 as per the guidelines by the State Board of Accounts for Indiana.

**Council Comments:** none

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Mr. Studtman moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Lombard unanimously carried at 7:25pm.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Warren Schacht, President

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshleen Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

**Approved: March 15, 2011**