

March 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 John Bayler.

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

Minutes

Mr. Lombard moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, February 15, 2011, as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Studtman and unanimously carried.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: None

Approval of Fund Report

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

Approval of Claims

Mr. Studtman asked about the Keystone invoice in the amount of \$4080.00, it was explained that this is a yearly maintenance and support agreement. Mr. Studtman then asked about the 64 yards of salt being invoiced and if that was our last invoice for the year. It was reported by Brian Kubath-Street Commissioner that we would be invoiced for 2 more loads of salt. Mr. Studtman, inquired about the spinner assembly invoice for \$1122.14. Mr. Brian Kubath, explained that this is the spinner assembly for the L7000 Ford from the incident that occurred in January. Joshleen Denham, Clerk-Treasurer reported that this was covered by our insurance. Councilman Mr. Baldwin questioned the police vest invoice in the amount of \$ 4,500.00; Mrs. Denham explained that \$2,250.00 is part of a government grant that the Town of Trail Creek will receive. This covers 50% of the invoice. Mr. Studtman then made the motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$67,901.08, which was seconded by Mr. Lombard.

Correspondence

Joshleen Denham, Clerk-Treasurer read a card received from a Mrs. Sarafor; who was passing through the town and became stranded due to a flat tire. Police officer Steve Dick, stopped and changed her tire for her and then patiently waited with her for Triple A. She wanted to thank him for this kind act.

Department Reports

MS4: Kate Doyle reported there were four site inspections in Laporte and three in Michigan City. She stated that it is the slow season; however she is doing some training and preparing for the MS4 conference in May 2011.

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 revisions to be made to this bond. Once he receives the new numbers he will report.

Mr. Herrbach also gave an update on property address: 110 Harding Ave; Adult Protective Services has visited the resident and found that there is adequate food and water, therefore there is not much they can do. After speaking with the resident, Mr. Herrbach states that the resident cannot afford to repair the damaged roof and window to the property to bring to building code. Mr. Herrbach indicated that perhaps there are some organizations that can help the resident financially to make repairs, he will follow up.

Mr. Herrbach looked into the baseball insurance verification. Mr. Studtman stated he is in contact and will have this done and sent to both Bill Herrbach and Joshleen Denham before the start of the baseball season, or by the end of May.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle met with the County Council on February 21, 2011 to discuss the present project on Welnetz Rd. He indicated that there may be some problems on Welnetz Rd. A lengthy discussion followed by the Town Council. More information will be made available at the next town meeting.

Park Department: No Report

Building Inspector: No Report

Planning & Zoning: No Report

Police Department No Report

NIRPC: Mr. Lombard reported Indiana Department of Transportation's plans to extend the Gary Airport runway 8900 ft to take in bigger commercial planes. There are some upcoming projects in Michigan City; 1. Widen and realign Karwick Rd. to Michigan Blvd. 2. Springland Ave. East extension out to Rt. 212 scheduled for 2015.

Street Department: Brian Kubath reported that spring clean up is coming. The dump truck is down and at Hill Truck for repair; rear brakes, front spring and one front wheel.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Resident Complaint: Mr. Studtman reported that he did speak to the church regarding the issues and have resolved.

2.) NIRPC: follow up on Government grants : Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS: Budget Discussions: Warren spoke about the clerk's meeting with members of the council on cutting back on expenditures'. Warren reported that in the next two weeks department supervisors are to meet with clerk-treasurer Joshleen Denham to review budget cuts for 2011.

Public Comment: none

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: No report

Council Comments: none

Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Studtman moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Baldwin 7:35pm.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: April 19,2011