

May 17, 2011

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All council members' were present.

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

Minutes

Mr. Bayler moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, April 19, 2011 as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Lombard 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 why it seems voucher # 221 Nipsco \$ 1,791.61 is so high. He also inquired about voucher # 219 Johnson Johns \$ 320.26. It was explained that the Nipsco is for street lighting at several locations. The Johnson Johns invoice is for two port a pot rentals for eight weeks. After no further questions regarding the payment of the bills, Mr. Bayler made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 87,452.24 (EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS AND TWENTY FOUR CENTS). Mr. Studtman seconded the motion and it was carried out unanimously.

Correspondence NONE

Department Reports

MS4: Kate Doyle was in attendance and did state that she had nothing to report at this time, because the MS4 meeting will be held Wednesday May 18, 2011. However, she will report back with updates at the next month town meeting.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach gave an update on the refuse delinquent accounts. He stated there are 53 accounts that the town should pursue totaling a sum of \$ 61,516.28 owed to the town for refuse. However, with legal fees and other charges for filing it would cost the town upwards of \$17,000.00. With the reduction to the 2011 budget, Mr. Herrbach recommended starting with only the top ten delinquents accounts and see how the response is. He indicated that if there is good response, we can pursue the rest of the accounts by the end of 2011.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle presented the council with an estimate for the 2011 Street Improvement Repairs. He started by saying that he met with street commissioner Brian Kubath regarding various streets and areas within the community. Keeping the current

financial situation in mind they recommend the following projects are the most critical at this time.

1. Black Oak Drive – Coolspring Avenue to Red Oak Drive: Propose to mill the areas in question and pave with hot asphaltic concrete surface similar to the Welnetz Road project last year. Estimated cost: \$ 10,000.00
2. Drywell Replacement at 307 Johnson Road: Propose to install a new drywell with additional perforated pipe running north and south from the drywell to increase the percolation area and repave the area. Estimated cost: \$ 5,000.00
3. 122 Johnson Road – Water Problem at Residential Drive and Street: Propose to remove the lawn area adjacent to the pavement for approximately twenty (20) feet and install an aggregate filled trench “ French Drain” (Trench 18 inches deep, filled with heavy rock in the bottom) along the pavement edge in order to allow the water to percolate into the soil. Estimated cost: 2,500.00
4. 1924 Coolspring Avenue: Propose that the homeowner be instructed to remove the obstruction, re-grade, and reshape the area to allow proper drainage. Estimated cost: \$ 3,500.00

After a lengthily discussion regarding the above projects the following was then recommended by council: The town attorney Mr. Herrbach will follow up by sending a letter to the resident at 1924 Coolspring regarding the issue, and state that it does need to be repaired by the homeowner. All other projects should be estimated out and Mr. Doyle shall then return to council for review of estimates. At that time, council will make a decision on how to proceed. Mr. Baldwin made the motion to get the estimates on the proposals and Mr. Lombard seconded that motion.

Park Department: Mr. Bayler reported their Park Meeting took place last Tuesday, May 9, 2011. At that meeting Robin Kohn reported that she has confirmed that Flo Blake has agreed to do the tennis instruction for this year. Mr. Bayler also reported on the tennis courts condition and stated that since the tennis courts were just redone last year 2010 that Robin is looking into the warranty. Mr. Baldwin asked Mr. Doyle, town engineer why the condition of the tennis courts would change so drastically in one year. Mr. Doyle reported that it could be Thermal expansion.

Mr. Bayler then reported that the park rules and dog walking procedures are to be put into place very soon. He has asked our attorney to write up these rules.

Building Inspector: No Report

Planning & Zoning: No Report

Police Department: Marshall Klosinski reported that Officer Steve Dick has been proactive in getting a grant to buy new E-Ticket machines for their department.

NIRPC: Mr. Lombard gave an update from his NIRPC meeting. NIRPC has posted their Comprehensive Regulatory Plan for public review. He also indicated that they will

have a meeting Tues. May 31, 2011 at the Michigan City Public Library from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, for a question / answer session for the public.

Street Department: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Schacht responded to the "old business" line item of having permits for roofing, siding, windows, driveways, etc. Council recommended setting up a workshop to discuss this item further with building commissioner Steve Thomas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Comment: Resident at 122 Johnson Road in attendance, and is thankful for Mr. Doyle's presentation regarding the water in her driveway and the proposal made by Mr. Doyle for the repair.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Mrs. Denham reported that the combined bond to cover the town's employees has been recorded with the recorder's office. She then indicated that she is looking forward to attending a Clerk-Treasurer / Budget workshop next week May 25th – May 27th in Indianapolis put on by IACT (Indiana Association for Cities and Towns) Lastly, Joshleen asked council for approval on Resolution 1-2011 the 2011 Budget Reduction. Council President; Mr. Warren Schacht then presented the resolution to council for approval. After review; Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve Resolution # 1-2011, the motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and unanimously carried.

Council Comments: Mr. Bayler thanked Marshall Kloskinski for his fast response time to a call regarding a solicitor at his home resident. Mr. Bayler stated that he wanted to let residents know that a solicitor must have a permit to sell, and that if he/she does not or cannot provide one, you can contact the non-emergency police line for assistance.

At that time, Mr. Schacht wanted to let everyone know that our Memorial Day Service is scheduled for May 30, 2011 at 1:00 pm at Nelson Park.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Baldwin moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Studtman 7:55pm.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: June 21, 2011