

November 15, 2011

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:00p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All council members present.

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

Minutes Mr. Baldwin moved to approve the meeting minutes from the October 18, 2011, meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lombard. It was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund Report

Mr. Bayler moved to approve the Fund Report as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Baldwin, and then it was unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Mr. Baldwin moved to approve the payment of the bills and Mr. Bayler seconded that motion. Bills were in the amount of \$ 97,755.67 (NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS AND SIXTY SEVEN CENTS).

Correspondence: Mr. Warren Schacht read a loud an email received from a Trail Creek resident commending both the police department and council president Warren Schacht on their efforts in making the 2011 Halloween Trick or Treat both safe and enjoyable.

Department Reports

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance. She reported that Rick had 19 site inspections; 13 in LaPorte and 6 in Michigan City. She also indicated that they've received the official approval of Schedule C following the 2011 audit.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach reported that the delinquent refuse hearings have taken place and that there are ten accounts that had judgments placed against them.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle spoke about a resident on Michigan Blvd and Chapala Parkway at the Southeast intersection, having a problem with the drainage along Chapala Parkway. He indicated that he needed to take some levels at this location and that this would cost the town approximately \$500.00. Town Council President, Warren Schacht along with all council members recommended holding off on this until the spring time 2012. Mr. John Doyle, town engineer also reported on the Welnetz Rd. project, indicating that Welnetz Rd. should be open by Friday of this week.

Also in attendance Mr. Randy Russell, Michigan City Water Works to discuss the the proposal for water main extensions to serve Welnetz Road, Dogwood Drive and Green Tree Drive in Trail Creek. He indicated that there are 38 homes along these three streets which can benefit from these water main extensions. If all 38 homes contribute to the material cost, this equates to \$5,918.00 per home plus a \$1,000.00 tap in fee per home.

Currently, he is awaiting response from these residents and will have more results to share in the near future.

Park Department: KVA Baseball was on the agenda. Mr. Bayler reported nothing ever materialized from this possibility of the use of Trail Creeks baseball fields. After a lengthy discussion between Mrs. Denham and Mr. Bayler, Warren Schacht, council president requested that Mr. Bayler look into this further. Mr. Bayler then asked Mr. Schacht, if he had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Karl Rowe from Rowe and Sons regarding the cracks in the tennis court? Mr. Schacht responded by saying that he will follow up on this issue.

Building Inspector: No report

Planning & Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshall Klosinski reported that the hiring process for the full-time officer is still underway. Back ground checks on the two applicants have been complete and at this point he is preparing to schedule the written test.

Street Department: No report

Permit Review: Mr. Herrbach responded by accepting the position of chairperson for this committee. He recommended that this committee and permit reviews be completed in January 2012.

NIRPC: Mr. Lombard stated that the NIRPC meeting will be held next week.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President, Warren Schacht briefly spoke about the recent elections that took place in Trail Creek. He stated that "we" the town of Trail Creek will be losing two good friends at the end of the year. Mr. Ron Lombard and Jamie Baldwin. Ward # 5 will be handled by Mr. Scott Silcox and Ward # 1 will be handled by Ms. Jenni Heath. Warren wrapped up by saying we thank both Mr. Lombard and Mr. Baldwin for the time served on the board. We would also like to welcome aboard both Ms. Heath and Mr. Silcox.

Public Comment:

- 1 Ms. Marjorie Voltz at 416 Black Oak in attendance expressing her concern regarding the need for a schedule for leaf p/u. Street Commissioner Brian Kubath not in attendance to respond. Ms. Denham will follow up with Mr. Kubath on this suggestion.
- 2 Ms. Sue Lehman at 112 Johnson Road, in attendance. Ms. Lehman inquired about her letter of intent for the MS4 position. Council

responded by saying that they have taken the letter under advisement and will be appointing the positions available in December 2011 or January 2012.

- 3 Mr. James Stellema at 418 Trail Street in attendance to discuss some concerns and recommendations for the 2012 Halloween Trick or Treat season .

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: No report

Council Comments: Council appointments will be made in the December 20, 2011 town meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Lombard moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Bayler at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: December 20, 2011