

April 17, 2012

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All council members present with the exception of Jennifer Heath.

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

Minutes Mr. Studtman moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 20, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox. It was then unanimously carried.

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

Approval of Claims Mr. Bayler asked if the '03 Crown Victoria was sold, because he noticed that a battery was purchased for it. Marshall Klosinski stated we are waiting for the Street Department to repair the electrical lines. Mr. Bayler then asked Brian about the playground equipment purchased from Kids Stuff Play systems. Mr. Kubath indicated that that cost of \$ 1,116.00 was to replace the crawl tubes at Nelson Park. With that Mr. Bayler made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 89,862.93 (EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND NINETY THREE CENTS) Motion as then seconded by Mr. Sixcox.

Correspondence: None

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Doyle was not in attendance. She called and indicated that she will have more information available at the May meeting.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach in attendance and discussed the possibility of revising the building code. Council stated this would be fine. Mr. Herrbach then discussed the progress of payments on the ten judgments' filed. Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer indicated that payments are coming in regularly and that she would have a dollar amount at the May 2012 meeting.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle gave an updated list of consideration for the 2012 Street Improvement Project. Council asked Mr. Doyle to produce a few quotes for improvements that are considered to be priority. A lengthy discussion followed with Mr. Doyle stating he would be happy to get some estimates together.

Street Department: Street Commissioner, Brian Kubath in attendance. He wanted to point out the clean up being done around the town hall outside. He also reported that the fence that he would like to install around the generator. He would like to look into doing the work himself and purchasing the material at a local store. He will look into the cost benefit and get back next meeting

Mr. Kubath also indicated that Bartronics out of Valpraiso, Indiana would be handling the narrow band switch for both the street department and the police department. This is something that is federally mandated by Jan 2013.

NIRPC : Mr. Bayler, council member and NIRPC Representative stated that the orientation meeting will be Thursday , April 19, 2012 and he would bring more information to the May 2012 Town Hall Meeting .

Park Department: Mr. Silcox, Park Board Member stated that the next meeting will be May 01, 2012.

Building Inspector: Steve Thomas, Building Inspector in attendance. He indicated that he is being proactive in making sure residents and contractors are compliant and current with registrations as well as permits.

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Police Department: Marshall Klosinski in attendance with Officer Tobin Babcock to introduce and discuss any concerns regarding the Firearms Use Policy. Councilman, John Bayler asked if this policy was being used at most police stations in LaPorte County. Officer Babcock responded by saying that this policy is a nationally recognized policy with a few changes to accommodate smaller departments. Town Attorney, Bill Herrbach indicated again that this policy is legally compliant. Warren Schacht, Council President asked when Officer Doperalski would be finished with the academy. Marshall Klosinski responded by saying that the academy is 15 weeks, once complete Officer Doperalski will then be available to assist in coverage for the Town of Trail Creek.

Old Business: none

New Business: Mr. Silcox, Council Member expressed his concern for the trash in the ditch behind Evergreen Plaza. Mr. Herrbach suggested that he send out some letters to property owners regarding the ordinance on refuse.

Mr. Bayler, Council Member expressed some concern over how some residence are storing firewood. He would like to have an ordinance in place for the storage of firewood.

Public Comment: None

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: None

Council Comment: None

There being no further business, Mr. Silcox moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Bayler at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: May 15, 2012