

May 15, 2012

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

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

Minutes Mr. Bayler moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 17, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox. It was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund Report Mr. Bayler asked Mrs. Denham if there were any tax distributions this quarter yet. Mrs. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer responded by saying "Yes, We have received approximately \$70,000 so far in taxes for tax year 2008. It was at this point that Mrs. Heath moved to approve the Fund Report as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Silcox, and then it was unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims Mr. Silcox made a motion to approve bills as presented in the amount of \$ 39,059.49. (THIRTY NINE THOUSAND FIFTY NINE DOLLARS AND FORTY NINE CENTS), motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler.

Correspondence: Mrs. Denham read a short text provided by Bill Landing. Marshall Todd Klosinski was asked to be on a television program called "Interesting Individuals", hosted by Bill Landing. Todd joined Mark Swistek, Michigan City, Police Chief and Bob Sulkowski, Long Beach Town Marshall to discuss summer activities and police coverage for those events. The program will air on channel 99 tonight May 15, 2012 at 9:30 pm and Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at both 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Jeff Studtman provided council with a note that he received regarding some concern of dogs running loose in the area. The note was forward to Marshall Klosinski for further investigation.

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Doyle in attendance and provided council with a summary of the MS4 Advisory Committee Meeting she attended on May 9, 2012. At this meeting Mr. Kuss informed the committee that he would be the representative of the City of Michigan City, Indiana and the Sanitary District would be staying with the current program until the end of the year. The election of new officers also took place:

President Michael Kuss

Vice President Mike Polan

Recording Secretary Kate Doyle

Operator Jerry Jackson

Member Tom Dolph

Mr. Kuss also requested that Mr. Purze remain as liaison for the County Commissioners and Mr. Purze agreed. A motion was place and accepted.

Ms. Doyle also made mentions of an MS4 restructure, which would most certainly mean an increase to those who contribute to the program.

Attorney: Not in attendance.

Engineer: John Doyle provided council with drawings and some estimates for the Town of Trail Creek Street Improvement Project. This estimate was broke out into 4 areas for improvement.

2 Area 1: Johnson Road at Cricket Lane: Sections A - D - \$ 44,000.00 *Plans*

Area 2: Killdeer Drive / Killdeer Court / Raven Drive - \$ 45,500.00

1 * Area 3: Black Oak Drive / Redwood Drive: \$ 40,250.00 *Plan*

Area 4: Trail Street - Radtke Drive South: \$ 45,800.00

Total Amount of estimates for this program: \$175,550.00

A lengthy discussion followed the presentation of the Street Improvement Project estimates by council and Mr. Doyle. Mrs. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer was then asked which line item these expenses would come out of. Mrs. Denham pointed out the use of the LRS (Local Road and Street) Fund, which currently has approximately \$50,000. Some dollars can be found in the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) fund but not much. Mrs. Denham explained that the town should be receiving in June some more tax funds that may help to support some of these projects. Council President stated perhaps the use of the Major Moves Fund, however there may be some restriction for use. Mrs. Denham stated that she would look into this in more detail. Mr. Doyle, explained that bids for the above projects must be submitted no later than August for work to be complete. Council President indicated that next month some decision would be made as to what projects should be done and as to what fund will be used for payment.

Street Department: None

NIRPC : Mr. Bayler, Council Member and NIRPC Representative presented a Greenways & Blue ways Northwest Indiana Regional Map of the Regional Hiking, Biking and Water Trails. This map is available in the town hall to anyone who is interested free of charge.

Park Department: Mr. Silcox, Park Board Member and council member made a recommendation that home plates at baseball fields should be reset. Mrs. Health then asked who is responsible for making sure this gets done. Mrs. Denham, Clerk Treasurer responded with, "It was her understanding and as per the Baseball contract ". "Lessee is responsible, at Lessee's expense, for all maintenance of the playing fields in terms of field preparation for us by Lessee." No further discussion was noted.

Building Inspector: Mrs. Denham indicated that there has been some concern by a few residents regarding the property located at 235 Harding. She presented council with some pictures of the property. It appears that the house is vacant. The grass is in ordinance violation and there is some potential for rodents and other animals to enter the premises. She stated that she will have Steve Thomas, Building Inspector, follow up as well as to have town attorney, Mr. Bill Herrbach write a letter regarding the ordinance violation and other issues.

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Police Department: Marshall Klosinski responded to public comment # 2 – Black Oak resident complaint / concerns by stating he would like to schedule a meeting with these residents to discuss concerns, however he was not comfortable discussing police concerns with a camera present during this meeting. Mrs. Bartlett, 417 Black Oak and other residents who attended the meeting were pleased with this next step made by the Marshall to resolve their concerns.

Old Business: none

New Business: Sale of 2003 Crown Victoria, was to be done by sealed bid. One bid was received and read aloud by Council President, Warren Schacht. After review of the bid, Council Member Jennifer Heath made a motion to delay the acceptance of bid until legal consult can be obtained; motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and then was unanimously carried. To clarify, the bid will be awarded following legal consult, at next month's Town Hall meeting on June 19, 2012.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Wally Pritz: 2005 Welnetz Rd; in attendance and wanted to express his concern about the progress of Pritz Park. Some discussion by council followed, Jennifer Heath ; council member indicated that perhaps a grant could be looked into.
- Ms. Debbie Bartlett: 317 Black Oak Dr.; in attendance and wanted to discuss an agenda item (public comment #2). Marshall Klosinski addressed this concern in his department comment.
- Ms. Elizabeth Shuttleworth; 424 Black Oak Dr.: expressed concerns about the standing water in front of her house. Ms. Shuttleworth brought pictures to show council members. Mr. John Doyle, Town Engineer indicated that he would look into this concern.
- Ms. Judith Brandon; 420 Black Oak Dr.: Expressed concerns with drainage issues at her address. Council President; Warren Schacht stated at times the Street Department will put rock down in those areas to help with the drainage. Mrs.

Denham, Clerk Treasurer stated that she would forward this concern to the Street Commission, Brian Kubath.

- Mr. Todd Silko; 1211 Roeske; read a letter from Ms. Debbie Lucero; 207 Harding: The letter expressed concern with 235 Harding Ave. ; regarding a few ordinance violations. Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney to send a letter.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Mrs. Denham, Clerk Treasurer stated that Scott Pelath and Jim Arnold, Indiana State Representatives would be attending our June meeting to address any concerns regarding the major challenges that Indiana government faces today.

Council Comment: Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President wanted to remind residents of our Memorial Service at Nelson Park, on May 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Studtman moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Bayler at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: June 19, 2012