

## **September 18, 2012**

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All council members in attendance.

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

**Minutes** A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the meeting minutes from August 21, 2012, as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler.

**Approval Of Fund** Mr. Silcox made a motion to approve the fund report; motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and then was unanimously carried.

**Approval of Claims** Mr. Bayler made a motion to approve the fund report in the amount of \$ 60,675.06 (SIXTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and then unanimously carried.

**Correspondence:** Pastor Patrick Kroehler and Sara Zervos with St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Michigan City here, to discuss the proposed Trail Creek Run/Walk Fundraiser for Saturday May 18, 2013, to start at 7:30 a.m. and last approximately three hours. Mr. Brian Kubath, Street Commissioner asked about the course. Pastor Kroehler indicated that the tentative course is attached to the letter and stated he will work with both the Street Department and Police Department to make sure this event is both fun and safe for all. More details to follow in the coming months.

### **Department Reports:**

**MS4:** Ms. Kate Doyle in attendance and indicated that on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September they will be mapping inspections for IDEM.

**Attorney:** Mr. Herrbach indicated that he has prepared the easements for Redwood and they have been signed, he will file them tomorrow, September 20<sup>th</sup>. He also expressed concern regarding the several non-compliance issues throughout the town.

- 235 Harding
- 110 Harding
- 203 Bluebird
- 3101 Greenwood
- 324 Johnson Road
- 415 Yanke Road
- 115 Rainbow

Mr. Herrbach recommended having a work session to discuss. A work session was scheduled for October 01, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is to include the attorney, council members, the building inspector and town engineer.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Schacht asked Mrs. Denham where would the funds come from to complete these projects? Mrs. Denham, Clerk –Treasurer responded by saying there are three funds the money could come out of: Major Moves, Riverboat and LRS. She indicated that if doing all four projects at once would make more sense money wise then we should probably move forward with completing all four area improvements.

Mr. Doyle indicated that there will be open bids starting 10:00 a.m. on August 14, 2012, to be awarded during the August 21, 2012 town hall meeting.

Mrs. Heath made a motion to move forward with the bids on August 14, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m. for all four area street improvement projects, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

**Street Department:** Street Commissioner, Brian Kubath in attendance. Brian indicated that they are currently picking up Sticks, Limbs, and Branches and trimming some trees.

**NIRPC** No Report.

**Park Department** No report

**Building Inspector:** No Report

**Planning and Zoning:** Mr. Bill Greene, Planning and Zoning Board President, in attendance with a complaint he received regarding the residents at 309 Johnson Road. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Marshall Klosinski would follow up with the complainant for more information.

**Police Department:** Marshall Klosinski in attendance and provided council members with an estimate from Mike's Country Store in LaPorte, Indiana. The estimate was to upgrade department guns from .40 calibers to 9mm handguns.

**Old Business:**

- 235 Harding; Bill Herrbach, Town Attorney responded by saying the total cost of repair to make the property safe is \$1350.00 as per the Building Inspector, Steve Thomas. Mr. Herrbach indicated that he sent a letter to the homeowner giving him ten days to fix according to our ordinance (Public Nuisance) or the town will make repairs and bill the homeowner.
- Firewood Ordinance; Mr. Herrbach opened discussion with council regarding the wording to be put in such an ordinance. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Mr. Herrbach would formulize an ordinance by the August 2012 Town Hall Meeting.
- Pritz Park: Mr. Kubath, Street Commissioner announced that he has cut a grass path into Pritz Park which measures about 4/10 of a mile, to be enjoyed by both Evergreen Plaza employees as well as exercise enthusiasts. A few picnic tables have also been placed. Council spoke about the parking.