

October 16 2012

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All council members in attendance with the exception of Mr. John Bayler.

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

**Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes from September 18, 2012, as written, motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath.

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

**Approval of Claims** Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the fund report in the amount of \$88,094.41 (EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND, NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY ONE CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and then unanimously carried.

**Correspondence:** Mrs. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer read a letter received by a resident, Marge Voltz at 416 Black Oak. The content of the letter was regarding leaf pick up. It was suggested in her letter that a schedule should be given to residents for leaf pick up. Currently, the street department does a "continuous pick up" which means, they start at one end of town and work their way to the other and then start over again. This means, that in a 6 week period a house should ideally be picked up five times. Although it is important to remember this is ideal and does not take into consideration down time; weather or break downs. Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President suggested that since Brian Kubath, Street Commissioner was not in attendance that this be tabled for next month for discussion.

#### **Department Reports:**

**MS4:** Ms. Kate Doyle in attendance and indicated that she had received a violation letter for permit # IN040107, regarding the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The letter is from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management regarding the MS4 program. Ms. Doyle states that the Town of Trail Creek is "fine" but the program includes several entities; LaPorte City, Town of Trail Creek, Town of Long Beach, Michigan City and Urban LaPorte County some of these entities had violations. Some of the violations include; the MS4 Program needing to schedule an employee training. Mr. Warren Schacht mentioned that perhaps we should schedule an MS4 Executive Session to discuss the MS4 Contract. An executive session is scheduled for October 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this further.

**Engineer:** Mr. Doyle in attendance to discuss the progress of the 2012 Street Improvement Projects. He indicated that Contract Divisions "A" "C" and "D" are complete or near completion. Contract Division "B" requires easement permission from Wally Pritz, once this is obtained work

project would come in about \$1000.00 more, while the Trail Street project would come in \$500.00 less.

Mr. John Doyle also reported on the violation letters sent to some residents regarding driveway permits, these addresses include

- 324 Johnson Road: Mr. Doyle met with the resident Jeff Somerlin to explain what was expected. Todd Deutcher Construction did the work and will work with John to make any corrections necessary.
- 115 Rainbow Trail: No response
- 415 Yanke Road: No Response

**Street Department:** Not in attendance

**NIRPC:** Not in attendance.

**Park Department** No report

**Building Inspector:** Mr. Steve Thomas, Building Inspector in attendance and reported on 110 Harding. He indicates that some progress is being made.

**Planning and Zoning:** Mrs. Heath states that there is a meeting scheduled for October 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Police Department:** Marshall Klosinski in attendance. He reported that the Dollar General had been robbed; however the suspects were caught that day.

Also, regarding the police applicants, the next step is the written test. After the physical testing, there are now eight applicants that will take the written test. The test is scheduled for November 7, 2012.

Marshall Klosinski reported on the new computer system in use by his department. Switching from CISCO to Interact, he will have more information about the new system next month once he becomes more familiar.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Engineer; John Doyle bill \$ 8222.25. Mrs. Heath asked that Mr. Doyle explain the invoice in detail. Mr. Doyle indicated the invoice is for resident site inspections for the 2012 Street Improvement Projects. Mr. Doyle then explained that council should expect an invoice for 10% – 15% of the total improvement project cost that would include site inspections. Mrs. Heath then indicated that she would like to take the time to review the invoice and requested that council table the invoice until next month. Mrs. Heath then made a motion to table the invoice until the

November meeting, Mr. Studtman seconded the motion and it was then carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Mr. & Mrs. Kit Owens in attendance, they live in Trail Creek at 221 Old Mill Road. Mr. Owens indicated that according to the survey, he has rights to the lake situated behind his property and wondered how he can clear the access way. Mr. Doyle indicated that he was familiar with this and said, they can clear the easement for access. Mrs. Denham stated that she would follow up with the town attorney on who would be responsible for clearing this area.

**Clerk-Treasurer's Comment:** Mrs. Denham wanted to remind everyone that Trick or Treat will be October 28, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Council Comment:** None

There being no further business, Mr. Studtman moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Warren Schacht, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer  
Approved: November 20, 2012