

July 16, 2013

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 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 A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve the meeting minutes from June 18, 2013 as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler.

Approval of Fund Mr. Bayler moved to approve the Fund Report, and Mr. Studtman seconded the motion and then it was unanimously carried.

Approval of Payment of Bills: Mr. Jeff Studtman, Council Member asked about the invoice for Dan's Landscaping, inquiring as to how much of the ditch they cut and how many times per year. After a short discussion, Mr. Warren Schacht offered to contact Dan from Dan's Landscaping to get some of these unanswered questions taken care of. Mr. Studtman moved to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$137, 743.93(ONE HUNDRED THRITY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FOURTY DOLLARS AND NINTY THREE CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr.Silcox

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance. She reported that Rick Brown did (7) seven site inspections due to complaints, most were follow up and eight (8) were routine. She indicated that Reggie did receive an email that the organizational chart has been received by county.. She also mentioned that Braje Nelson and Janes will be legal counsel for MS4 program. Mr. Jeff Studtman, Council Member asked if there were any potential water issues who he would contact. Kate Doyle stated that she should be contacted as in the past and she would forward information to the right person. Ms. Kate Doyle also indicated that Rick Brown, MS4 Coordinator might be attending next month's town meeting on August 20, 2013. She stated that she would let Clerk-Treasurer, Joshleen Denham know so that he can be put on the agenda.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach in attendance.

110 Harding and 235 Harding; A letter was sent in June to both property owners regarding the condition of property. Bill indicated that according to state statute as of July 2013 some changes have been made regarding safe buildings. If the demolition is under \$10,000 (TEN THOUSAND) the town can do it. Bill stated that he would have a report at the August meeting.

Engineer: Mr. John Doyle in attendance. He briefly spoke of the Hwy 20 project, indicating that INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) had received a letter from him regarding the project. Council asked how to get the right people involved. Mr. Herrbach stated you start with legislature. Warren, Council President will put this on his personal agenda to discuss with

legislature regarding the drainage issues in Trail Creek. Mr. Doyle stated that he would forward some pictures that were taken during the last flooding. He also wanted to note that the pumps were doing their job under the circumstances. In fact, they are now running with only a 2% differential of which he is satisfied.

The 2013 Street Improvement Projects was then discussed. A rough list was created so that the engineer could provide estimates.

- Avondale and Greenwood: Speed Bump
- Harding; Drainage problems, possible drywell
- Welnetz / Laurel:
- Blackoak: Drainage Issues

Street Department : Not in attendance. Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer presented council with the bid for garage doors and the opener from Michigan City Garage Doors. Scott Silcox, Council Member stated that he would like to see another estimate. Steve Thomas was advised to look at the door and let council know as to the necessity of the replacement.

NIRPC: John Bayler, Council Member and NIRPC member verified the transportation project for HWY 20 is slated for wider lanes as well as turning lanes.

Park Department: None

Building Inspector: Mr. Thomas stated that 209 Rainbow Trail; Bay 3 project would be completed by next week.

Planning and Zoning: No Report there has been no scheduled meeting.

Police Department: Eric Lisoski, in attendance as Marshal Klosinski is out. Officer Lisoski brought a picture of the Trail Creek Police sponsored baseball team. No further report.

Warren Schacht, Council President noted that parking has been an issue during baseball games.

Old Business:

- Fence Height; Steve Thomas originally requested that council consider this. Warren asked if there were any resident concerns with keeping it at six feet. Steve stated that again due to the mound system for sewers some residents have expressed wanting to change the height from a six foot privacy fence to an eight foot. Warren asked if Steve could bring in pictures to show council for the August meeting.
- Front Yard Parking Ordinance: Mr. Herrach stated that by having a no parking in front yard ordinance keeps the property values up. He said, he tried to keep the draft of this ordinance specific. Mr. John Bayler, Council Member stated how about adding no overnight parking. Mr. Schacht, Council President suggested that council take a look around town and in their wards and reassess for next months meeting.
- Driveway Permits: Tabled for August 20, 2013 meeting.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer reported that she will be attending a budget workshop with Kurt Ott, Department of Local Government Finance on August 01, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Council Comment Mr. Schacht, mentioned the property located at 8451 E. U.S. Hwy 20, the old Hostess store, and that it was an emergency public safety hazard. Ms. Denham will have the Street Department look into pumping that loading dock area to rid of the hazard, and then bill according to our ordinance.

There being no further business, Mr. Silcox moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____

Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

August 20, 2013