

August 20, 2013

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 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.

Special Guest: Rick Brown, MS4 Coordinator here to speak about the program. He indicated that Warren Schacht, Council President has been designated the Operator or Director of the program for the Town of Trail Creek. He spoke of how far the program has come and in what direction the program will be headed. If in fact, Michigan City will no longer be in the program, so the rest of the entities have come together to come up with a way to continue to fund the program. The proposal is possibly having the county pick up (50%) fifty percent of the cost, while the other entities would take care of the rest leaving Trail Creek with a responsibility of 2%-3% (two to three percent). This proposal has been sent to county for approval.

Mr. Brown also spoke of the how the MS4 Program wants to see more involvement from its entities through awareness, training and compliance.

Mr. Schacht, Council President thanked Mr. Rick Brown for coming.

Minutes A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the meeting minutes from June 18, 2013 as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman.

Approval of Fund Mr. Silcox moved to approve the Fund Report, and Mrs. Heath seconded the motion and then it was unanimously carried.

Approval of Payment of Bills: Mr. Bayler asked Marshal Todd Klosinski about the amount of overtime needed for the remainder of the year. The Marshal stated yes, this overtime will decrease. Mr. Bayler also asked about the large invoice for what appears to be a transmission repair to Wallen Auto. Marshal Klosinski indicated that yes in fact that was a transmission repair for his 2007 Chevy Tahoe police car.

Mr. Bayler made a motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$ 105, 989.23(ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND TWENTY THREE CENTS) motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance. The MS4 meeting last week was unproductive as there was not a quorum and so no business was discussed and decided upon. See attached Rule 13 and Rule 5 Intergovernmental Partnering Agreement. Kate spoke briefly regarding this agreement and

indicated that a special meeting was scheduled for September 10th, and it was important to have the agreement signed by all entities; LaPorte County, City of LaPorte, Town of Trail Creek, and Town of Long Beach, Indiana.

Council scheduled a meeting to discuss for September 05, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach in attendance. Mr. Herrbach reported that he sent a letter to the resident at 125 Martin regarding a temporary structure that is in violation (section 50-85) The letter was to advise of the ordinance violation and asked that this structure be taken down within five days.

Mr. Herrbach also has reviewed the new draft of the unsafe buildings because of 110 Harding. The draft reads that a \$5000.00 fine can be established if not taken care of. The attorney advised that the town's next step regarding this abandoned and unsafe property is to schedule a meeting with the building commissioner, Steve Thomas the owner of the property and himself to discuss how the property will be brought to code. If the property owner does not comply then the house could go into condemnation. Mr. Herrbach will provide council with more information at the September meeting.

Engineer: Mr. John Doyle explained that the street department took the new generator out to Evergreen Plaza and the pumps all worked properly. There was one complaint regarding the red lights on the pumps, it was thought that this meant the power was out. Mr. Doyle stated this does not mean the power is out. He spoke of putting LED lights of amber / green when the power is on and then when the power is out the lights go out. This can be done for about \$500.00. Council stated to go ahead and get this done.

Street Department: Brian Kubath, Street Commissioner in attendance and reported on the below items regarding his department.

- Repairs to the south area of Bay 3 ; almost complete
- Door opener for the Coolspring Fire truck has been installed
- Research on the new vehicle with Arnell. Council took under advisement; and indicated to recheck pricing in mid November and order for a January delivery.
- Leaf Pick up is tentatively scheduled for October 15 – 21st.

NIRPC: No Report.

Park Department: None

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

Police Department: Marshal Klosinski indicated that he is having his deputies prepare another assessment of the grass ordinance and will forward to Ms. Denham when complete.

Old Business:

- ♦ Front Yard Parking Ordinance # 4-2013; council reviewed and after a discussion regarding the use of temporary parking that would be at the

- ◆ **Driveway Permits:** Mr. Doyle stated that this is more an educational issue. Educating the resident as well as the contractor on what is needed such as elevations prior to the job beginning will help in the future.

Mr. Doyle had the bid opening for the projects on August 15th. The bidders included D&M Excavating, Inc. , Rieth-Riley Construction Company, Inc., Walsh & Kelly and Woodruff & Sons, Inc.

TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 73,941.00
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Council Comment None

There being no further business, Mr. Bayler moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
September 17, 2013