

September 17, 2013

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 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: Pat Kroehler, Race Director for St. Stan's, here to discuss the St. Stan's 5k walk/run for 2014 here in Trail Creek. He wanted to thank council and all involved for making the 2013 race such a success. There were 138 entrants with 125 completing the race. The 2014 race is tentatively scheduled for June 07, 2014, with the same route being utilized. There was some discussion as to where the proceeds go from the race. Mr. Kroehler indicated that indeed all the proceeds from the race go back to St. Stan's to help to maintain the church as well as the programs they have in place. Warren Schacht, Council President as well as rest of council gave the nod of approval to have the race for 2014.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the meeting minutes from August 20, 2013 as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox, and was then unanimously carried.

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

Approval of Payment of Bills: Mr. Studtman asked Ms. Denham, Clerk Treasurer which tree was cut down; needing approval for payment on the accounts payable roster for this month, Ms. Denham indicated that she was unsure which tree that was and that it was approved and scheduled through the street commissioner, Brian Kubath.

Mr. Bayler went ahead and 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 and discussed the budget for the 2013 program. Increased from 2012 to \$69,505.00 for 2013. Responsibility will be divided as follows:

Trail Creek	3%
Town of Long Beach	5%
Laporte County	12%
City of LaPorte	30%
City of Michigan City	50%

Trail Creek's total responsibility for the year 2013 will be \$ 2085.15, Payable to LaPorte MS4 Program.

Also, 308 BlackOak – Sump pump line is buried and should be a visible line per Town of Trail Creek ordinance.

321 BlackOak; may have some gray water but can be diverted to sump, but again must have visible line according to the ordinance. Homeowner should be made aware of the need for correction. Clerk-Treasurer to send out a letter to the homeowner. Mr. Rick Brown, MS4 Coordinator put in a call to the owner of the property and landlord for the initial evaluation to be done.

Attorney: Mark Woodcox in attendance in Bill Herrbach's absence. Report on 110 Harding; a letter was sent to the homeowner giving him until the end of the month to comply and bring the house up to code. If he does not comply then we can begin discussions regarding condemnation.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle stated that some changes have been made to the driveway permit minimum standards; some re wording to help explain better what information needs to be given to him as far as elevations and such prior to beginning any work on the driveway.

Also, Notice to Proceeds were given by D&M Excavating and Woodruff and Sons, copies have been given to Clerk-Treasurer, Ms. Joshleen Denham. Signatures are needed by both for contracts. D&M will be starting Monday, while Woodruff has a start date of next week on Welnetz.

Mr. Jeff Studtman, Council Member asked John how the residents would be informed of any street closures due to the work being done. John replied by indicating that if there are to be street closures it will be put in the paper.

Mr. Schacht, Council President reported that he and the town engineer as well as council member John Bayler had the opportunity to have a meeting with Indiana State Representative Scott Pelath regarding the Hwy 20 project that is upcoming. Council President, Warren Schacht expressed the towns concerns and the result was that the state would like to be presented with some black and white facts and figures regarding the water flow concerns as well as proving that we have a flooding problem in some areas. This information must be presented by the end of the year.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that our town engineer John Doyle will get the figures together for submission to the county for consideration during the planning of the Highway 20 project.

Mr. Doyle then reported that he has contacted Current Electric regarding the warning indicator lights on the generator.

Street Department: None

NIRPC: Mr. John Bayler, NIRPC representative and Council Member stated the topic for discussion at the last NIRPC meeting was regarding the Expansion for the Gary /Chicago International Airport scheduled for September 2014 and is slated to cost approximately \$166 million.

Park Department: None

Building Inspector: None

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

Police Department: Marshal Klosinski just wanted to again give Deputy Ryan Doperalski a pat on the back for being involved in the rescue of the little boy on Mount Baldy.

Also, he indicated that he and Ryan will be going to look at new squad cars for 2014.

Old Business:

- Ordinance: # 4-2013; Prohibiting Front Yard Parking on Grass; after a lengthy discussion involving council members and the attorney, it was decided to table this until October. This is to allow council members to review their own wards for concerns pertaining to Front Yard parking on grass.

New Business:

- 2014 Budgets; Public Hearing: Ms. Joshleen Denham, Clerk-Treasurer read out loud the advertised budgets for each fund as follows:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Max Est. Funds To be raised</u>	<u>Excessive Levy App</u>	<u>Current Levy</u>
Casino/River	\$ 175,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
General	\$ 395,491	\$ 400,000	\$ 0	\$357,134
LRS	\$ 11,636	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
MVH	\$ 133,288	\$ 115,000	\$ 0	\$ 105,439
Major Moves	\$ 22,800	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CCD	\$ 14,297	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CCI	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,097
CEDIT	\$ 78, 800	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Totals:	\$ 845,312	\$ 529,000	\$ 0	\$ 474,670

Adoption of 2014 Budgets is scheduled for the October 15, 2013 meeting at 7:00 p.m. during our regular scheduled Town Hall Meeting.

Public Comment: None

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Ms. Joshleen Denham, Clerk Treasurer indicated the position of Clerk-Treasurer has changed so much over the years. There is more is required of the position than in previous years. She also stated that she is here most weeks between 25 and 35 hrs per week getting the work done. Her proposal at this time is that the position should become a full time position at 30 hours per week with insurance and PERF. The town hall hours should be revised to be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm this giving residents even longer to address concerns or to pay their refuse bills. Council indicated that they will take this into consideration, and will adopt at the October meeting during the budgets.

Council Comment Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President reported that he has been updating the website more regularly and asked that council members as well as residents review with feedback.

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

APPROVED: _____

Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____

Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

October 15, 2013