

October 15, 2013

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 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. Not in attendance this meeting was Jeff Studtman, and Scott Silcox.

Minutes A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the meeting minutes from September 17, 2013 as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler, and was then unanimously carried.

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

Approval of Payment of Bills: Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$ 65,603.51 (SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY ONE CENTS) Mr. Bayler seconded that motion and was unanimously carried.

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle, in attendance. She indicated that the state coordinator changed the date of the NOI (Notice of Intent) to November 02, 2013. Also, Rick Brown did nine (9) site inspections that were found to be compliant, ten (10) routine and five (5) for quality control. The Cambridge Pipeline is still be overseen without jurisdiction but they would like him involved for quality control.

Engineer: Mr. John Doyle in attendance. The 2013 Street Improvement Projects are complete. He indicated that he was satisfied with the work that was done. Mr. Doyle requests that D&M Excavating be paid their portion in the amount of \$ 19, 653.00. Ms. Heath made a motion to pay D&M Excavating for the work done for contract division D.

Mr. Doyle also reported that he received a phone call from a Trail Creek resident trying to obtain a mortgage loan. The mortgage company was requiring flood insurance. The Town of Trail Creek is not in the flood program. Mr. Doyle recommended that the town look into this due to the current mortgage situation. He wrote a letter to her mortgage company stating that this area is not considered a major flood zone. Mr. Doyle stated that he would look into this further, by contacting perhaps the DNR to find out the proper steps and the ramifications if any.

Also, Current Electric has been contacted regarding putting the warning lights on the generator.

Attorney: Bill Herrbach in attendance and gave a report on 110 Harding. A letter was sent to the owner in September 2013. The letter indicated that a meeting needed to be set up with both the attorney and the building commissioner to discuss bringing the property to compliance. He was to

have until the end of September to give a timeline for this to occur. There is now another meeting scheduled for October 30th at 10:00 to discuss with the owner compliance issues. If this meeting does not occur then Mr. Herrbach recommends we issue an order for condemnation. Also, there is a person interested in the property for purchase and Mr. Herrbach indicated that he would put her in touch with the owner of the property.

Street Department: Leaf pick up will be played by ear this year since a lot of the leaves have not fallen yet. Was scheduled to start next week; however we will postpone for a few weeks.

The leaf machine has had some repairs this year. Also, the tree at 2507 Greenwood Ave is rotted. The tree does belong to the town. Jon's Tree service will be cutting this down in the next two to three weeks.

NIRPC: Mr. John Bayler, NIRPC representative and Council Member spoke with Jon Pinkerton, Commission Director for Laporte County regarding the Highway 20 project. John indicated that the pictures from that flooding over the summer will be forward to Mr. Pinkerton's office for review.

Park Department: None

Building Inspector: None

Planning and Zoning: Mrs. Heath states nothing to report other than that the Sentinel Alarm building looks to be almost up and looks great. There is a November 014, 2013 completion date.

Police Department: Marshal Klosinski would like to thank the Northwest Athletic Club for their generous donation of weights for the Police Department. The weights range from 10 pounds to 85 pounds.

Old Business: Front Yard Parking ordinance. After a brief discussion council decided to table this ordinance indefinitely. A suggestion was made by Mr. John Bayler to instead address commercial vehicle parking.

New Business: Adoption of 2014 Budgets. After review, Mr. Bayler made a motion to adopt the 2014 Town of Trail Creek Budgets, Mrs. Heath seconded that motion and then was unanimously carried.

Public Comment: 2109 Red Oak, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stark Sr. in attendance to introduce themselves to council as new residents of Trail Creek. Council welcomed them and stated if any concerns to let them know.

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 these giving residents even longer to address concerns or to pay their refuse bills. Mrs. Heath made a motion to accept the Clerk-Treasurers proposal of making the

position full time with the increase, insurance and PERF, Mr. Bayler seconded that motion and then was unanimously carried.

Council Comment: Mr. Warren Schacht wanted to remind everyone that Halloween Trick or Treat will be on Halloween October 31, 2013 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please have your porch lights on.

There being no further business, Mr. Bayler made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____

Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

November 19, 2013