

November 19, 2013

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 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. Bayler to approve the meeting minutes from October 15, 2013 as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund Mr. Studtman moved to approve the Fund Report, and Mr Bayler 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 \$80,600.71 (EIGHTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND SEVENTY ONE CENTS) Mr. Bayler seconded that motion and was unanimously carried.

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle, in attendance. She indicated that Notice of Intent has been sent Indianapolis. Also, on October 16, 2013 LaPorte County Council passed the filing fee from \$100.00 per acre of disturbance instead of the flat fee of \$100.00 for an MS4 permit.

Training for MS4 was for good housekeeping review and spill containment. Kate to make arrangements with the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the county website, having each entity link to their MS4 program.

Engineer: Mr. Doyle in attendance to report on the Menke Road project being completed. He indicated that he had some concern with the project and had spoke with the foreman on the job. Also, the fact that Reith Riley needs to be registered as a contractor in order to work in Trail Creek and currently they are not.

Mr. Doyle also stated that Contract Division "A" for Welnetz Road and Contract Division "D" for Greenwood Avenue are complete, and payment is being requested. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to make payments in the amount of \$18, 964.45 to Reith Riley and a payment in the amount of \$ 26, 630.27 to Walsh and Kelly for the completion of contract divisions "A" and "D", motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

The Highway 20 project and the requested Hydrology study by the Highway Department is difficult and extensive says John Doyle. However, he indicated that he is two weeks away from finishing the study.

Regarding the Flood Plain maps that were brought to his attention during last month's meeting, John stated that the county is in the process of revising the maps. Mr. Ken Purze, member of the

county drainage board could ,if council would like come to a town meeting and discuss the potential of Trail Creek becoming a flood zone. Mr. Doyle said he could contract Mr. Purze to set this up if council would like.

Attorney Mr. Herrbach in attendance to report on the delinquent refuse accounts. He has filed five delinquent accounts supplemental proceedings. He indicates that the next hearing is scheduled for December 10, 2013 to determine what is owed.

Report on 110 Harding, a first hearing is scheduled which is part of the legal process prior to demolition of the house. Mr. Herrbach filed thirty six pages as required for the repair and maintenance of property to bring to code. After that there are steps in the process for demolition.

Street Department: Leaf pick up will end the first week of December according to Jeff Bruder, Street Attendant. The snow and the fact that the leaves were not off the trees until late has caused the set back.

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: None

Police Department: Marshall Klosinski gives a pat on the back to Officer Doperalski and Officer Lisoski for how they deal with the residents.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: Jim Crawford at Highway 35 and Chapala, in attendance to express some concern for the pooling water due to hard rains. Mr. Doyle stated he was familiar with the issue

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer reports that the Town Hall will be closed November 27, 28 and 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Council Comment: None

There being no further business, Mr. Silcox made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____

Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

December 17, 2013