

December 17, 2013

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

Minutes A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the meeting minutes from November 9, 2013 as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox, and was then unanimously carried.

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

Approval of Payment of Bills: Mr. Bayler made a motion to approve the payment of bills in amount of \$59,624.65 (FIFTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND SIXTY FIVE CENTS) Mrs. Heath seconded that motion and was unanimously carried.

Guest Speaker Indiana State Senator Jim Arnold in attendance to discuss some new legislation being discussed down state in the 2014 General Assembly. Some items of concern are property taxes and charter schools as well as the potential of the new Boeing Plant being built here in Michigan City Indiana. There are other areas competing for this new plant as well. If the plant was built here it would bring with it approximately 8,500 jobs. Jim gave a brief overview, but did extended a personal invite to anyone wishing to come down state to Indianapolis to discuss any concerns. Council President, Warren Schacht thanked Mr. Arnold for attending our meeting.

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle, in attendance. Ms. Doyle gave a recap of the year in site inspections. Rick Brown did six (6) quality control inspections; of this thirty (30) were regular inspections. Also, of the comprehensive inspections, ninety five (95) were field evaluations done on the thirty (30) registered complaints. Out of the fourteen (14) commercial plan reviews, eighty (80) were field evaluations done. There were seven projects that carried over from 2012. There were a total of one hundred seventy five (175) documented field evaluations.

Next scheduled MS4 meeting is January 14, 2014.

Engineer: Mr. John Doyle in attendance. He reports that the indicator light has been installed on the control panel of the generator as discussed previously. The light will remain on all the time, however, if the light turns yellow this will indicate a problem. Also, the hydrology study requested by both council and INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) has been submitted regarding the Highway 20 project. Both himself, Council President, Warren Schacht, and John Bayler, Council member joined him with four representatives from INDOT for a meeting regarding this project.

The Indiana Department of Transportation representatives indicated that they will take this study into consideration for the project that is to take place in 2015 or 2016.

Attorney Mr. Herrbach in attendance to report on 110 Harding Ave, Trail Creek. He states that the homeowner just returned from Mexico and that he plans to be at the property address making repairs and bringing it up to code. Mr. Herrbach recommended that the town keep an eye on this and report back next month.

Street Department Mr. Brian Kubath, Street Commissioner in attendance to report that the Street Department did the best job they could in getting to the leaf pick up this year but with the weather and a major equipment breakdown, they were just shy about 20 loads that will be picked up in the spring. Trucks are now set up with salt and plows for winter. Until then residents wishing to dispose of their leaves can take them to the LaPorte County Fairgrounds.

Council President, Warren Schacht asked Mr. Kubath to join him at the front and presented him with a plaque for his twenty four (24) years of service to the Town of Trail Creek Street Department. Brian will be greatly missed as he was a great asset to the Town. Thank you Brian for your dedication and years of service to our town.

NIRPC: Mr. John Bayler, NIRPC representative reported on the Illiana Expressway to be added to the comprehensive plan. The project is estimated in total to cost around one point three (1.3) billion dollars, with Three hundred (300) million being the responsibility of Indiana.

Also, the Marquette Greenway is a fifty (50) mile trail intended eventually to link communities, major parks and a wide variety of cultural, natural and economic assets. Mr. Bayler indicated that the first preliminary meeting regarding this project will be on January 15, 2014.

Park Department: None

Building Inspector: None

Planning and Zoning: None

Police Department: Not in attendance

Old Business: None

New Business: 2014 Appointments;

Council:

Council President: Warren Schacht; a motion was made by Mrs. Heath to reappoint Warren Schacht as council president for 2014; motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was unanimously carried.

Vice President: Jeff Studtman; a motion was made by Mr. Bayler to reappoint Jeff Studtman as the Council Vice President for 2014; motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was unanimously carried.

Marshal:

Steve Dick: A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to appoint Steve Dick as Marshal for the 2014 year, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was unanimously carried. Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President stated that he appreciates the contribution and dedication to the town by Marshal Todd Klosinski during the past few years.

Street Commissioner: Jeff Bruder; a motion was made by Mrs. Heath to appoint Jeff Bruder as Street Commissioner for the 2014 year, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was unanimously carried.

Plan Commission: The Town of Trail Creek needs to fill two positions on the Plan Commission.

Tony Gralik: No

John Fabina: Yes

Bill Greene: Yes

Al Gushrowski: No

Scott Kroczeck: Yes

A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to reappoint the above volunteer members to the Plan Commission for the 2014 year; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was unanimously carried.

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Bill Greene: Yes

Jeniffer Heath: Liaison

William Brenning: Yes

Robert McMonigal: Mr. McMonigal has been on medical leave. Mr. Silcox will follow up with Bob and find out if he is interested in being on committee for 2014.

Dave Woodruff: Yes

A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to reappoint the above volunteer members to the Board of Zoning Appeals, as well as reappointing Jeniffer Heath as the Liaison for this committee, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was unanimously carried.

Police Advisory Board:

Steve Bacztub: Yes

Kurt Catterlin: Yes

Robert McMonigal: Questionable due to changes within the TOTC Police
Department for the 2014 year.

A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to reappoint the above volunteer members to the Police Advisory Board for 2014, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Police Liaison:

Warren Schacht: Mr. Bayler made a motion to reappoint Mr. Schacht as the Police Liaison for the 2014 year; motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Park and Recreation Board:

Mary Ganchow: Yes

Jerry Heath: No

Kyle Kazmierczak: Yes

Ron Nagle: Yes

A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to accept the reappointment of the above volunteer members of the park board; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox, and was then unanimously carried.

Park Liaison:

Scott Silcox; Mrs. Heath made a motion to reappoint Mr. Silcox as the Park Board Liaison for the 2014 year, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Inspectors:

Steve Thomas: Building Inspector/Building Commissioner

Tom Argorichas: HVAC Inspector

Jim Switzer: Electrical Inspector

Paul Foreman: Plumbing Inspector

A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to reappoint the above members as inspectors for the Town of Trail Creek for the 2014 year; motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Engineer:

John Doyle; Doyle and Associates

A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to accept the contract from Doyle and Associates for the 2014 year, motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

MS4 Representative:

Kate Doyle

A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to accept the contract from Kate Doyle for the 2014 year, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

Attorney:

Bill Herrbach / Marc Woodcox : Tabled for next month

Public Comment: none

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Office will be closed for the holidays. Closed December 24th through December 27th and again on January 01, 2014, returning on January 2nd.

Council Comment: Council President; Warren Schacht wanted to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____

Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
January 21, 2014