

January 21, 2014

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council Vice President, Jeff Studtman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the meeting minutes from December 17, 2013, as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman.

Approval Of Fund Mr. Bayler made a motion to approve the fund report; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and then was unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims Mr. Bayler made a motion to approve the fund report in the amount of \$186,217.05 (ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and then unanimously carried.

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance. She indicated there were nine site inspections for compliance; five were routine. Also, Election of officers for the program are as follows:

Mike Polan - Chairman LaPorte County Drainage Board

Jerry Jackson- Operator, Waste Department

Rick Brown - MS4 Coordinator

Missy Felton - Temp. Secretary

Kate stated that meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Attorney: Not in Attendance

Engineer Mr. Doyle in attendance; he received a phone call regarding the flood plain insurance program. The state of Indiana is re doing or has redone the LaPorte county maps regarding the flood plains. Trail Creek was never a part of the flood insurance rate program. Mortgage companies are inquiring. Mr. Doyle stated that he would look into this for the town and report back for next month's meeting.

John Doyle indicated that he had forward on a invoice to the clerk-treasurer, Joshleen Denham for the hydrology study as per the Indiana Department of Transportation request in the amount of \$ 6,740.95, for the state project for highway 20. After a lengthy discussion by council and the engineer Mr. Bayler made a motion to approve the bill in the amount of \$ 6,740.95 for the hydrology study, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Street Department: Street Commissioner Jeff Bruder in attendance. Jeff stated the new street department truck has been ordered with Arnell Chevrolet Inc. This will be on a five year lease, with one payment per year in the amount of \$ 6999.75; at the end of the five year lease the town has been offered the opportunity to purchase the vehicle in the amount of \$ 1.00. Council member John Bayler inquired about the finance rate of the lease. Mr. Bruder stated that the lease interest rate is 5.94 %; however because the town has the opportunity to pay over a five year period, this benefits the town.

He also indicated that we would be selling the 1995 Chevy Street Department truck and keeping the 2003. A public bid will need to be done for the sale of the vehicle.

Mr. Schacht wanted to mention that snow removal has been fantastic this year so far. Street Commissioner, Jeff Bruder stated that he believes it has been good even with the salt shortage. Also, he has been working with Joshleen and Laporte County Emergency management to try to recoup some of the funds used during the state of emergency issued by the Governor on January 5-7, 2014.

NIRPC: John Bayler, Councilmen and NIRPC representative stated that he was unable to attend the NIRPC meeting on January 15, 2013, however Council Member Jeff Studtman went in place. Mr. Studtman reported that NIRPC is on the search for funding for the Greenways and Blueways Northwest Indiana Regional Map for hiking, biking and water trails.

Park Department: No Report

Building Inspector: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Police Department: Chief Marshal Dick in attendance. He took a moment to thank council for the opportunity to be the Chief Marshal for the year 2014. He indicated that a meeting with the advisory board and the Police Liaison, Warren Schacht took place to discuss his agenda and areas of improvement. Council President and Police Liaison, Warren Schacht stated that the meeting was good; he is pleased and is looking forward to working with Steve. Also, effective immediately there will be quarterly meetings. Meetings to include the newest member of the police advisory board, Mr. John Dudek.

Chief Marshal Dick also indicated that he is looking for a grant writer for a new police vehicle, the department needs two.

Chief Marshal Dick wanted to give a pat on the back to Deputy Doperalski for the quick thinking when the Coolspring Fire Truck caught fire in the bay near the town hall.

Old Business: The contract for the attorney for 2014 has been tabled until next month.

New Business: Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer presented the Salary Ordinance for 2014; Ordinance

1-2014 to the board. Mr. Bayler asked if there were any changes from last year. Ms. Denham stated the only change is to the Clerk-Treasurer salary because the job was approved to be full time of thirty hours per week. A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the salary ordinance for 2014; #1-2014, motion was seconded by Ms. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

Ms. Denham then presented Resolution # 1-2014; to make adjustments with in departments on the appropriation report. After review, a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve resolution # 1-2014, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and then was unanimously carried.

Public Comment None

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: No comment

Council Comment: Council President, Warren Schacht wanted to state that the town's website is slowly coming together and that if anyone would like to add or make changes to let him know.

Ms. Heath, Council Member asked Bill Herrbach, Attorney what was happening with the baseball league. Attorney Herrbach responded by saying that he would look into this.

There being no further business, Mr. Silcox moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: March 17, 2014