

APRIL 15, 2014

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana

Council Vice President, Warren Schacht, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve the meeting minutes from the March 18, 2014, as written, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman, and was then unanimously carried

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

Approval of Claims Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the fund report in the amount of \$47,314.35 (FOURTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and then was unanimously carried.

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance. Reporting on last month's contractors meeting, out of the sixty one invites, twelve showed up. Rick Brown and Nicol's coordinated radio slot went well. Also, the plan review collections are at \$1300.00 for this year. Instead of the flat fee in previous years of \$100.00, by ordinance the fee is now \$100.00 per disturbance.

Attorney: Mr. Bill Herrbach in attendance. Spoke of receiving a phone call from Mr. Larry Bolka; 402 Cricket expressing concern about the deer getting in his yard and eating his bushes. Mr. Herrbach, explained that Mr. Bolka had some options, one being a fence, also perhaps some deer repellant. However, Mr. Herrbach expressed that the use of deadly weapons is simply not allowed in the town of Trail Creek.

Engineer Mr. Doyle in attendance. He spoke of the reconstruction of Michigan Boulevard. INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) has offered up to four residents the opportunity to tap into the water and sewer lines as part of the project. Again, Mr. Doyle reiterated that the Town of Trail Creek has very little involvement with this project other than to be aware of it. Mr. Doyle did point out that the Hwy 20 project at this time has no plans for drainage improvements. Warren, Council President indicated that he is in continued contact with INDOT regarding this project and hopes to have another meeting set up soon to discuss again some of the concerns from the town. Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer has requested in writing to the Indiana Department of Transportation, Jim Pinkerton the plans for the Highway 20 project. They have been made available to other municipalities being affected by this project.

Mr. Doyle also asked council and the street department to assess the town streets for possible improvements needed for the 2014 Street Improvement Project.

Street Department: Street Commissioner, Jeff Bruder in attendance. He indicated that the department has attempted spring clean up; however the weather has delayed this, by a few days. Spring clean up will begin as soon as possible. We will start in ward #1 and work through all wards, and then start over again if time permits. This clean up is for the leaves and sticks, limbs and branches. Jeff asked that residents please keep the sticks, limbs and branches separate from the leaves. Also, this year he would like to get the wood chipper fixed, and use the mulch for our parks.

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: No Report

Building Inspector: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Police Department: Chief Marshal Steve Dick in attendance to report on a few things. He met with the advisory board; they are trying to have quarterly meetings. Meeting went well. Deputy Eric Lisoski has taken the preliminary steps to start a neighborhood watch program. The program is in its infancy stages and as it develops we will report on how it will work. Professional photos have been taken of the officers in their Class "A" uniforms and will be hung at both the town hall and the police station. Lastly, Marshal Dick wanted to report that the Trail Creek Police Department facebook page has now been launched and he encourages residents to go to the page and "like" it.

Mr. Schacht, Council President again stated how pleased he is that the police department has been more visible than in recent years.

Old Business:

110 Harding; Mr. Herrbach, town attorney stated that it has been a period of time to get ahold of Mr. Luna, property owner. However, Mr. Luna has now made some necessary repairs to the outside of the home ie: the front porch. His plan is to move his family in. Mr. Herrbach indicated that if the outside of the house is up to compliance, then the town should consider allowing Mr. Luna time to bring the inside of the house up to code. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to allow Mr. Luna time to bring property up to full compliance and hold off on the demolition, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried. Mr. Herrbach indicated that he would send Mr. Luna a letter indicating this.

Flood Plain Ordinance; The Town of Trail Creek and Mr. Herrbach have been in touch with the Department of Natural Resources, Laura Kannapel. Ms. Kannapel has reassured Mr. Herrbach that this is off no cost to the town, however needs to be approved by ordinance. In order to pass the ordinance, the town would need to appoint an administrator. There may be state permits required as well as a

hydrologic study done, which would be a cost to the town. After a lengthy discussion by council, it was decided that this subject would have to be tabled until the May 20, 2014 town meeting when more information is obtained.

New Business

Arborist/Tree Trimmer Ordinance; Mr. Herrbach suggested updating our contractors ordinance to include arborists and or tree trimmers. He will have something ready for the May meeting. Council President, Warren Schacht as the Street Commissioner when the trees were last dead limbed throughout the town. Jeff Bruder indicated that it has been a few years. Mr. Schacht stated this is something we want to look into doing again this year. Mr. Herrbach then said it is for the safety of the public and the duty of the town to protect the residents.

Street Department 1994 Chevy Pick up with Snow Plow;
VIN# 1GCFK24K65Z247209: Sealed bids were to be into the town hall by end of business April 15, 2014. There were five sealed bids. Mr. Warren Schacht, Council President opened each bid and read outloud as follows:

- Steven Dick; entered a bid for \$2,580.00
- Mark Quartuch; entered a bid for \$855.00
- Dennis Pendlton; entered a bid for \$2,551.00
- Dan Peo; entered a bid for \$ 1,200.00
- Mike Nieleib; entered a bid for \$ 1,700.00

After some discussion by council; A motion was made by Mr.Studtman to accept and award to the highest bidder which is to Mr. Steven Dick in the amount of \$ 2,580.00 payable to the town of trail creek, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was unanimously carried

Public Comment

Elizabeth Shuttleworth; 424 BlackOak. She wanted to express her gratitude to the police department on their hard work in being more visible throughout the town. She then presented some concerns to both the street department and the town hall. Her concern regarding the street department was the need for a possible street sweeper. Mr.Bruder, Street Commissioner responded by saying we just don't have it in our budget for a new street sweeper. However, the possibility of borrowing or leasing one is something he will look into. Ms. Shuttleworth then directed her concerns to Ms. Joshleen Denham, Clerk Treasurer regarding how very busy the town hall is and that she states she sent an email through the website inquiring about the availability to volunteer to assist Joshleen if she needed help. Ms. Denham responded by saying there may be something wrong with the website because I never received that very nice gesture via email. She suggested having Mr. Warren Schacht , Council President look into this as he has been learning to navigate and update the website.

Jerraly Stark; 2109 Red Oak; Inquired about leaf pick up and how it worked. Street Commissioner, Jeff Bruder explained that residents rake leaves to property line, making sure that there is nothing else mixed in the pile. The street department will come by in the spring and in the fall for a few weeks at a time and vacuum up the leaves. This is done on a continuous pick up starting in Ward 1 and moving through all five wards, as many times as possible weather permitting. Ms. Stark also wanted to thank the Trail Creek Police Department for watching over her house while she was away. This is a service provided to all residents through a house check form.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: No comment

Council Comment: No Comment. A motion was made by Mrs. Bayler to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m; motion seconded by Mrs. Heath, and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED: _____

Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____

Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: May 20, 2014