

November 18, 2014

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 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 Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes from the September 16, 2014 as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the fund report for September 16, 2014 motion seconded by Mr. Silcox was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve claims in the amount of \$78,539.19 (SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE DOLLARS AND NINETEEN CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Special Guests: Coolspring Fire Department in attendance to discuss a potential donation from the Town of Trail Creek for the purchase of a new fire truck and replacement apparatus for their 1990 engine. Assistant Chief, Ryan Miller, Captain, Wes Rogers and Captain, Mike Lusko in attendance. Mr. Miller indicated that they have been in touch with Coolspring Township, they would be happy to donate, but would like for the Town of Trail Creek to contribute as well. About five years ago, the Town of Trail Creek did donate a large sum. Coolspring Fire Department has a 14-16 month process from the time the order is placed to delivery of the new truck. They have a meeting with Coolspring Township on November 06, 2014. Mr. Schacht asked if a dollar figure was needed tonight, or just a commitment. Mr. Miller indicated he wasn't sure. However, he stated that 2013 the fire department had 1053 calls, The Town of Trail Creek had 156 of those calls, which is 15% of their call volume. Council took under advisement; the subject was tabled until next month's meeting.

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle in attendance. Nothing to report, because there no quorum for last week's MS4 meeting. She will have more to report next month. However, she would like to thank the town and council for the attendees at the training tonight put on by the Corps of Engineers regarding wetlands.

Attorney: Bill Herrbach in attendance. He stated he recieved a call today from one of the owners of the 16 acres by White Eagle Park. He indicated that they were going to deforest that location. However, the town has an ordinance that has a 5 ton limit on our roads. Mr. Schacht asked Mr. Herrbach what they were planning to do with the property. Mr. Herrbach stated as far as he knows just deforesting for now. Mr.

Herrbach explained to the property owner that he needed to file for a variance and get a bond for this. Mr. Studtman asked if that was wetlands back in there. Mr. Doyle, Town Engineer, stated that it is not classified as a wetland. After some discussion, Mr. Herrbach indicated that the owner of the property is aware of what needs to happen first, prior to the deforesting.

Engineer Mr. Doyle in attendance. He indicates that both the Black Oak Drainage project and the Greentree project will start tomorrow. By Monday both projects should be completed. The Greentree project is being done by H&G Utilities and the Black Oak project is being done by D&M Excavating. Also, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Schacht met again with INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) regarding the Hwy 20 project. Some changes are being made to the size of culverts. They will be replacing all of the culverts with (20) 14x4 ft boxes, across the plaza. Culverts will end west of Frosty Boy. They are not proposing anything else. Mr. Doyle stated, it is a step in the right direction, although it may not be enough. There was a lengthy conversation regarding some other possible ideas to stop or block water from entering the plaza. Mr. Doyle will continue talks with INDOT in the near future.

Street Department: Jeff Bruder, Street Commissioner in attendance. Indicated that the restriping of Johnson Road was completed on this last Thursday and looks great. Roadsafedid the stop bars as well. The street department has started leaf pick up and is off to a good start. We will be picking up leaves until November 26, 2015 weather permitting. Mr. Schacht council president thanked the street department for their hard work.

NIRPC No Report

Park Department: No Report

Building Inspector: No report

Planning and Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshall Dick in attendance. In the process of replacing an officer, we are in the last phase. We did secure a spot in the academy which starts November 16, 2014. The candidate will have to go down on November 10, 2014 for the physical agility. The town council, police advisory and I will be conducting interviews. Council will need to be here at 6:00 p.m. on October 27, 2014 for that special meeting. The Marshal indicated that there are currently five candidates. Mr. Herrbach asked if we still have the candidate sign the two year agreement, the Marshall stated yes we do, two years after the completion of the academy.

Old Business: None

New Business: Plumbing Inspector; Ms. Denham, Clerk- Treasure stated that Mr. Paul Foreman, Town Plumbing Inspector has again agreed to be the inspector for the Town of Trail Creek.

110 Harding, 235 Harding, 1910 Coolspring; Mr. Herrbach indicated all of these properties are in disrepair. We can force them to condemnation. 235 Harding is still under the name of the property owners who died 11 years ago, and no estate was opened for them. We are unsure if there are any other heirs since both sons have also passed away. This condemnation would have to be put in the paper giving any heirs a chance to respond.

1910 Coolspring; A certified letter was sent to the property owners in Watertown, NY. Mr. Herrbach stated he has had no response. They owe the town approximately \$9000.00 in refuse.

110 Harding; owner contacted Mr. Herrbach and stated the property was being sold to someone else, but have not heard anything.

Mr. Herrbach noted that the property in the worst shaped because of safety issues is 235 Harding. Animals have gotten into the property.

We can proceed with the condemnation process on all of these properties , however it can be quite costly for the title work, legal fees and so one. Each property could run the town upwards of \$1500.00. Then we have to talk in terms of demolition. Currenty, title work has been ordered on 235 Harding with a cost of \$300.00.

Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer told Mr. Herrbach about a grant for blighted homes. We should look into this. Because in the long run, condemnation and demolition is going to be our only choice.

Public Comment: None

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: Last public hearing for 2015 Budgets; ordinance # 5-2014 will be signed for the adoption. Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer read out loud

Casino Riverboat	\$ 200,403.00
General	\$ 486,124.00
LRS	\$ 18,348.00
MVH	\$ 228,485.00
MAJOR MOVES	\$ 194,982.00
CCI	\$ 28,720.00
CCD	\$ 14,000.00
CEDIT	<u>\$ 205,747.00</u>

TOTAL :	\$ 1,376,809.00
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A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to accept the 2015 Budgets in the amount of \$1,376,809.00 ordinance # 5-2014, the motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Public Comment: Jerraly Stark, 2109 RedOak Drive, in attendance and wanted to say how much they appreciate all of the hard work that the town is doing.

Clerks Comment: Ms. Denham stated that Trick or Treat this year will be on Halloween, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Schacht, asked Marshal Steve Dick if there were any concerns. Steve indicated that there will be two officers on duty that night. Also, a reminder to parents to walk with your kids, for their safety.

Council Comment: Mr. John Bayler commented that Kevin McGrath a former resident of Trail Creek had sent a map of the Town of Trail Creek from 1945. Ms. Denham indicated that she would frame and put in the town hall and send a Thank-you note to Mr. and Mrs. McGrath.

A motion made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: November 18, 2014