

December 16, 2014

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All council members in attendance, with the exception of John Bayler.

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 October 21, 2014 as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the fund report for October 21, 2014 motion seconded by Mrs. Heath was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to approve claims in the amount of \$93,221.63 (NINETY THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY THREE CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Special Guests: Indiana State Representative, Jim Arnold. Mr. Arnold gave an overview of what was happening down state. He spoke about topics and issues that may affect our citizens, such as education, the Illiana Expressway, Environmental Affairs, and Budgets. To find out more about what's happening residents can go to: <https://iga.in.gov/>

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle in attendance. Employee training for MCM6 or the good housekeeping is still continuing. The county employees will be taking the self inspection quiz, which is on their website. First of the year the training for Trail Creek should be done. Kate indicated that there has been a revision to the MS4 permits as to what needs to be shown in drawings prior to the permit being approved. Also, all sites less than one acre should be treated as one whole acre.

Attorney: Bill Herrbach in attendance. Will report under "Old Business"

Engineer Mr. Doyle in attendance. Mr. Doyle spoke about the H&G invoice for the work completed on the 2014 Street Improvement Program Contract Division "B". A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to accept the invoice in the amount of \$ 9,442.00; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried. Mr. Doyle also indicated that D&M did have some difficulties with contract division "C ". But the job is now complete, took about two weeks. An invoice for D&M will be approved at the December 2014 meeting.

Street Department: Jeff Bruder, Street Commissioner in attendance. Leaf pick up is going along smoothly, should finish by Friday of this week. Everyone will get at least five pick-ups. So far we have picked up 114 loads, and last year at this time we had 41 loads due to the weather. Mr. Studtman asked when the last leaf pick-up will be. Street Commissioner stated that November 26th is the deadline. Deadline for bids for the dump trucks is November 30, 2014. Bid openings will be December 16, 2014 at the next town hall meeting. Mr. Silcox indicated that the street department has been doing a really good job this year during leaf pick up.

NIRPC No Report

Park Department: No Report

Building Inspector: No report

Planning and Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance. He reported that last month's trick or treat went very smooth. No issues to report. The 2015 Explorer is now in service. We will be ordering another one for delivery in January 2015. The Police Department will be retiring the Crown Victoria when the new recruit Nicolas Korepanow gets back from the academy. He is using it for the commute to the academy. Marshal Dick would like to thank everyone for their help during the hiring process. Deputy Korepanow started the academy November 17, 2014. He will be in training a total of fifteen weeks. We are in the process of developing a TCPD training program for when he gets back as well.

Old Business:

- 110 Harding; 235 Harding; 1910 Coolspring. Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney commented on these abandoned homes by saying he sent letters to all the property owners regarding the situation. Must give the owner forty five (45) days to comply.
- Coolspring Fire Department Donation: Council President, Warren Schacht stated that last month at our regular meeting the fire department asked for a donation for a new fire truck. Warren also indicated that because our council has two members of that fire department, both he and Scott Silcox cannot vote on any type of donation. However, Jennifer Heath, John Bayler and Jeff Studtman can. John Bayler was unable to attend our meeting; however he made his vote over the phone to Clerk-Treasurer, Joshleen Denham. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to donate the sum of \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS) to Coolspring Fire Department, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and then was carried by Mr. Bayler.

New Business: Refuse Bid Openings:

- Bordens : (all required specifications met) Proposed contract amount: \$12.65 per home(annual \$142,692.00) based on approximately 940 structures . Year two \$12.65 with option of two year extension at same amount.

- Republic Services (all required specifications met) Proposed contract amount : \$ 12.99 per unit, per month (Annual \$ 146527.20): second year \$13.29 per unit, per month (Annual: \$ 149,911.20)
- Waste Management: (all required specification met) Proposed contract amount: \$ 12.53 per unit, per month (Annual: \$ 141,338.40) Second year: \$ 12.91 per unit, per month (annual : \$ 145,624.80) Plus, a charge for bulk items in excess of one per week, unit cost \$ 12.00 per item. Qualifications with respect to fuel; Attorney to review.

Attorney Herrbach will review all proposed contracts for legal sufficiency. Attorney will report back at the December 16, 2014 regular town hall meeting. At that time council will either award a bid or reject all bids.

Public Comment: None

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: None

Council Comment: Council Member, Jeff Studtman mentioned some letters that were sent by the town hall for some ordinance violations. Mr. Studtman feels that he should be informed when an ordinance violation letter goes out. Mr. Schacht, Council President explained that this was an assessment done by the Marshal and then the list was forwarded onto the clerk's office, at which point a letter was sent out to the resident in violation. It was determined that as a rule moving forward, that council would be informed of violations in his or her ward.

A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 7:56; motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED: _____

Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____

Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: December 16, 2014