

~~January 20, 2015~~

December 15, 2014

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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 Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes from the November 18, 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 November 2014 motion seconded by Mrs. Heath was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve claims in the amount of \$77,328.83 (SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY THREE CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle in attendance. By tomorrow Rick will be done with the inspections of the county buildings for good housekeeping in preparation for our audit. The audit will happen during the first quarter of 2015. Also, Kate brought with her a few samples of their public outreach promotions; they are doggie bags to promote cleaning up after your pets. Next month she will report on the year end statistics

Attorney: In attendance but no report

Engineer Mr. Doyle in attendance. Mr. Doyle spoke about the invoice from D&M in the amount of \$15,117.66 for the Black Oak project. (there is a difference of approximately \$800.00 due to the need for more material to complete the project.) A motion was made by Ms. Heath to pay the invoice from D&M, motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler.

Sanitary sewer connection on Yanke Road, the contractor provided \$5000.00 bond. The project will be competed in the spring of 2015, for the asphalt.

Street Department: Jeff Bruder, Street Commissioner in attendance. He met with Rick Brown , MS4 Coordinator for a walk through of the street department. He did not see anything that would be of potential concern, for the house keeping audit coming up. Also, leaf pick up went well and was on schedule. We had 123 loads just fewer than 3700 cubic yards of leaves, which is a standard year for us. The leaves are being stored at Pritz Park, and will be picked up in the spring.

Mr. Silcox asked about the equipment. Jeff indicated that the equipment is holding up ok. Mr. Studtman asked if maintenance is done before putting the leaf machine away for the winter. Jeff stated that yes; the oil is changed as well as some other regular maintenance prior to storing for the winter.

Also, Mr. Bruder wanted to make note that there has been some vandalism issues at Nelson Park, somebody is driving through the park tearing up the grass. We laid some utility poles down to block anyone driving through the park. There was some discussion as to the cameras in the park, it was noted that the camera is too far away from this area of concern.

Mr. Schacht, Council President let the street department commissioner know that they did a great job picking up the leaves.

NIRPC No Report

Park Department: No Report

Building Inspector: No report

Planning and Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance. Nicolas Korepanow, continues to complete the police academy. He is about 5 weeks into it. He will be back at the end of this week, for some added training with the Trail Creek Police Department. Warren Schacht asked if there was any news on the new vehicle. Steve responded by saying the financing is in place, and the order will be placed shortly.

Old Business:

- 409 Spruce; after some questions as to the condition of the property, there are no real safety violations at this time; however the property has been abandoned. It is now being maintained by the property management company. Send a letter to property management company if there are any safety violations.
- 110 Harding, 235 Harding and 1910 Coolspring; Bill Herrbach, Town Attorney states he has had no response from any of the above property owners. Bill to follow up on letters sent.
- Deforesting of the area behind White Eagle Park. Mr. Schacht, Council President asked if we had heard anything more. Ms. Denham, Clerk Treasurer stated no, but that she did let the company know doing the deforesting what they needed as far as a variance, MS4 permit, a contractors registration and a bond for the streets.

New Business:

- Refuse Bid Award: After review for legalities, Mr. Bill Herrbach, Town Attorney recommended that the town council award Borden Waste; for a two year term. After several questions, asked of both town council and the clerk treasurer. Bill Herrbach indicated what the options are; Reject all bids or award a bid. Keeping in mind that Borden is the lowest most responsible bid. Mr. Silcox

made a motion to accept Borden Waste's two year contract in the amount of \$142,692.00, Ms. Heath seconded the motion and was then unanimously carried.

- Truck Bid Openings / Awards / Reject: Mr. Doyle opened the bids and checked for accuracy, then read aloud:

1. Truck City (Gary, Indiana): Model M2-106 2016 Freightliner;
73,969.00 plus equipment would be through Lindco \$73,637.00
For a total bid of \$ 148,336.00 with a 12% credit of \$151.00 makes the total \$ 148,185.00 Per Unit
2. Lindco Inc. (Merrillville, Indiana): Chasses year 2015 or newer
Model M2-106 \$ 158,727.00 with a \$5000.00 trade in for the used truck which is \$153,727.00. Extended warranty; 5 years on transmission \$600.00

After a lengthy discussion between the Street Commissioner, Jeff Bruder and council, Mr. Schacht recommended that Mr. Herrbach , Town Attorney review the bids for legal compliancy and return for our January 2015 meeting with recommendations. Also, council to decide if the town will be ordering one or two units.

3. Appointments 2015:

- A motion was made by Ms. Heath to reappoint Warren Schacht as the Council President, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried. Mr. Schacht accepted
- Mr. Bayler made a motion to nominate Ms. Heath as Council Vice President and was unanimously carried. Ms. Heath Accepted.
- Other appointments include; Marshal Dick, Building Inspector: Steve Thomas, Street Commissioner; Jeff Bruder, Electrical Inspector; Jim Switzer, HVAC Inspector; Tom Argorichas and Plumbing Inspector; Paul Foreman. All Accepted for the 2015 year.
- Boards; all boards will remain the same with the exception of The Plan Commission ; President Tony Gralik has unfortunately decided to step down (a copy of the board members is available in the clerk's office)
 - Attorney Bill Herrbach Town Engineer; John Doyle and MS4 Coordinator; Kate Doyle have also accepted to continue the positions for the year 2015.
 - NIPRC: John Bayler accepts

4. Salary Ordinance # 1-2015 (includes a 5% increase for all titles), motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the salary ordinance for the year 2015, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

Public Comment: None

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: None

Council Comment: Mr. Schacht took the opportunity to wish all of our residents a Happy Holiday season.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Heath to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: January 20, 2015