

August 17, 2021

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Mrs. Heath, Council President led the the council in the pledge of allegiance. Not in attendance is Council Member, Peter Pizarek and Clerk Treasurer, Joshleen M. Denham.

**Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes from July 2021 as written, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and then was unanimously carried.

**Approval of Fund Report:** Clerk Treasurer, Joshleen M. Denham not in attendance but left a memo with no changes or concerns to the Fund Report for August 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the fund report, motion was seconded by Mr. Kubik, and the motion was unanimously carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Clerk Treasurer, Joshleen M. Denham not in attendance but provided the claims for approval to the town council. A motion was made by to approve the claims by Mr. Kubik, the motion was seconded Mrs. Gralik by and then unanimously carried.

**Correspondence:** Council President read aloud a note from the Michigan City Parks District thanking the town for the use of the parks for their baseball leagues.

- **MS4:** Ms. Kate Doyle not in attendance, Mr. John Doyle reported:
- Rick Brown, MS4 Coordinator of Laporte County and stated that they did not have enough that attended the meeting to have a quorum. Therefore, the meeting will be rescheduled for next Tuesday at 1:30pm.

**Attorney:** Bill Herrbach in attendance to report:

- 235 Harding has been sold to a property management company, Washington Property Group, LLC
- 1929 Coolspring; A judgement has been made for the town regarding the cleanup, court date was July 27, 2021
  1. Town will access a \$2500.00 plus court fees
  2. The town will be contacting a company to clean up at the expense of the trust
  3. Possible health violations as well.

Council President Jenny Heath asked about 101 Harding (Correction: 110 Harding) Mr. Herrbach indicated that some research has been done, the property is owned by two different people. However, the neighbor has taken down the leaning tree.

**Engineer:** John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance to report:

**Park:** No Report

**Planning and Zoning:** No Report

**Building Report:** No Report

**Police Department:** Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- Estimates on roof for police station
  1. Martorano Roofing: \$ 11,490.00
  2. JB West: \$ 12,089.00
  3. RL Roofing: \$ 14,300 with an additional \$500.00 for a ridge vent

Marshal Dick indicated he was not aware of any soft boards, however there is an old skylight that is part of the bid to be taken out. After council discussion, Marshal Dick recommended that Building Commissioner, Steve Thomas reviews the bids. The approval of the roof has been postponed until Mr. Thomas has reviewed the bids.

- Hiring Process for a FT Police Deputy is still underway. Marshal Dick will have more information next meeting.
- 426 Yanke; Marshal wanted to give a huge shoutout to the Street Department for cleaning up the property after a tenant vacated and the property owner was giving the home back to the bank.

**Street Department:** Street Commissioner, Chris Ott not in attendance. No Report

**NIRPC:** No Report

**New Business:**

- Golf Cart Ordinance: Council President, Jenny Heath indicated she has no new information on the golf carts. A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to table this discussion until next month, motion was seconded by Mr. Kubik and then unanimously carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Kubik to have Steve Thomas review the roofing bids for the police department and pending the budget, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and then unanimously carried.

**Public Comment:**

- Jim Stellema; 418 Trail Street expressed concern for the utility easement maintenance by his neighbor. Ms. Heath indicated that council would look into this.

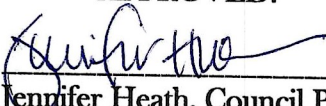
**Clerks Comment:** Ms. Heath indicated that Joshleen, Clerk Treasurer will be attending training next week via zoom with the ILMCT

**Council Comment:**

- Council President, Jennifer Heath indicated that she spoke with Matt Reardon and Tony Rodrigues from the County Economic Development Office. They would like to speak with council regarding a Housing Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) for both the Hidden Creek subdivision and the Trail Cove area in town. This will help developers in developing the areas. However, if the town decided to do this, we would have to do it all in one resolution for those areas that are undeveloped. She indicated that Mr. Reardon and Mr. Rodriguez would be happy to come to a meeting to discuss this.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm, motion was made by Mrs Gralik and motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVED:

  
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Jennifer Heath, Council President

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Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer  
September 20, 2021