

## SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Trail Creek Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Mrs. Heath, Council President led the pledge of allegiance. Clerk Treasurer Crystal Frever in attendance via zoom. Financial Advisor Trista Hudson from Cender Dalton also in attendance.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Schacht to approve the meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek. Motion unanimously carried.

**Approval of Fund Report:** Clerk Treasurer, Crystal Frever provided copies of the Fund Report for August 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the fund report; the motion was seconded by Mr. Schacht. Motion was unanimously carried.

**Bank Reconcilement:** Clerk Treasurer, Crystal Frever provided copies of the August Bank Reconcilement.

**Approval of Claims:** Clerk Treasurer, Crystal Frever provided copies of the bills to the council for August 15, 2025 – September 10, 2025, in the amount of \$130,346.96 (ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX DOLLARS AND NINETY-SIX CENTS). A motion was made by Mr. Schacht to approve the bills as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek. Motion unanimously carried.

**Correspondence:** No Report

**MS4:** No Report

**Attorney:** Attorney Christopher Willoughby in attendance. No Report

**Park Board:** Park Board President Katrina Vedo in attendance: The Park Board grant from the Health Foundation of LaPorte has been approved and awarded \$25,000. Geoffrey Ulam was approved by the Michigan City School Board to serve as the fifth member of the Trail Creek Park Board. Ali Manns has stepped down as the fourth member and Sue Claussen will serve as the fourth member.

A Fall Festival budget spreadsheet was provided to the council.

**Engineer:** Ryan Laughlin with Haas & Associates in attendance. CCMG paving is currently being completed by Rieth Riely. Several driveway permits have been approved and completed for the month of September. A request was presented regarding the addition of gravel area at 1921 Welnetz Road. The Council discussed the matter and agreed to allow property owners to proceed with adding gravel. Council President Mrs. Heath raised questions regarding the CCMG paving project. She inquired whether parking lines would be painted in the parking area and who would conduct the final inspection. Mr. Laughlin confirmed that the parking lines will be painted and stated that Haas & Associates will conduct the final inspection.

**Building Inspector:** Steve Thomas is not in attendance. No Report

**Planning/Zoning:** Liaison Mr. Pizarek announced that the Zoning/Planning Board has a public meeting on Friday September 19, 2025, at 5:30pm. During this meeting, the Board will vote to elect a Zoning/Planning Board President.

**Police:** Marshal Dick in attendance. The Swanson Centers K-5 was well managed., no issues. Halloween candy donations are being accepted for the Police Department for Trick or Treat. Marshal Dick has received a check to the Town of Trail Creek for volunteering his time from the Red, White and Brew Festival.

**Street Department:** Street Commissioner, Dave Baker not in attendance; Mrs. Heath reported; Indot inspections have begun. Mr. Baker has requested Leaf pick-up dates be October 27, 2025 to December 5, 2025. Seasonal help has been hired. Mr. Baker has been enrolled in a CDL program.

**NIRPC:** Mr. Schacht will be attending an electric vehicle demo on September 18, 2025

**New Business:**

- Halloween Trick or Treat Date- A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve Trick or Treat on Halloween October 31, 2025, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Motion was seconded by Mr. Schacht. Motion carried.
- Fall Leaf Pick-up Dates- October 27, 2025, to December 5, 2025.
- Resolution 4-2025 Transfer of Opioid Funds- A motion was made by Mr. Vedo to approve Resolution 4-2025 Transfer of Opioid Funds. Motion was seconded by Mr. Schacht. Motion carried.
- 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Reading- Trista Hudson read each budget line. Mrs. Heath opened the meeting to the public for comments on the 2026 budget. Bill Newton 604 Black Oak asked how to obtain Budget records. The council provided him with the town website and how access Gateway. Mr. Newton expressed his concerns on property tax. The public comment was closed.
- Fourth Park Board Member- A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve Sue Claussen the fourth Park Board Member. A motion was seconded by Mr. Schacht. Motion carried

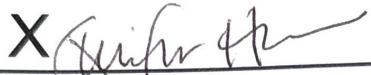
**Public Comment:** Bill Newton 604 Black Oak expressed concerns about the abundant number of Sticks, limbs and Branches that are currently out around town. Council explained the new policy that took effect on July 1, 2025

**Clerk Comment:** No Comment

**Council Comment:** Mr. Pizarek-Planning/Zoning are looking for additional members.

**Adjourn:** With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm, the motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion was unanimously carried.

MINUTE APPROVED OCTOBER 21, 2025 - SEPTEMBER MINUTES

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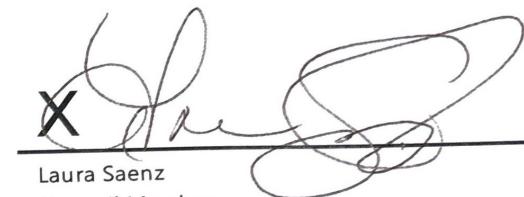
Jennifer Heath  
Council President

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Peter Pizarek  
Council Vice President

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Warren Schacht  
Council Member

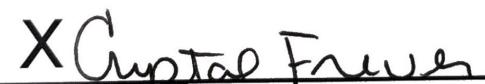
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Laura Saenz  
Council Member

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Brian Vedo  
Council Member

ATTEST:

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Crystal Frever  
Clerk-Treasurer