

JANUARY 20, 2026

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Trail Creek Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Mr. Schacht, Council President led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Approval of Claims: Clerk Treasurer, Crystal Frever provided copies of the bills to the council for December 15, 2025 - January 14, 2025, in the amount of \$182,489.44 (ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS). A motion was made by Mrs. Saenz to approve the bills as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Pizarek. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence: Residents have expressed concerns that the property on Johnson Road (the old FOP lot) appears to be maintained in a manner similar to a junkyard, various large and random items stored on the lot. Requests of a privacy fence have been made to prevent visibility to the neighboring homes. Residents believe that the property is not in compliance with Town Ordinances. Building Commissioner, Mr. Steve Thomas in attendance added that he spoke to the owners, the property is currently being used for storage and a fence in the future may be installed. Mrs. Saenz added that the property currently shows on Beacon ~~no-profit~~ ^{non-}

The Town Hall has received 4 voicemails with complaints expressing their concerns about the road being unsafe and not plowed or salted.

MS4: No Report

Attorney: Attorney Christopher Willoughby in attendance. No Report

Engineer: No Report

Park Board: Park Borad ^{Board} President Katrina Vedo not in attendance. Mrs. Saenz reported that the Michigan City School Board has appointed Adrianna Allender as the 5th Park Board Member. The South Bend Chocolate Factory Give-Back fundraiser raised \$413.57. Five Guys Give-Back will be held on Feb. 19, 2026, 10:00am-10:00pm. Vendor Applications are now available for the 2026 Fall Festival on the town website, Facebook or the Town Hall. Nelson Park Playground Equipment Funds, Purchase and Planning are still prepared. Next Park Board Meeting will be February 25, 2026, at 6:00pm

Building Inspector: Steve Thomas in attendance. No Report

Planning/Zoning: Mr. Pizarek is seeking one more member to join the Planning & Zoning Board.

Police: Marshal Dick in attendance: A motion was made by Mr. Vedo to give Marshal Dick authorization to sign government entity to AT&T. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz. Motion carried, with Mr. Pizarek voting nay.

The Trail Creek Police Department is hiring and currently accepting application for Police Officer until January 21, 2026

Street Department: Street Commissioner, Dave Baker not in attendance. No Report

NIRPC: Meeting on Thursday December 18, 2025, the 2026 Budget was presented.

Old Business:

- Matt Reardon & Bruce Woodruff not in attendance
- Park Board Member: Michigan City School Board appointed Adrianna Allender as the 5th Trail Creek Park Board Member.

New Business:

- 2026 Appointments- Marshal Dick
A motion was made by Mr. Vedo to appoint Steve Dick ^{as} Town Marshal. The motion was second by Mr. Pizarek. Motion carried with Mrs. Saenz voting nay.

- A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to appoint as presented;
Street Commissioner – Dave Baker
Building Commissioner – Steve Thomas
Electrical Inspector – Dave Switzer
Plumbing Inspector – Paul Foreman
HVAC- Janet Cole- LaPorte County
Motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to appoint Mr. Schacht as Town Council President. Motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Vedo to appoint Mr. Pizarek as Town Vice-President. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to appoint Mrs. Saenz as Park Board Liaison. Motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to appoint Mr. Schacht as Police Liaison. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Vedo to appoint Mr. Pizarek as Planning & Zoning Liaison. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to appoint Mr. Schacht as NIRPC Liaison. Motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to have the Town Council members hereby designate themselves as the Redevelopment Committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion carried.

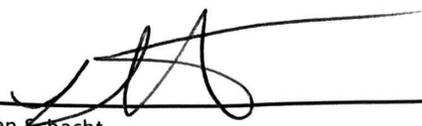
- Engineering Bids- Special Meeting Schedule for February 9, 2026, 4:30pm
- A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve Hardship Letter to Borden. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve Resolution 1-2026 Stale Dated Checks. A motion was seconded by ~~Ms. Saenz~~ Mrs. Saenz. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the Cender Dalton Contract. A motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion carried.
- QCC Quotes- Flooring re wax. Council would like 3 quotes. Tabled.
- A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve Hass Invoice. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve Police Repair Invoice. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No Comments

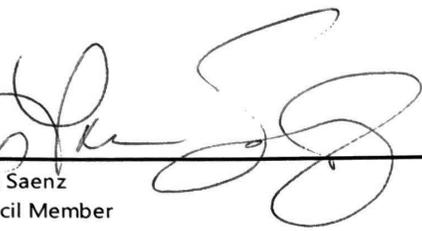
Clerk Comment: No Comments

Council Comment: Mr. Pizarek would like to welcome ~~Andra~~ Andrea Janes to the council.

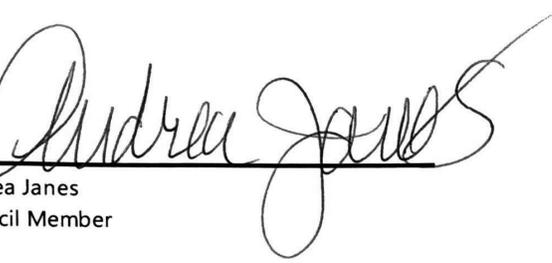
Adjourn: With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Janes. Motion was unanimously carried.

X 
Warren Schacht
Council President

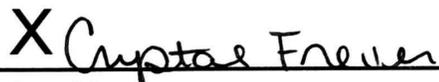
X 
Peter Pizarek
Council Vice President

X 
Laura Saenz
Council Member

X 
Brian Vedo
Council Member

X 
Andrea Janes
Council Member

ATTEST:

X 
Crystal Frever
Clerk-Treasurer