

JULY 21, 2026

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 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. Council member Pete Pizarek not in attendance.

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

Approval of Fund Report: Clerk Treasurer, Crystal Frever provided copies of the Fund Report for May 2026. A motion was made by Mrs. Saenz to approve the fund report; the motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Clerk Treasurer, Crystal Frever provided copies of the bills to the council for June 15, 2026 – July 14, 2026, in the amount of \$1,131,933.30 (ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS).

A motion was made by Mr. Vedo to approve the bills as presented; the motion was seconded by Ms. Janes. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence:

- A tree from Nelson Park fell onto a shed at 104 Penny Lane. The homeowner removed the tree, and the Town picked up the debris.
- A resident reported concerns about rabbits being kept in a shed on Whippoorwill Drive. The matter was referred to Animal Control.

MS4: No Report

Attorney: Attorney Christopher Willoughby in attendance; The Town Attorney provided updates on several matters:

- The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission approved the Virk's liquor permit despite local opposition. The Council's option to appeal the decision was discussed.
- Updates were provided regarding the property at 1929 East Cool Spring Avenue, where communication with estate attorneys continues in an effort to resolve ongoing ordinance violations.
- Progress was reported concerning the Luna property on Harding Ave, including tax sale issues and possible future ownership options.
- The former FOP property petition for variances remains pending. The Board of Zoning Appeals hearing will be scheduled once coordination with the BZA is completed.
- Discussion continued regarding truck restrictions on Johnson Road. The Council reached consensus directing the Town Attorney and Police Chief to prepare a proposed ordinance.
- Parking ordinance revisions will be reviewed and updated before formal adoption.

Engineer: No engineering representative was present.

Park Board: Park Board President Katrina Vedo not in attendance. Mrs. Saenz reported:

- The Park Board will meet Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m.
- The Nelson Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held Saturday July 25, at 11:00 a.m.
- Approximately 40 vendors have registered for the Fall Festival.

Building Inspector: Steve Thomas not in attendance. No Report

Planning/Zoning: One petition remains pending for property located at 401 Johnson Road. Notice requirements and hearing scheduling will be coordinated with the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Police: Marshal Dick in attendance.

- Thanked the Street Department for installing new signage at the Police Department.
- Reported additional directional signs will be installed.
- Discussed complaints regarding golf practice at Nelson Park. One individual has been formally trespassed after repeated complaints regarding unsafe golfing activities and inappropriate behavior.
- Council members discussed the importance of maintaining park safety and suggested using foam practice golf balls if golfing is permitted.

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

NIRPC: No Report relating to Trail Creek

Old Business:

Haas & Associates Invoice

Following discussion regarding previous management services, the Council approved payment of the outstanding invoice. A motion was to approve payment of the outstanding invoice to Haas & Associates. Motion was seconded by Ms. Janes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Police Vehicle Decals - The Council discussed updating the website information displayed on police vehicle decals to reflect the Town's current website. A QR code option was also discussed.

Healy Proposal - The Council reviewed Healey's landscaping proposal for Town Hall improvements. The project will utilize remaining AARP grant funds, including a donated discount. A motion was approved by Mrs. Saenz to proceed with the project. A motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion carried.

Google Workspace Proposal - The Council reviewed and approved the proposal for continued Google Workspace services. A motion was made by Mrs. Saenz to approve the proposed amount of \$550.96. A motion was seconded by Ms. Janes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Bill Newton 604 Black Oak. - Mr. Newton addressed the Council regarding repeated power outages caused by hazardous trees along Welnetz Road near the Moose Lodge. He shared information obtained from a utility arborist and encouraged the Town to continue working with property owners and utility companies to address hazardous trees before additional outages occur.

Mary Fox 2811 E Michigan Blvd Ms. Fox addressed the Council regarding a zoning variance application dating back to 2022. She expressed concerns regarding delays in receiving written findings from the Board of Zoning Appeals and requested clarification on the status of the matter.

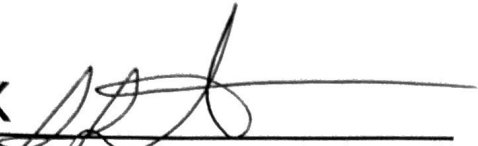
The Town Attorney responded that the variance decision remains valid and recommended scheduling a building inspection to determine compliance with zoning and building requirements. The Council agreed to assist in coordinating communication between all parties to move the matter toward resolution. Additional discussion occurred regarding recent permit activity at the property.

Clerk Comment: Clerk-Treasurer Crystal Frever thanked Michigan City Area Schools and Jeff Williamson for donating five Chromebook computers to the Town for use by Town Council members. The Council directed a formal thank-you letter be sent.

Council Comment: Council members encouraged the public to attend the Nelson Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Appreciation was expressed to those who assisted with installation of the new park signage.

Adjourn: With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Vedo to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz. Motion carried unanimously.

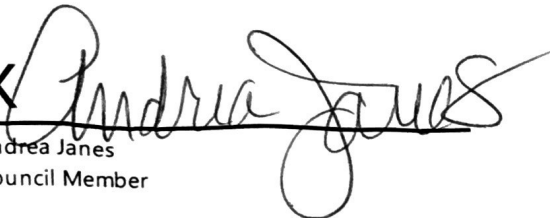
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Warren Schacht
Council President

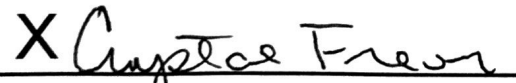
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Peter Pizarek
Council Vice President

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Laura Saenz
Council Member

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Brian Vedo
Council Member

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Andrea Janes
Council Member

ATTEST:

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Crystal Frever
Clerk-Treasurer