

The Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on August 12, 2019  
at the Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In.  
The meeting was called to order by President, Michael Johannes at 5:30 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** Jason Little, Kevin Burke, John Bowen, Michael Johannes & Seth Windell

**Absent:**

**Also, Present:** Attorney; Kevin Patmore, Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Greulich, Police Chief; James Faulkenburg, Park & Rec Director; Richard Boyd, Fire Chief; Max Meyer & Superintendent; Russ Luthy

**Absent:** Building Inspector & Zoning Administrator; Donnie Winkler

**MINUTES:**

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 regular town council meeting minutes as written and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the July 18, 2019 town council budget workshop meeting minutes as written and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the July 24, 2019 special town council meeting minutes as written and John Bowen seconded the motion.

Ayes: Burke, Bowen, Johannes & Windell Nays: None Abstain: Little Motion carried

Little was not present for the July 24, 2019 meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Michael Johannes stated he had attended a meeting with the president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation here in Santa Claus and she shared that the state is testing a pilot program currently in Bloomington where they got a local businesses Cook Pharma agreed to build and pay for half of affordable housing and the state is paying for the other half. They have already built 100 homes. The money once a home sells is put back to build more homes. The state housing authority is sending Johannes more information. Possibly if Holiday World or somebody would put in 50% the state would contribute the other 50%. The second meeting Johannes attended was covered by the news media PSCI was awarded 12.9 million for broadband. John Bowen stated according to the map Holiday Village will be receiving broadband in the near future

**PARKS & RECREATION & SANTA CLAUS COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Richard Boyd report for July.

The Park Board still has the ordinances on hold concerning the tournaments and parking fees at the park. The following fundraisers were held yesterday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the park: Home Run Derby, 3 Point Shootout & 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The events were well attended. The park department will build on the events for next year. On the same day Amateur Cornhole Tournament was held by 101 Country WBDC.

Community Center Overview- One rental of large room for September. Veteran's Day Breakfast -November 10, 2019.

10 New memberships in July, Senior Dinners 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month and no small room rentals. The quotes for repairs to the SCCC from wind damage will be rebid, looking into options to update the SCCC kitchen and wanting to add additional activities for the senior citizens at our community.

Yellig Park Overview- Trick or Treat 27, 2019 (4<sup>th</sup> Annual), Basketball Court resurfacing is complete. Sending bids for drainage work at the park out in August and updating the Master Plan.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:**

Michael Johannes reported for Donnie Winkler for July.

Plan Reviews-1

ILPs Issued-1

New Permits-1

Post Hole Inspection-1

Footing Inspections-0

Framing Inspections-3

Masonry Inspections-0

Rough in Plumbing Inspection-1

Rough in HVAC Inspection-1

Rough in Electric Inspection-1

Garage Floor Inspections-0

Vectren Electric Inspections-2

General Inspections-3

Final Inspection Failure-1

Final Inspection Corrected-1

Final Inspections-0

C of O's Issued-0

Total Number of Inspections-14

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

James Faulkenburg Report for July:

Citations TOSC-38

Warnings TOSC-108

Crash Reports-15

Vehicle Inspections-6

Domestic Disturbances-7

Assist another Department-18

Medical Emergencies-5

Disturbances-50

Theft Reports-7

Verbal Warnings-0

Case Reports/Investigations-26

Warrant Service-4

Gun Permits-5

Arrests-3

Assist Motorist-10

July Reserve Hours- Keith Rickelman 8.5 hrs., Kenny Sherman 8 hrs., Dan Grindstaff 8, Joey Brown 8 hrs. & Murry Stout 0 hrs.

James Faulkenburg stated two of our officers are in Tell City tonight for Taser Training. Joey Brown has approached Chief Faulkenburg about working in the schools for SRO at a rate of \$ 20.00 per hour. Kelly Greulich stated Joey Brown cannot be a reserve officer and a part-time employee for the town at the same time. Council agreed it is not necessary since we have two officers with SRO training. Holiday World has approached Chief Faulkenburg with interest in a ten-year agreement to have a fulltime officer in the Park at forty hours per

week. Holiday World would than pay the town \$ 25,000.00 each year for the service. Currently Dan Grindstaff is employed by Holiday World and works 48 hours per week. One of our town officers that is not working for the town on that day will work Grindstaff's day off. The North Spencer School Corporation is also interested in a fulltime SRO officer in the school. Kelly Greulich mentioned that the town will have additional requirements to meet if the town would go to five or more full-time officers. Faulkenburg stated if we hire additional officers, they will be required to have the academy. Kevin Burke asked if the town could set up a committee to explore the issue. Michael Johannes instructed Kevin Patmore to look into the matter further to see what requirements if any the town would have to meet.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief Max Meyer for July:

First Responder-12

Fire/Fire Alarms-2

Stand By/Fire Works at Holiday World-5

Disregard-2

**Total Runs-21**

On July 30, 2019 Bernie Stallman, Brian Hopf, Drew Knies, Mark Lautner and Max Meyer replaced town banners on the light poles for Trails of Santa Claus. The fire department has been carrying Narcan for drug overdoses and also Epinephrine (EPI) to be administered for allergic reactions. A third drug the trucks will start carrying is I-Gel to clear airways. Kevin Burke asked who supplies the drugs that are on the trucks, Meyer stated EMS does. Meyer stated the drywall bids will be in for the September meeting for the upstairs area of the fire station.

**STREET DEPARTMENT:**

Russ Luthy Report for July.

**TRAIL UPDATE:**

**SCLD Trail**-New LET date for Phase 1 of trail will be March 2020 due to getting the right-away services and the rescoping of the project. The engineers estimated cost of the trail is \$ 1,929,000.00. Luthy stated he has a letter for council president Michael Johannes to sign LET letter concerning the negotiations of the parcels for right-away services for the construction. Michael Johannes asked Luthy is the new LETTING date because of the Kaetzel/Ewing properties? Luthy stated it has nothing to do with the new date. Johannes asked if the town has to acquire property from individuals? Luthy stated not from individuals but from corporations Circle S, Subway and Farm Bureau. Kelly Greulich stated in 2020 there will be a large amount concerning the trails since SCLD trail and the Eastside trail will both LET in 2020, looking at a cost to the town between \$ 700,000.00 to \$ 800,000.00, 2019 budget will be reduced by \$ 200,000.00 in Rainy-day to fund 2020 the town needs donation letters. John Bowen stated the town will move the money from 2019 to 2020 to fund the SCLD trail and the town already had the funds for the Eastside trail, Greulich stated no the town did not since the Eastside trail was rescoped the price has gone up. Luthy stated that is correct the town added an additional mile onto the Eastside trail at a cost of \$ 700,000.00 for a total cost estimate of 1.9 million. Greulich noted if both trails LET in 2020 the town will require a federal audit. John Bowen stated if history repeats itself that December LETTING will not happen, Greulich stated you cannot count on the LETTING being pushed out. Bowen stated you can't panic over that, Greulich stated I am not panicking I am explaining to you the funds that are needed.

John Bowen made a motion to have Michael Johannes sign the statement of just compensation for the Santa Claus Lincoln Discovery Trail and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

**Eastside**- PE continuing, LID & FMIS submitted for RoW-new project estimates based off of rescope engineers projected cost \$ 1,924,000.00. letting date 12/09/2020 **Westside**- still waiting on response from IDEM on the notice of termination on the westside connector road.

**STREET OPEN ACTION ITEMS:**

Luthy stated the Community Crossing Grant application was submitted on July 28, 2019 the town will not hear anything until late September or early October, did received a call stating how good the application looked. Street department assisted other departments, bi-weekly street/culvert inspections, streetlight/delineator repair, vehicle equipment maintenance, limb trimming in RoW area, road inspections, RoW mowing, repair parking lot at town hall, OSHA inspections.

Michael Johannes stated he has a question for the council concerning extending Main Street past the fire station and to the Santa Claus community Center making it Main Street. John Bowen stated it would become part of the certified mileage for the town. Johannes asked what is the process to do that? Luthy stated the council makes a resolution and it would be forwarded to INDOT.

A discussion followed.

Russ Luthy was asked to look into the matter and discuss with Zoning Administrator Don Winkler.

**PLANT INFORMATION**

July 2019 Precipitation 4.8 inches, July 2018 3.71 inches.

July 2019 Treatment 20.66 MG, July 2018 15.67 MG.

**PLANT OPEN ACTION ITEMS:**

Process control testing, plant O&M, de-cant digester(s), explore Phosphorus (P) treatment options-new requirements on 2019 NPDES permit.

**WASTEWATER PLANT COLLECTION SYSTEMS:**

Routine station maintenance checks, lift station repairs/maintenance on # 18 & 29. Also cleaned and de-greased several. Several lateral/video inspections and line jetting. Oversee Vectren boring project, assist other departments, weed-eat stations and complete lateral installation in Holiday Village.

**WASTEWATER:**

Revolving total lateral inspections -21, COC's completed -2, requiring repairs-2, no repairs required-1 and exempt laterals-0. Year to date completed requiring repairs-13, no repairs-6 and exempt- 2

**WATER:**

July work orders received 27, work orders completed 27 & work orders pending 0.

**WATER OPEN ACTION ITEMS:**

Oversee Vectren boring project in CLV, sanitary survey conducted on water system on July 12.

**OSHA:**

Received grant money disbursement from IPEP, purchasing safety equipment & submitting monthly purchase updates to IPEP.

No lost time injuries, 5 facility assessment completed & previous deficiencies corrected and supervisors notified.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK:**

Kevin Patmore stated he has not heard from Brosmer Surveying he sent an email today concerning the property.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:**

Kevin Patmore informed the council he had sent an email to Dave Matthews who did the appraisal at the Industrial Park, will also contact Ron Magmaus to see if he can do an appraisal on the former Ruth Rice property.

The town has had several people signed up for the deferral program concerning tickets they have received in the town.

John Bowen asked Kevin Patmore how he was coming along with the updated ordinances for him, Patmore stated he had contacted Kelly Greulich since he was missing a few. 99% done and will send to John soon.

**CLERK TREASURER:**

Kelly Greulich-Bank Balances for the month of June & July :

- June General- \$ 3,850,183.98
- July General- \$ 3,588,571.68
- June Water- \$ 1,455,389.45
- July Water- \$ 1,689,044.08
- June Wastewater- \$ 1,460,693.13
- July Wastewater- \$ 1,536,670.29
- June TIF-367,194.03
- July TIF- \$ 281,186.17

Greulich stated working on the landscape proposal for the town hall, hoping the bushes will be out soon it will make it easier when the contractors come. Julia Sermersheim has contacted the office and is interested in helping with the census. We need three to five people for the committee. Contacted Chris Ambs of Christmas Lake Village to see if he will advertise again for volunteers in their newsletter. The invoice for the wastewater rate study from London Witte is not in the vouchers, the amount is \$ 4,741.25 and the funds should come out of wastewater contractual.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the invoice from London Witte in the amount of \$ 4,741.25 to come out of the wastewater contractual account and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Invoices for the Fire Department that came in after the voucher packet was sent out to council are Community Natural Gas \$ 33.58, Town of Santa Claus \$ 107.58, PSC \$ 83.20, Action Pest Control \$ 60.00 and P & L Rescue Services \$ 164.50.

Seth Windell made a motion to pay the fire station invoices as noted and John Bowen seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Resolution 2019-07 was tabled until the September meeting.

**Clerk-Treasurer August Meeting Trail Report:**

	<b>INDOT 80%</b>	<b>TOWN PAID</b>	
YELLIG-	\$ 1,402,268.30	\$ 518,984.55	CLOSED OUT
SCLD Sarbanes Grant	\$ 340,000.00	\$ 0.00	CLOSED OUT
SCLD FLAP PE	\$ 81,265.60	\$ 74,952.50	CLOSED OUT
SCLD FLAP CE	\$ 24,143.07	\$ 6,035.77	CLOSED OUT
SCLD FLAP CN	\$ 150,880.00	\$ 37,720.00	CLOSED OUT
SCLD PE	\$ 253,998.07	\$ 63,503.49	<b>INITIAL 20%</b>
SCLD ROW	\$ 1,628.00	\$ 407.00	<b>OF THE PROJECTS</b>
EASTSIDE PE	\$ 85,469.12	\$ 21,367.28	
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WESTSIDE PE	\$ 137,560.80	\$ 40,318.33	CLOSED OUT
WESTSIDE ROW	\$ 5,532.00	\$ 1,383.00	
WESTSIDE CN	\$ 1,056,699.58	\$ 264,174.90	CLOSED OUT
WESTSIDE CE	\$ 80,368.26	\$ 20,092.06	CLOSED OUT
<b>TOTALS 10/8/18</b>	<b>\$ 3,619,812.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,048,938.88</b>	<b>\$ 729,834.40</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS:**

Michael Johannes stated the County has come up with an agreement to reopen the animal shelter it will be managed by "It takes a Village" out of Evansville along with another vet and it will be a no-kill shelter. Should open up by September 1, 2019.

**VOUCHERS AND ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, John Bowen made a motion to approve the general vouchers in the amount of \$ 298,489.66 wastewater in the amount of \$ 71,904.12 and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

John Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 P.M. and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Next scheduled town council meeting will be September 9, 2019.

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Michael Johannes, President

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John Bowen, Vice President

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Seth Windell, Member

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Kevin Burke, Member

ATTEST:

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Jason Little, Member

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Kelly K. Greulich Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Santa Claus, Indiana