

3-30-2026 SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MTG

The Santa Claus Town Council met for a special session on March 30, 2026, at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, IN.

The meeting was called to order by President, Kevin Burke

Pledge of Allegiance

You Tube- Yes @townofsantaclaus7938

Audio Recording-Yes, Clerk-Treasurer

No Agenda

Town Council Members Present: All

Absent: None

Also, Present: Attorney, Kevin Patmore, Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey and Police Chief, James Faulkenburg

Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey presented Invoice #1152 from Scott Township Trustee in the amount of \$1100 for Officer Beau Anderson to attend EMT training. Lindsey stated since the training was above the normal requirements of his job and the classes were held in the evenings and Saturdays that this training should have been approved prior to the employee attending the class. Lindsey read the policy in the handbook. Lindsey stated that the class had already been paid for by the department head on their town credit card. Lindsey stated that she is requesting approval of the class by the Town Council so she can pay the VISA bill. Lindsey also stated that per the class schedule provided by the class director the classroom portion is 123 hours of overtime and requested the Council to approve paying the employee for his time. Lindsey stated that these hours would all be overtime and that the 2026 budget did not account for these training hours. Lindsey said the class participants must use a QR code for attendance and prior to issuing payment she would get an accurate print out and only pay for classes attended. Lindsey reported that Officer Anderson has turned in his resignation and Anderson's last day would be April 3rd and the class would not be completed as of his last day of employment.

Police Chief, James Faulkenburg reported that Officer Beau Anderson is not requesting payment for either the class or the hours he attended the class. Faulkenburg stated that Anderson is a SRO officer and a student fell at one of the school gyms and landed on their head. Faulkenburg stated that Anderson has no medical training and it took the EMS to travel from Chrisney to the school. Faulkenburg stated that he was concerned about the safety of the students and community, so he sent Officer Anderson to EMT training. Faulkenburg stated he was not aware that the training should have been approved prior to the start of the classes, as in the past only training that was overnight needed approval.

Lindsey stated that the employee should be paid for his time since Faulkenburg sent him to the training. Lindsey reiterated her concern that if the Town is paying for the class and the employee attended classes outside of normal work hours that the employee should be compensated for his

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time. Lindsey highlighted that paying the VISA bill without Council approval would risk personal liability, reinforcing the need for formal authorization and a vote.

Attorney, Kevin Patmore confirmed that paying for the training class implies town endorsement but does not legally require paying for the time spent if training is optional.

The Town Council deemed the training was voluntary and not a job requirement so the Council agreed to pay for the class but not for the overtime.

Michael Johannes made the motion to approve the Clerk-Treasurer to pay the VISA bill containing the Invoice #1152 for Scott Township Trustee for EMT classes attended by Officer Beau Anderson. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried 5-0

James Faulkenburg requested approval for Officer Logan Helming to attend SRO training in Indianapolis during July 13-17, 2026. Faulkenburg stated that Helming would be paid his normal 40 hours of pay that week and the school district covering the training, lodging and travel expenses. Due to the training being held in the summer there will be continuous SRO coverage for the remainder of the school year.

Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve Officer Logan Helming to attend SRO training July 13-17th with the Town paying the normal 40 hours of pay. Michael Johannes seconded the motion

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried 5-0

Lindsey presented the Revize contract for the new website. Lindsey stated that the Council previously approved the contract so if Lindsey is to pay for the second installment the same way as the previous installment, then no action is needed. Lindsey stated that it was discussed when the contract was introduced that future payments would come from the Rainy-Day fund. Lindsey stated if the Council wanted her to pay for the Rainy-Day fund, she needs authorization to do that. Kevin Burke stated that he would like the payments to be paid from Rainy-Day. Burke stated that the website serves the entire community rather than individual departments. Lindsey stated that all departments will be utilizing the website and that it was budgeted in 2026 to be divided among all departments. Patmore stated that there is some benefit to the General account if the expense was divided to include the Water and Wastewater funds.

Jason Little made the motion to pay for the future installments of the Revize contract from the Rainy-Day fund. Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried 5-0

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With no further business, Michael Johannes made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Little seconded the motion.

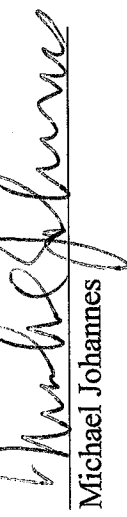
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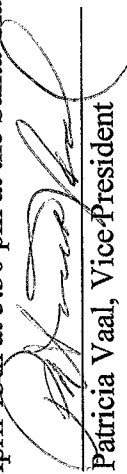
Motion Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm

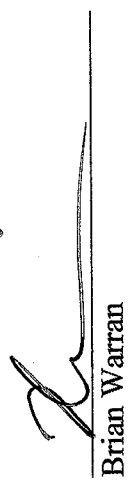
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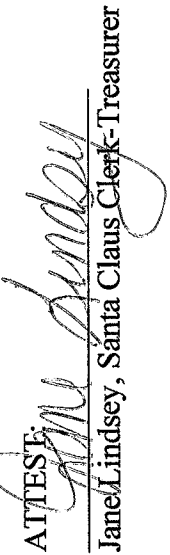

Kevin Burke, President


Michael Johannes


Patricia Vaal, Vice-President


Jason Little


Brian Warran

ATTEST:

Jane Lindsey, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer