

10-07-2025 WATER BOARD MINUTES

The Santa Claus Waterworks Board met in regular session on October 7th, at 6:00 pm at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In 47579.

YouTube-Yes @townofsantaclaus7938

Audio-Yes Clerk Treasurer using Fireflies App

The meeting was called to order by President, Scot Elliott at 6:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Scot Elliott, Steve Leiberling, Theresa Hartwig and Matt Woolems

Board Members Absent: Tony Perkins

Also, Present: Jane Lindsey; Clerk-Treasurer, Chris Glenn, Water Supervisor

MINUTES

Theresa Hartwig made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2025, meeting as presented. Steve Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Steve Leiberling made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2025, special meeting as presented. Matt Woolems seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

Reports were given to the board to review prior to the meeting.

STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Scot Elliott informed the Board that Matt Woolems has notified him that he is moving outside of the customer radius and will need to resign from the water board. Woolems last meeting will be the November meeting. Elliott stated they are still looking for a candidate to fill the vacancy and would prefer to have representation from Christmas Lake Village. Chris Glenn stated he had a candidate in mind and they would be attending the November meeting.

Elliott went over the financial reports with the Board.

Elliott reported that the warranty repair was completed on the 750,000 gallon water tank.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey reported the EDA grant was completed. Lindsey said her office received the final reimbursement check on 9-5-2025 in the amount of \$113,205. Lindsey also reported that the bank reconciliations have been completed through August and bank transfers have been completed through August.

GIS

No new updates

MARIAH HILL LINE PROJECT

Ed Peters from Midwestern Engineering presented Invoice # 202408000-05 in the amount of \$17,829.48 to be paid from the county ARPA funds. Steve Leiberling made the motion to approve payment of Invoice #202408000-05 in the amount of \$17,829.48. Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey will submit the invoice to the Spencer County Auditor for payment.

Ed Peters presented the bid recommendation letter to award the Mariah Hill project to SLB Pipe Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$748,655.00. Peters said there were 10 bids submitted. Peters stated that SLB Pipe Solutions is a young company and do most of their business south of INDY. SLB Pipe Solutions is very excited about the opportunity to work with the Town of Santa Claus. Peters reported that in researching the company he did not find any negative reviews. Peters stated they have approx. 30 employees therefore they will be working one crew at a time, and the project might take a little longer, but the financial savings will be worth it.

Elliott discussed with the financial savings on Phase 1 the water board should discuss moving forward with phase 2. Peters said there could be a change order with the current contractor for an extra 15-20% threshold. Peters stated this would not cover the entire phase 2 but might be an option.

Matt Woolems made the motion to award the Mariah Hill project to the lowest bidder SLB Pipe Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$748,655.00. Steve Leiberger seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey asked Peters to have a conversation with SLB Pipe Solutions, LLC to explain that there will be a delay in payment of invoices since all submitted invoices will have to be approved by the water board first and then submitted to the county Auditor for payment. The county Auditor will also have to have the invoices approved in a county council meeting. The county wants to pay each invoice directly to the contractors from the county ARPA funds. Lindsey stated this is an unusual way of paying the invoices and she was concerned with them being a small company that they should be made aware payment will take longer than normal.

LEAD TESTING

Chris Glenn reported that the new 2026 contract was signed with 120 Water for assistance with the reporting of the lead testing project.

BUDGET

Scot Elliott presented the 1st draft of the 2026 budget and went line by line through the revenue and expenditures with the board members.

2026 Budget Timeline:

November final review of 2026 budget

December approval

Scot Elliott will present the water budget to the Town Council at their December meeting for approval.

VOUCHERS

Clerk-Treasurer presented the water vouchers in the amount of \$129,565.20.

Theresa Hartwig made the motion to approve the voucher in the amount of \$129,565.20. Steve Leiberger seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

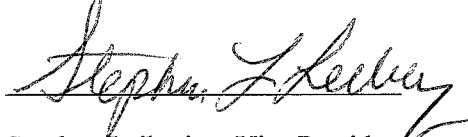
No further business Theresa Hartwig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm and Steve Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Next monthly Water Board meeting will be on November 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm.



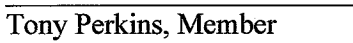
Scot Elliott, President



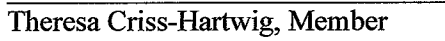
Stephen Leiberling, Vice President




Matt Woolems, Member



Tony Perkins, Member



Theresa Criss-Hartwig, Member

ATTEST:

Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus