

2-3-2026 WATER BOARD MINUTES

The Santa Claus Waterworks Board met in regular session on February 3, 2026, 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, Theresa Hartwig, David Maddox and Tony Perkins

Board Members Absent: Steve Leiberling

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

MINUTES

Theresa Hartwig made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2026, meeting as presented. Tony Perkins 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 welcomed new board member David Maddox to his first meeting. Maddox filled the vacancy left by Matt Woolems.

CLERK-TREASURER

Scot Elliott went over the financial reports provided by the Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey. Lindsey reported that she would have a resolution at the March meeting for the \$250,000 transfer approved in the 2026 water budget. Lindsey stated that this transfer is done annually and usually at the March meeting.

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Chris Glenn reported that he attended a zoom meeting on Thursday to set up training sessions for the staff. Glenn stated that Paul Scherzer was already using the system with no issues.

MARIAH HILL LINE PROJECT

Midwestern Engineering invoice 202408000-09 in the amount of \$31,339.65 to be paid \$17,939.93 from the county ARPA funds and \$13,399.72 from Water Capital. Tony Perkins made the motion to approve payment to Midwestern Engineers in the amount of \$15,400.35. Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Midwestern Engineering invoice 202408000-08 in the amount of \$15,400.35 to be paid from the county ARPA funds. Theresa Hartwig made the motion to approve payment to Midwestern Engineers in the amount of \$15,400.35. Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Scot Elliott presented SLB Pipe Solutions pay request #3 in the amount of \$60,939.01 to be paid from Water Capital. Tony Perkins made the motion to approve payment of \$60,939.01 to SLB Pipe Solutions. Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Ed Peters stated that SLB had requested ACH payments but since there were only a few payments left Peters stated that SLB would just pick up the check at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Peters reported that phase one is 75% complete with 5,000-6,000 feet of pipe laid, progressing ahead of schedule despite a recent two-week snow delay. Peters presented Change Order #1 expanding phase one roughly 1,500 feet, keeping the change order under the 15% contract threshold to avoid procurement complications. If SLB accepts the change order it will be adding \$114,470 to the project cost making the total project cost to \$863,125. Theresa Hartwig made the motion to authorize Scot Elliott to sign the Change Order #1 and present it to the contractor. Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

The board expects the contractor to sign the change order at the upcoming progress meeting on March 12th, enabling construction to proceed without delay.

Ed Peters presented phase two for consideration. Peters reported that 7 property owners will need new easements at the approx. rate of \$3.50 per linear foot consistent with phase one. Easement paperwork is prepared and expected to be ready for signatures within the next two weeks, with an anticipated negotiation period of about two months. Surveys completed and will start staking the route.

Ed Peters presented an amendment to owner-engineer agreement Amendment #2 for additional highway crossing causing a design cost increase of \$20,000. This change will require an easement from the diocese. The Diocese will receive fire protection.

Tony Perkins made the motion to approve Amendment #2 in the amount of \$20,000. Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

WATER RATE INCREASE

The Town Council approved the first reading of the 6% water rate increase for 2026 effective June 1st and reflected on July invoices to support operational costs and capital funding. There will be a public hearing on Feb. 9th at 5:30 pm during the Town Council meeting located at the Town Hall.

VOUCHERS


Clerk-Treasurer presented the water vouchers in the amount of \$78,293.12.

Theresa Hartwig made the motion to approve the voucher in the amount of \$78,293.12. Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

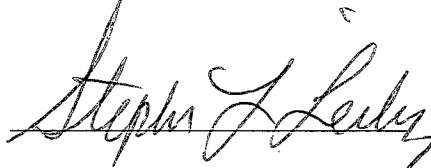
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

No further business Tony Perkins made the motion to adjourn at 6:49 pm. David Maddox seconded the motion.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Next monthly Water Board meeting will be on March 3, 2026, at 6:00 pm.



Scot Elliott, President

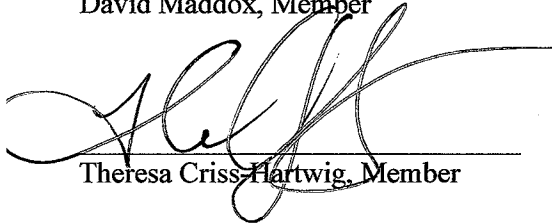


Stephen Leiberling, Vice President

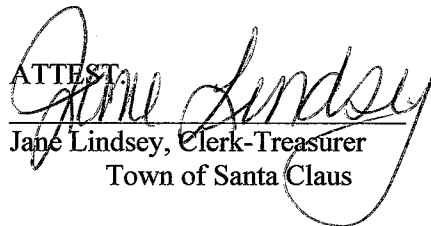


David Maddox, Member

Tony Perkins, Member



Theresa Criss Hartwig, Member

ATTEST

Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus