

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on January 13, 2025, 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**

**YouTube-** YES

**Town Council Members Present:** Kevin Burke, Jason Little, Patricia Vaal and Brian Warran

**Absent:** Michael Johannes

**Also, Present:** Clerk-Treasurer; Jane Lindsey, Town Attorney; Kevin Patmore, Park Superintendent; Zach Tischendorf; Utility Superintendent, Russ Luthy, and Fire Chief Max Meyer

**COUNCIL OFFICE POSITIONS**

Patricia Vaal nominated Kevin Burke for President of the Town Council. With no other nominations made, Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve Kevin Burke as President of the Santa Claus Town Council. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Jason Little nominated Patricia Vaal as the Vice-President of the Town Council. With no other nominations made, Jason Little made the motion to approve Patricia Vaal as the Vice-President of the Santa Claus Town Council. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Per IC code 36-5-6-6 the Clerk-Treasurer shall serve as clerk of the legislative body and record the proceedings.

**MINUTES**

Jason Little made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024 and the December 30, 2024 meeting minutes as presented and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR-**

None

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL**

Patricia Vaal commented that the snow removal from the roads was phenomenal. Vaal gave thanks to the street department for all their hard work. Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey added her thanks to the park department, utility department and her staff for their work clearing the Town Hall parking lot and sidewalks.

**DECEMBER'S REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Department reports were given to the Council prior to the meeting.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER**

Max Meyer updated the Council on the progress of the fire truck. Meyer stated should be receiving it in a few weeks.

**PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF**

Zach Tischendorf announced there would be a public input meeting for the Yellig Park master plan on January 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tischendorf encouraged the community to attend and share their vision of what they want the park to look like. Tischendorf also stated that the town would begin to host a community coffee group every Friday from 7:00 am until 10:00 am at the Santa Claus Community Center. This is a free event for the public and all are invited to attend.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR TODD HAYS**

Todd Hayes stated that the CLV has submitted a variance request for the new sign at the front gate entrance.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES FAULKENBURG**

Nothing to report.

**TRAILS RUSS LUTHY**

Russ Luthy stated that the Next Level Trail design is finishing up and be sent out for bid soon.

**STREET DEPARTMENT**

Russ Luthy clarified that Old 245 to 600 will not get paved in the upcoming street project. Luthy said he was meeting with the engineers on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Luthy said the newspaper publication will run Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> and the public hearing on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Luthy stated that the street department has 60 tons of salt on hand and another 60 tons have been ordered. Luthy stated that this should last the rest of the year.

**WASTEWATER**

Russ Luthy presented Pay Request #9 from Performance Pipeline in the amount of \$214,323.53 with \$210,309.76 to be paid from wastewater capital and \$4,013.77 from Industrial Park Fund.

Jason Little made the motion to approve payment on Pay Request #9 from Performance Pipeline in the amount of \$214,323.53. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Russ Luthy presented Invoice # 202305902-09 from Midwestern Engineering in the amount of \$4,817.94 for inspections to be paid from wastewater capital.

Jason Little made the motion to approve payment in the amount of \$4,817.94 to Midwestern Engineering. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Luthy reported that the town has received a notice on the sewer permit for the Back 9 project.

Luthy asked the council for approval to purchase 2 automated refrigerated samplers that would pull samples 24 hours a day. Luthy has received 2 quotes. Luthy stated that there are only 2 vendors who sell the equipment.

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Luthy wants to purchase the equipment from USA Bluebook in the amount of \$18,195.00. Luthy stated that the expense would be paid from his budget under lab equipment.

Jason Little made the motion to approve the purchase of 2 automated samplers from USA Bluebook in the amount of \$18,195.00. Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None  
Motion carried 4-0

#### **OSHA**

No lost time injuries

#### **WATER RUSS LUTHY**

Nothing to report.

#### **INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Nothing to report.

#### **TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE**

Kevin Patmore presented Resolution 2025-01 a RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN LANDS IN THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA. Patmore explained that this is for the Frosty Falls project to designate the land as a economic revitalization area.

Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 a RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN LANDS IN THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA.

Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None  
Motion carried 4-0

Patmore presented Ordinance 2025-01 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN LANDS IN THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TARGET AREA for the first reading.

Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-01 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN LANDS IN THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TARGET AREA. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None  
Motion carried 4-0

Patmore stated that the Council would need to set a public hearing as the next step and Patmore will publish the notice in the papers.

Jason Little made the motion to set the public hearing for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and permit Kevin Patmore to publish said notice. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None  
Motion carried 4-0

**December Fund Balances:**

General-\$6,457,720.56

Water-\$1,509,041.53

Wastewater-\$2,654,210.02

TIF-\$1,065,189.13

**VOUCHERS**

Jason Little made a motion to approve General vouchers in the amount of \$30,584.13 and Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0

Jason Little made a motion to approve Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$98,720.78 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0

Jason Little made a motion to approve Wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$108,686.05 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0

**MISC**

None presented

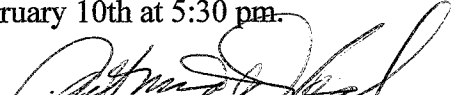
**ADJOURNMENT**

Jason Little made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 6:17 P.M. and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0

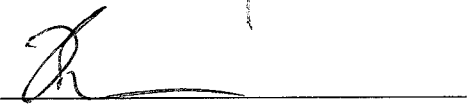
The next Town Council meeting will be February 10th at 5:30 pm.

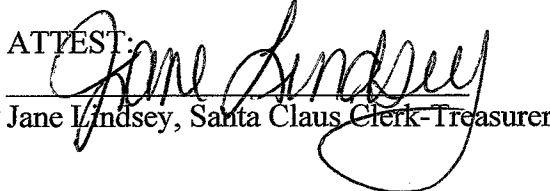
  
Kevin Burke, President

  
Patricia Vaal, Vice President

  
Michael Johannes

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Jason Little

  
Brian Warran

ATTEST:  
  
Jane Lindsey, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer

**RESOLUTION 2025-01**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN LANDS IN  
THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA AS AN ECONOMIC  
REVITALIZATION AREA**

**WHEREAS**, Kerstiens Capital Partners, LLC has requested that certain lands within the territorial jurisdiction and geographic area of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana be designated as an Economic Revitalization Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that it has become undesirable or impossible for normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors that have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or use of property described on Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, within the meaning and application of I.C. §§6-1.1-12.1-1 and 6-1.1-12.1-7; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana, that the lands described on Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B hereto are hereby designated as an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to I.C. §6-1.1-12.1-2.5.

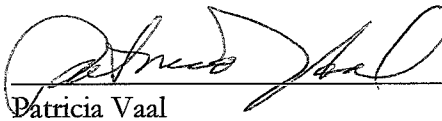
**SO RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana on the 13th day of January, 2025.

SANTA CLAUS TOWN COUNCIL

  
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Kevin Burke, President

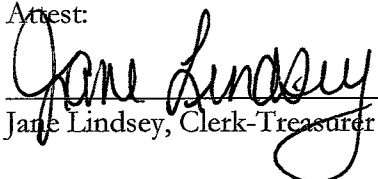
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Michael Johannes

  
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Jason Little

  
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Patricia Vaal

  
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Brian Warran

Attest:

  
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Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer

**SANTA CLAUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S**

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

**December 1 - 31, 2024**

**First Responder (EMR) – 15**

**Fire Alarm - 1**

**Christmas Parade -1**

**17 - Total Runs**

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# Santa Claus Park & Recreation Department

## December 2024 Report

### SCCC Memberships, Daily Admittance, Room Rentals

	Senior (62+)	Youth (14-17)	Adult	Daily	Big Room Hour Rental
<b>December</b>	23	13	72	22	8

### Completed Projects

- Water Fountain/Bottle Fillers installed at SCCC

### New/Ongoing Projects

- Janitor/Field Supply Orders
- Yellig Master Plan – Public Input Meeting, January 15<sup>th</sup> 5-8 PM
- DNR/LWCF Grant
- Trail Maintenance
- Basketball court resurfacing

### Items for Town Council/Redevelopment Commission

**SANTA CLAUS INSPECTION REPORT  
DECEMBER 2024**

**TOTAL PERMITS**

3 Improvement Location  
0 Building Permit  
0 911 Addresses  
3 Electrical

**TOTAL INSPECTIONS**

0 Temporary Electric  
0 Pool foundation  
2 Footers  
3 Foundations  
0 Basement Walls  
0 Waterproofing  
2 Underground plumbing  
1 Framing  
0 R.I. Electric  
0 R.I. Plumbing  
0 R.I. HVAC  
5 General  
2 Gas  
0 Electric Meter  
0 Post  
1 Final  
0 Certificate of Occupancy

**Reporting:** Dec.1,2024 – Jan.1, 2025

**Misc. :**

Removed Temporary Sinage

November APC Public Hearing

# *Town of Santa Claus*

TOWN COUNCIL AND  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK-TREASURER



90 N. HOLIDAY BLVD.  
P.O. BOX 92  
SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA 47579  
(812) 937-2551  
FAX (812) 937-2630

## **Santa Claus Police Department Activity for December ,2024**

**Off Duty Call Out's – 10**  
**Citations for Town of Santa Claus - 2**

**Warnings for Town of Santa Claus – 28**

**Crash reports for the Month - 10**

**Vehicle Inspections - 3**

**Domestic Disturbances- 2**

**Assist another Depts.- 14 See Attached**

**Medical Emergencies- 7**

**Disturbances - 49**

**Theft Reports - 2**

**Verbal Warnings - 0**

**Case reports/ Investigations- 11 / 112**

**Warrant Service- 1**

**Gun Permits- 3**

**Arrests- 2**

**Assist Motorist- 8**

# **Christmas Lake Village Activity For December 2024**

**Tinsel Cir – Underage Drinking Party  
Balthazar Drive – Emergency Detention  
Elf Lane – Welfare Check  
Silver Bell Terris – Medical  
Evergreen - Alarm  
Evergreen - Medical  
Evergreen Plaza – Invasion of Privacy  
Sled Run – Vin Check  
Carol Drive – Vin Check  
Noel Drive – Lockout  
Shepherds Ln - Medical  
Noel – Unlock  
Melchior Dr – Crash 10-50**

## **Reserve Hours Worked December 2024**

**47-6 - Jazyk – 8  
47-8 – Kennedy – 34  
47- 7 – Goffinet – 24  
47-9 – Grieblebauer – 0**

SANTA CLAUS UTILITY REPORT

**PLANT INFORMATION**

Treatment

December	2024	24.35	MG
December	2023	11.48	MG

Precipitation

December	2024	5.87	INCHES
December	2023	2.94	INCHES

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Process control testing, plant O&M. Work continues on the AMP project. Inlet distributor for O2 ditch – wrong equipment sent, re-scheduling. Receipt of complete rotor unit, prepping for install.

**COLLECTION SYSTEM**

SSO(s)	0
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OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Routine station and maintenance checks. Sewer main and lateral rehab ongoing. Work on #'s 15, 13, and 5 L.S.'s.

**LATERAL INSPECTIONS**

REVOLVING TOTAL LATERAL INSPECTIONS		24	CIPP (To Date)
NEW IN: December 24	#	0	Mainline Prep (ft.) 50,401
COC'S			Mainline Install (ft.) 27,408
COC'S COMPLETED	#	0	Lateral Prep (ft.)
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	0	Lateral Lined (ft.) 780
NO REPAIRS	#	0	<b>Safety</b>
EXEMPT LATERALS	#	0	As of December 31, 2024, no Lost Time injuries
YEAR TO DATE			2 field assessment(s) completed
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	7	Fire Extinguisher monthly check. Standardizing safety inspections.
NO REPAIRS	#	8	
EXEMPT	#	9	

**STREETS**

MOWING		Yes
SIGN- REPLACE/REPAIR/INSTALL	#	No
COMPLAINTS	#	No
STREET REPAIRS		YES

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Assist other depts as needed. Culvert inspections, veh/equip maint and repair, road inspections. Prep for '24/25 Paving. CCM Award.

**WATER AND WORK ORDERS**

WORK ORDERS- TOTAL RECEIVED	#	24
WORK ORDERS- COMPLETED	#	22
WORK ORDERS- PENDING	#	2

OPEN ACTION ITEMS –Water

Piping complete, tie ins and service re-connections complete. Final grading and seeding, April'25. Prelim engineering begun on SC to Mariah Hill main reinforcement.

## Agency Assists; December 2024.

Gentryville – PI Accident

County – Alarm

Dale – Medical

County – Alarm

County – PI Accident

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County – Domestic

Dale – Domestic

DCS – CLV

Dale – Domestic

Dale – Fight

ISP – Stand Off (Shooter)