

The Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on August 11, 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- @townofsantaclaus7938

Audio Recording- Yes, Deputy Clerk & Media

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

Absent: Building Inspector; Todd Hays, Clerk-Treasurer; Jane Lindsey (Clerk's Conference)

Also, Present: Deputy-Clerk; Abigail Glenn, Town Attorney; Kevin Patmore, Park Superintendent; Zach Tischendorf; Police Chief; James Faulkenburg and Fire Chief; Max Meyer

MINUTES

Michael Johannes made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025, minutes and Brian Warran seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: None
Motion carried: 5-0

Michael Johannes made a motion to approve the July 28, 2025, special budget meeting minutes. Brian Warran seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: None
Motion carried: 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Kelly Gardner a Coordinator for Indiana Alliance of Rural Water presented Benton Faulkenburg with a completion of apprenticeship award. To receive this award, an apprentice must participate and fulfill 4,000 hours of on-the-job training, complete 288 hours of related technical construction and pass the IDEM certification test. Benton now holds his class 3's in wastewater certification.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Kevin Burke touched on the recent budget workshop for next year and stated the council has made their budget recommendations and the budget will be sent in for approval later this month.

Burke stated that school is starting back up tomorrow, August 12, 2025, and reminded everyone to pay attention, watch for people walking and school buses.

JULY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

08-11-2025 TOWN COUNCIL MTG
FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER

Meyer stated the VFD had a total of 24 runs for the month of July. He also announced that public safety day will be taking place on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Yellig Park where fire trucks will be on sight to view and there will be giveaways.

Meyer presented invoice #794025 from HD Construction which is for 2/3 of the bid price for material. Meyer provided an update on the VFD fire house renovations and stated the electricity is done, lighting is in, and they are waiting on one more cabinet and the countertops to come in and then it will be completed.

Michael Johannes made a motion to pay HD Construction in the amount of \$24,949.08. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried: 5-0

PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF

Zach Tischendorf said they held their first ever Kickball Night at the park where they had 2 kid's games and 1 adult game. He said everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it was a good start for the first time.

Tischendorf provided an update for the Master Plan for the park. Tischendorf stated it is completed, and Rundell Ernstberger Associates will be sending hard copies of the plan, and a link should be posted to the town website that will take you to the document for viewing.

A Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at the community center on August 25, 2025, from 1-6 p.m.

Tischendorf reported he is receiving appraisals from Bartlett and Associates and Appraisal Consultants for the property on Ashburn Road and Indiana 162, with one being completed and the other nearing completion. He said both companies are state licensed general appraisers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES FAULKENBURG

Chief James Faulkenburg stated with the first day of school starting tomorrow, August 12, 2025, the guys will be in full force following school buses around and making sure no one is running stop signs. Faulkenburg said they want to make sure the kids get to school safe on their first day and every day.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT RUSS LUTHY

TRAILS

Russ Luthy asked the council for approval in issuing a notice of award to Knies Construction from Jasper, IN.

Luthy said we received funding through the DNR next level trail program and were awarded \$792,000. He stated the trail will be one mile long and will start at the eastern end of Lincoln Boyhood Memorial on CR 1650, cross county road 325, cross school property by the tennis courts and soccer fields and then cross in front of Heritage Hills High School and terminate just on the east side of the high school.

Michael Johannes made a motion to issue a notice of award to Knies Construction. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried: 5-0

Luthy presented an invoice from Midwestern Engineers in the amount of \$4,542.05 to be paid from the Next Level Trail grant.

Patricia Vaal made a motion to pay \$4,542.05 to Midwestern Engineers. Jason Little seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried: 5-0

STREET DEPARTMENT

Russ Luthy presented an invoice from E & B Paving in the amount of \$457,570.02 to be paid from the Community Crossings grant fund.

Michael Johannes made a motion to pay \$457,570.02 to E & B Paving. Jason Little seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried: 5-0

Luthy provided an update on the paving in Holiday Village and said it is 98% complete. He stated they will be fixing the low shoulders and applying some shoulder stones.

Michael Johannes made a motion to pay \$4,600.00 to E & B Paving to be paid from local roads and streets. Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried: 5-0

Luthy said contractors have set a tentative date for August 25, 2025, to re-do the intersection at Clubhouse Road and Mt. Zion. The work will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

WASTEWATER

Russ Luthy presented pay request #14 from Performance Pipelining to be paid from Capital Projects. Jason Little made a motion to pay \$114,363.85 to Performance Pipelining. Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried: 5-0

Luthy presented an invoice from Midwestern Engineers for construction inspection for \$6,539.81. Patricia Vaal made a motion to pay \$6,539.81 to Midwestern Engineers. Michael Johannes seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried: 5-0

Jason Little made a motion to pay request #6 for additional work done at the Industrial Park by Performance Pipelining in the amount of \$257,684.65. Michael Johannes seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried: 5-0

WATER

Michael Johannes made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2025-03 AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 10.04.800 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OF CONTAMINANTS INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM. Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried: 5-0

Russ Luthy presented an invoice to be paid from Midwestern Engineers for a water main line to be ran from Holiday Village to Mariah Hill. Patricia Vaal made a motion to pay Midwestern Engineers in the amount of \$20,700 to be paid from County ARPA funds. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried: 5-0

Luthy stated the town's Annual Water Quality Report is now available on the town's website to view. He said if the public has any questions regarding the report to call the utility office and they will be happy to explain it.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Attorney, Kevin Patmore touched on the rezoning of the Industrial Park land sold to Dylan Warran. Patmore spoke to the planning commission, and they recommended zoning it as commercial. The council directed Patmore to reach out to Dylan Warran to see if he wanted to continue with commercial use of the land.

TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE

Patmore said he is working on the Wheel Tax. Patmore stated he was unsure when it will be implemented. The County would need to adopt it and the Town would receive a portion. Patmore believe the tax derives from automobile registrations, and the monies will go into the Community Crossings Fund. Patmore stated the fund is used for roads and transportation.

DEPUTY CLERK ABIGAIL GLENN

July Fund Balances:

General-\$7,632,430.19

Water-\$1,482,289.32

Wastewater-\$1,505,667.81

VOUCHERS

Jason Little made a motion to approve General vouchers in the amount of \$98,764.32 and Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0

Jason Little made a motion to approve Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$96,165.98 and Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0

Jason Little made a motion to approve Wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$69,929.64 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

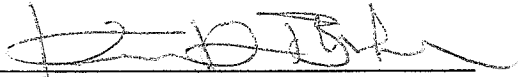
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

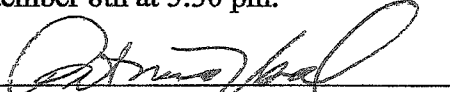
Michael Johannes made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 6:31 P.M. and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0

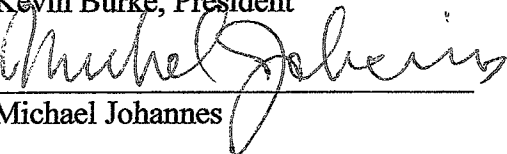
The next Town Council meeting will be September 8th at 5:30 pm.



Kevin Burke, President




Patricia Vaal, Vice President




Michael Johannes

Jason Little



Brian Warran

ATTEST:


Jane Lindsey, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer
via YouTube



Abigail Glenn, Deputy Clerk

SANTA CLAUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

ACTIVITY REPORT

July 1 – 31, 2025

First Responder (EMR) – 18

Fire Alarm – 1

Tree Fire – 1

Dumpster Fire – 1

CO Call with St Meinrad Fire – 1

Signal 9 – 1

Request for a Driver from Spencer County EAS - 1

24 - Total Runs

Santa Claus Park & Recreation Department

July 2025 Report

SCCC Memberships, Daily Admittance, Room Rentals

	Senior (62+)	Youth (14-17)	Adult	Daily	Big Room Hour Rental
July	20	12	69	11	21

Completed Projects

- Jim Yellig Park Master Plan
- Replaced field 1 water heater
- Painted Bollards at Park
- Pickleball lines at Community Center

New/Ongoing Projects

- Fall Sports/Bermuda Field Repair
- Ashburn Road/IN-162 Appraisals (one is complete)
- SCCC Minor Roof Repair (quoted at \$1,371; waiting to be added to the work schedule)
- Trail Maintenance

Upcoming Events

- Kickball Night – Friday, August 8th, 5-7 PM
- Touch a Truck – Saturday, August 16th, 10 AM – 1 PM
- Red Cross Blood Drive @ SCCC – Monday, August 25th, 1 – 6 PM

Items for Town Council/Redevelopment Commission

- Ashburn Road/IN-162 Appraisals: Bartlett & Associates Appraisal complete, Appraisal Consultants is near completion. Please advise on next steps once second appraisal is complete

**SANTA CLAUS INSPECTION REPORT
JULY 2025**

TOTAL PERMITS

5 Improvement Location
1 Building Permit
0 911 Addresses
0 Electrical

TOTAL INSPECTIONS

0 Temporary Electric
1 Footers
0 Foundations
0 Basement Walls
0 Waterproofing
1 Underground plumbing
2 Framing
0 Concrete
1 R.I. Electric
1 R.I. Plumbing
0 R.I. HVAC
10 General
0 Gas
0 Electric Meter
0 Solar
1 Final
0 Certificate of Occupancy

Reporting: July 1 – August 1

Misc. APC Meeting

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 July, 2025

Off-Duty Call Outs – 12
Citations for the Town of Santa Claus - 8

Warnings for Town of Santa Claus – 24

Crash reports for the Month - 14

Vehicle Inspections - 13

Domestic Disturbances- 2

Assist another Dept.- 6 See Attached

Medical Emergencies- 9

Disturbances - 56

Theft Reports - 2

Verbal Warnings - 0

Case reports/ Investigations- 20 / 56

Warrant Service- 1

Gun Permits- 1

Arrests- 1

Assist Motorist- 10

Christmas Lake Village Activity For July 2025

**Balthazar Dr – DCS Assist
Ornament Circle – Speak to Officer
Balthazar – Welfare Check
Blitzen - Domestic
CLV Gate House – Disorderly Conduct
CLV – Assist DCS
Madonna Drive – Vin Check
Tinsel Circle – Vin Check
CLV – EMS Run
Madonna Drive – Vin Check
CLV – EMS Run
Melchior Dr – PD Accident
Carol Dr – Welfare Check**

Reserve Hours Worked July 2025

**47-6 - Jazyk – 8
47-8 – Kennedy – 19
47-7 – Goffinet – 16
47-9 – Grieblebauer – 0**

Agency Assists; July 2025.

County – PI Crash
Dale – PD Crash
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County – PI Fatality Crash
ISP – Reckless Driver
County – Hit And Run

SANTA CLAUS UTILITY REPORT

PLANT INFORMATION

Treatment

July	2025	19.92	MG
July	2024	18.9	MG

Precipitation

July	2025	4.48	INCHES
July	2024	7.72	INCHES

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Process control testing 5 NH3 exceedances reported, plant O&M. Work continues with the AMP project. Upgrade made to communication network-specifically between treatment and CPU. Upgraded Ditch Rotor (#4 Slot-from May '25 report) ordered, ETA mid-July

COLLECTION SYSTEM

SSO(s)	0
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OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Routine station and maintenance checks. Sewer main and lateral rehab ongoing. L.S. Upgrade job awarded to Jochem Tech.

LATERAL INSPECTIONS

REVOLVING TOTAL LATERAL INSPECTIONS	38		Pipelining complete
NEW IN: July	3		
COC'S			
COC'S COMPLETED	3		
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#		
NO REPAIRS	3		Safety
EXEMPT LATERALS	#		As of July 31, 2025, no Lost Time injuries
			1 field/1 compound assessment(s) completed
			Compound, fire exting.'s and eyewash stations checked
			Will need to appoint safety coordinator

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. CCG Paving project 90% complete.

WATER AND WORK ORDERS

WORK ORDERS- TOTAL RECEIVED	#	34
WORK ORDERS- COMPLETED	#	34
WORK ORDERS- PENDING	#	0

OPEN ACTION ITEMS –Water

2024 Validated Water Audit submitted to IFA.