

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on September 9, 2024, at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Patricia Vaal.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Kevin Burke

Also, Present: Clerk-Treasurer; Jane Lindsey, Town Attorney; Kevin Patmore, Park Superintendent; Zach Tischendorf; Utility Superintendent, Russ Luthy, Building Inspector Todd Hays, Police Chief James Faulkenburg and Fire Chief Max Meyer

MINUTES

Jason Little made a motion to approve the August 12, 2024 meeting minutes and Michael Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR-

Seth Windell from Raymond James discussed changing our John Hancock retirement account to Raymond James and allow himself to become the advisor. Windell answered all questions from the Council and Clerk-Treasurer. Windell stated that there would be no cost to the Town. Clerk-Treasurer stated that it would be a benefit to current and future employees to have a representative right here in town where they could go on their lunch breaks or after work for questions or to make changes.

Michael Johannes made the motion to change the brokerage to Raymond James and the advisor to Seth Windell. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Kevin Burke was absent from the meeting. Michael Johannes reported that the Association of Amusement Parks awarded Holiday World three Golden Ticket awards. These awards are given not just to amusement parks in the United States but all over the world. Holiday World was given Best New Theme Concept for Good Gravy ride. Innovation of the Year award for their light show. Best Waterpark Ride for Wildebeest.

The Council recognized Holiday World as an outstanding park.

AUGUST REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER

Max Meyer reported that Medicine Cleanout Day will be held on October 26th from 7 am until 12 pm. This event will be held at the fire station. Meyer also reported that a burn ban was in place until further notice. Meyer

said that the new chassis for the brand-new fire truck should be delivered at the end of this week or beginning of next week.

PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF

Zach Tischendorf reported that the Touch a Truck event was a big success. Tischendorf reported the next event on the schedule would be Trick or Treat Trail. This Halloween event will take place on October 26th from 11 am until 1 pm at Yellig Park. Tischendorf also reported that he hired a new employee to replace Meghan Orgas in her retirement. Toni Bender will be filling that open position. Orgas has been an employee with the town for 10 years and the town wishes her well as she enjoys retirement life. Tischendorf also made an employment offer to Jessi Mullen for the new position of part-time administrative assistant. Tischendorf presented a quote from REA for the design of the new park plan. Tischendorf requested the quote be approved to enable REA to move forward with the design.

Michael Johannes made the motion to use \$35,000 from the CREDIT fund to pay REA for the new park design and plans. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None
Motion carried 4-0

Tischendorf also reported that he has not heard back from the Readi 2.0 grant request. The Readi 2.0 request for funds to be applied toward a mountain bike trail.

BUILDING INSPECTOR TODD HAYS

Todd Hays reported on a house located on Prancer that was built on an easement and was issued a zoning violation. Hays stated that the owner and contractors were understanding and were going to move the part of the house that was built on the easement. Hays reported that he has received two complaints, one involving chicken within town limits and the other regarding a vehicle up on stands in a driveway. Hays stated that he would be sending a letter to the owners with the car on stands. Kevin Patmore, Attorney stated that there is no ordinance in place to ban homeowners from having chickens on their property if they are restrained. Hays reported that the Back 9 has dropped off new plans at the Clerk-Treasurer's office last Thursday. Russ Luthy is reviewing and will be giving the Back 9 the list of changes that need to be made if any.

POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES FAULKENBURG

James Faulkenburg spoke to the Council about purchasing new guns for the department. Faulkenburg stated he would like to switch to a 9 mm like the county and State police are using. Faulkenburg stated this would allow all departments to share ammunition in an emergency. Faulkenburg said some of the current guns the department has are 15 years old. Michael Johannes asked Faulkenburg what would happen with the old guns and Faulkenburg replied they will do a buy back program. Faulkenburg will get a quote from Dave's Gun Shop. Faulkenburg stated he will get donations for the holsters in the amount of \$1000.

Jason Little made the motion to purchase new guns for the police department in the amount of \$5,417.94 to be paid from the Rainy-Day fund. Michael Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None
Motion carried 4-0

Faulkenburg said he is working on vehicle maintenance including brakes, rotors and oil changes.

TRAILS RUSS LUTHY

Russ Luthy updated information on the Next Level Trail. Luthy stated the surveyors have completed the utilities portion. The timeline for completion is expected to be Fall of next year.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Russ Luthy reported that IDEM completed their audit, and the town passed with no deficiencies. Luthy congratulated his department for a job well done. Luthy said he applied for the Safe Street Grant as presented during the previous council meeting. Luthy said he expected to receive more information by the end of November regarding their application.

WASTEWATER

Russ Luthy stated the new employee Chuck Painter was doing an excellent job and Luthy would like to give Painter a \$1.00/hour raise retro to 60 day probationary period ending date.

Michael Johannes made the motion to approve a pay increase for Chuck Painter in the amount of \$1.00/hour retro to 60 probationary period ending date. Jason Little seconded to motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

OSHA

No lost time injuries

WATER RUSS LUTHY

Luthy presented Pay Request #6 from Copper Ridge in the amount of \$277,372.91 to be paid from the EDA fund. Michael Johannes made the motion to pay Copper Ridge Pay Request #6 in the amount of \$277,372.91 to be paid from the EDA fund. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Luthy presented Invoice # 202108901-09 in the amount of \$30,283.69 for Midwest Engineering for construction inspections to be paid from Water Capital. Michael Johannes made the motion to approve Invoice # 202108901-09 from Midwest Engineering in the amount of \$30,283.69. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Luthy stated that the Lead Testing's first reporting was completed, and the town remains in compliance with the Lead Testing requirements. Luthy said that the water department will be sending surveys to homeowners. Luthy asks in you receive a survey that you take the time to complete it and return.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE

Attorney Kevin Patmore gave an update on the communication with CenterPoint regarding the street light project. CenterPoint reached out to Patmore via email and reported that they have 22 lights left on the list to replace or repair. There are only 6 of the original reported lights that have not been replaced or repaired. These original 6 on the list require repairs on the underground cable.

CLERK TREASURER JANE LINDSEY

Clerk-Treasurer Jane Lindsey presented a Conflict of Interest for Zach Tischendorf. Lindsey stated that Tischendorf has recently acquired ownership of Pumpkins and More and Lindsey stated that the Clerk-Treasurer's office has always purchased Mums, pumpkins and other Fall décor for the Town Hall from Pumpkins and More. Lindsey asked the Council to approve the Conflict of Interest so they could proceed with doing business with this local business. Jason Little made the motion to approve the Conflict of Interest for Zach Tischendorf. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Lindsey presented Resolution 2024-02 a resolution to reduce funds in the 2024 budget to fund the 2025 budget. Michael Johannes made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 as presented. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Lindsey presented Resolution 2024-03 a resolution to transfer \$5,000 from Rainy Day to Redevelopment Commission in order to fund the 2025 budget. Jason Little made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 as presented. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2024-06 AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES for the first reading. Lindsey read the proposed budget lines items with fund account, fund name and amount budgeted for the public and Council. Jason Little approved the first reading of Ordinance 2024-06 AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES as read and presented. Michael Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

Lindsey asked the Council what fund they would like donation checks from Pat Arnold's memorial deposited into. Lindsey stated that they have received two checks thus far. Patricia Vaal stated that the family had intended that the donations go to the park donation fund. The council all agreed that the park donation fund was appropriate. Jason Little made the motion to direct the Clerk-Treasurer to deposit all memorial donations made to the Town from Pat Arnold's friends and family to the park donation fund. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

August Fund Balances:

General \$6,201,101.82

Water-\$1,703,151.85

Wastewater-\$3,849,258.56

VOUCHERS

Jason Little made a motion to approve General vouchers in the amount of \$71,719.11 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 \$136,168.14 and Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0

Jason Little made a motion to approve Wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$66,300.44 and Michael Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0


MISC

ADJOURNMENT

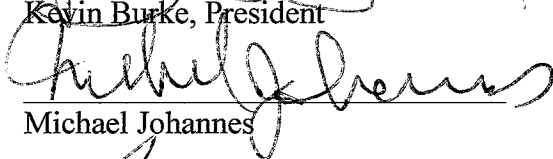
Brian Warran made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 7:15 P.M. and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0


The next Town Council meeting will be October 14th at 5:30 pm.



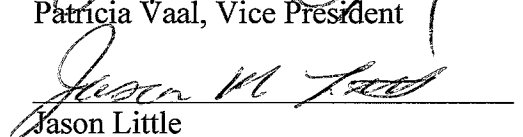
Kevin Burke, President




Michael Johannes



Patricia Vaal, Vice President

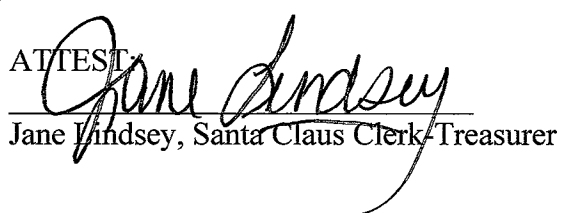


Jason Little



Brian Warran

ATTEST:



Jane Lindsey, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer

SANTA CLAUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

ACTIVITY REPORT

August 1 - 31, 2024

First Responder (EMR) – 17

Fire - 2

Water Rescue Assist -1

Fire Alarm - 2

22 - Total Runs

MEDICINE CABINET CLEAN OUT OCTOBER 26 7 TO 12 AT THE FIRE STATION

SANTA CLAUS INSPECTION REPORT

AUGUST 2024

TOTAL PERMITS

4 Improvement Location
4 Building Permit
0 911 Addresses
0 Electrical

TOTAL INSPECTIONS

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

Reporting: August1 – Sept , 2024

Misc. : APC & BOZA

Dealing with Zoning violation on a new build at 414 W Prancer Dr. North.

Santa Claus Park & Recreation Department

August 2024 Report

SCCC Memberships, Daily Admittance, Room Rentals

	Senior (62+)	Youth (14-17)	Adult	Daily	Big Room Hour Rental
August	17	12	33	6	8

Completed Projects

- Touch a Truck

New/Ongoing Projects

- DNR/LWCF Grant
- Trail maintenance
- Basketball court resurfacing
- Fall sports
- Trick or Treat Trail – October 26th 11 AM – 1 PM @ Yellig

Items for Town Council/Redevelopment Commission

- Design estimates for Yellig Park/DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$35,000 from REA)
- Dissolution of Commission Fund for community center rentals, Ordinance 1st reading
- Town procurement bid limit, Ordinance 1st reading

Town of Santa Claus

TOWN COUNCIL AND
OFFICE OF THE CLERK-TREASURER



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Santa Claus Police Department Activity for August ,2024

Off Duty Call Out's – 9
Citations for Town of Santa Claus - 3
Warnings for Town of Santa Claus – 9
Crash reports for the Month - 8
Vehicle Inspections - 4
Domestic Disturbances- 8
Assist another Depts.- 17 See Attached
Medical Emergencies- 7
Disturbances - 87
Theft Reports - 1
Verbal Warnings - 0
Case reports/ Investigations- 9 / 86
Warrant Service- 1
Gun Permits- 1
Arrests- 4
Assist Motorist- 4

Christmas Lake Village Activity For August 2024

**Melchoir Dr - Warrant
Prancer - Alarm
Chestnut By the Fire – PO Violation
Melchoir Dr – Kidnapping
Kasper Dr – Hit and Run
Snowball – Car Door open
Snowball – Garage Door Open
Jingle Bell – Open Door
Evergreen – Open Door
Chestnut By the Fire – Crash PD
Silent Ln – Suspicious activity
Shepherds Ln – Medical run
Kasper – Trsh Can on Fire**

Reserve Hours Worked August 2024

47-6 - Jazyk – 8

47-8 – Kennedy – 16

47-7 – Goffinet – 16

47-9 – Griebelbauer - 0

Agency Assists; August 2024.

Dale PD -Stones Fight
County – Suspicious Person

Dale – Domestic
Dale – Alarm
County – Accident PI
County – Accident PI
ISP – Warrant
County – Medical
County – Lamar Suicidal person
Gentryville – Domestic
Dale – Suicidal Juvenile
Dale – Break in
County – Accident PI
County – Accident PI Fulda Short Cut
County – Accident PI 62
Dale – Alarm
Dale – Alarm Dale Bible Church

PLANT INFORMATION

Treatment

August	2024	14.50	MG
August	2023	14.64	MG

Precipitation

August	2024	1.85	INCHES
August	2023	5.21	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. DMR QA/QC proficiency testing complete and submitted.

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 #19, #13, #5 L.S.'s. Damage to equipment following power interruption at end of month.

LATERAL INSPECTIONS

REVOLVING TOTAL LATERAL INSPECTIONS		19		CIPP (To Date)
NEW IN: August 24	#	0		Mainline Prep (ft.) 28,447
COC'S				Mainline Install (ft.) 9566
COC'S COMPLETED	#	0		Lateral Prep (ea.) 51
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	0		Lateral Line (ft.) 174
NO REPAIRS	#	0		Safety
EXEMPT LATERALS	#	0		As of August 1, 2024, no Lost Time injuries
YEAR TO DATE				3 field assessments completed
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	4		
NO REPAIRS	#	15		
EXEMPT	#	0		

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. Ditching along Ashburn Dr., Brown Rd. and compound entrance. Prep for '24/25 Paving. CCM Grant application submitted.

WATER AND WORK ORDERS

WORK ORDERS- TOTAL RECEIVED	#	21
WORK ORDERS- COMPLETED	#	21
WORK ORDERS- PENDING	#	0

OPEN ACTION ITEMS –Water

EDA water line project back on track. 700K gal el. tank spring punch-list items, paint touch-up and ground restoration complete.

RESOLUTION 2024-02 Reduce 2024 Budget to Fund 2025 Budget Approved by Town Council

RESOLUTION 2024-02

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is necessary to reduce the following Fund accounts within the Town of Santa Claus 2024 Budget to fund the 2025 Town of Santa Claus Budget:

This Resolution shall be in full force and effective from and after its motion to approve by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, IN.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT REDUCED BY</u>
2201-REG. MVH	\$ 47,000.00
2203-RESTRICTED MVH	\$ 200,000.00
2202-LRS	\$ 50,000.00
4424-CCB	\$ 40,000.00
4402-CCD	\$ 225,000.00
4260-CCF	\$ 130,000.00
4408-INDUSTRIAL PARK	\$ 50,000.00
4445-TIF A & C	\$ 250,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 992,000.00</u>

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Santa Claus Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana on September 9, 2024.

Kevin Burke, President

Patricia Vaal, Vice President

Michael Johannes, Member

Jason Little, Member

Brian Warran, Member

Attest: Jane Lindsey
Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2024-03

WHEREAS, monies are needed in various departments of the following Funds for the 2024 budget year and will be posted after approval by the governing body by December 31, 2024 before roll over of new year;

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana, the following sum of money is hereby transferred for the budget year 2024 into the account named subject to the laws governing same.

Department-

Rainy Day to Redevelopment Commission

FROM FUND:	TO FUND:	AMOUNT
<u>2236</u>	<u>2570</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

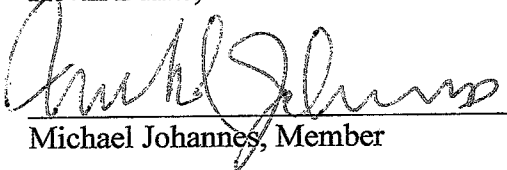
Total Amount of all Town Council approved transfers for Resolution 2024-03 \$5,000.

Adopted on this 9th day of September, 2024, by the Santa Claus Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana.

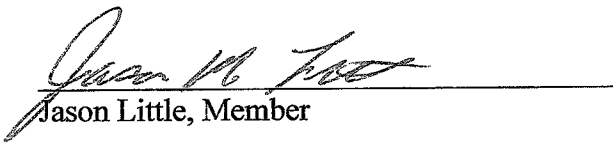
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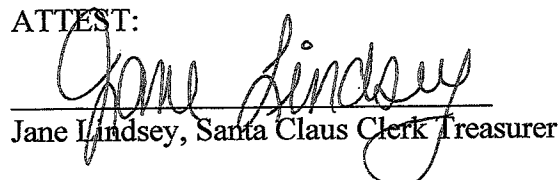
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Jason Little, Member



Brian Warran, Member

ATTEST:


Jane Lindsey, Santa Claus Clerk Treasurer