

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on May 13, 2024 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, Patrica Vaal, Mike Johannes and Brian Warran

Absent: Jason Little

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

MINUTES

Mike Johannes made a motion to approve the 04-08-2024 meeting minutes and Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR-

Al Salhoff a community member who lives in the Christmas Lake Village expressed concern about his neighbor burying large amounts of deceased animals. Mr. Salhoff presented pictures of the funeral ceremonies she holds prior to the burial. The Church of Latter-day Saints based out of Louisville comes and digs the holes for her. Salhoff requested the Council either establish a pet cemetery or have regulations regarding the depth, size and number of holes that can be utilized for pet burial. This was taken under advisement until further research can be done. James Faulkenburg reported that he did write a citation to the pet owner in question for nuisance under the animal ordinance.

Todd Grundhoefer from Back 9 gave an update for his project to build condos along the golf course. Grundhoefer said he is getting the final details from Cash Wagnor and will have all the required documentation to the APC board at their June meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kevin Burke announced the opening of Holiday World and said the Town is looking forward to welcoming the tourist that choose Santa Claus, IN as their vacation destination.

APRIL REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER

Max Meyer wanted to discuss the renovation to the upstairs of the fire house. Patricia Vaal stated that the building was built in 2012 and the upstairs still has not been completed. Max Meyer stated he has a quote of \$62,027 to finish everything including adding bathing facilities. Meyer stated that this was just an estimate and

if the Council wants to move forward on the renovation that Meyer will send out for bids. Kevin Patmore, Attorney said that he would need to research whether the renovations would need to include an elevator to make it ADA accessible. Vall stood firmly on the fact it needed to be completed and the funds should be made available.

PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF

Zach Tischendorf reported that the gym membership transition has been completed. Tischendorf also reported that a speed radar has been installed near Yellig Park. Mike Johannes complimented the parks department on the landscaping that Zach and his team had done in front of the liquor store. Everyone agreed that the new landscaping look great.

Zach Tischendorf and Clerk Treasurer Jane Lindsey attended a brainstorming session for an indoor/outdoor sports complex. Tischendorf stated that this was the first step in a feasibility study. Lindsey stated the study was presented to the public by the Visitor's Bureau and Community Foundation and paid for by a Lily grant they received. Tischendorf shared that there were two sessions and the morning session that Tischendorf and Lindsey attended was full.

BUILDING INSPECTOR TODD HAYS

Todd Hays reported the building that was previously sold by the Town to Tom Gunn has been demolished as per the agreement. Community member Lisa Gengelbach asked Hays about the requirements to condemn a house as unsafe and if she could obtain a copy of the permit that was issued to fix the foundation on a home in Christmas Lake Village. Hays responded that all permits are public record and a copy could be received from the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Clerk Treasurer gave Lisa Gengelbach the office hours for the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES FAULKENBURG

Patricia Vaal asked Chief Faulkenburg for an update on the bullying situation that has been on the news and social media. Faulkenburg stated that it is an active investigation and he will keep the Council up to date. Faulkenburg reported the opening day of Holiday World went well. Faulkenburg stated they have 10 traffic control officers lined up this season. Mike Johannes stated that we have an unusual circumstance that Holiday World pays for the traffic control officers and in other areas that responsibility falls on the town. Johannes said we are thankful that Holiday World shelters that cost for the town. Faulkenburg also thanked the Sheriff for deputizing some of the jailors to help with the traffic control this year.

TRAILS RUSS LUTHY

Russ Luthy said the Next Level Trail agreement has been finalized and we will move forward in the bidding process.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Russ Luthy attended the 2024 INDOT SW Indiana Safety Summit. The main goal for this year's summit was focused on reducing traffic fatalities.

05-13-2024 TOWN COUNCIL MTG

Russ Luthy asked the Council to entertain the idea of paving Old SR 162 especially in the southern portion this will allow the North end of the Lincoln Discovery Trail to access Yellig Park easier. After discussion this was tabled for further research. Luthy stated he is looking at installing lights at some of the trail crossings for the safety of the pedestrians. Mike Johannes stated that he knows of at least 3 of them that are needed. At Casey's, Circle S and Kasper. Johannes stated that the one at Holiday World's employee entrance cost \$45,000. Kevin Burke stated that at the minimum the Town could install warning signs at these crossings for the trail users. Zach Tischendorf said that the signs could possibly be installed on the bollards.

WASTEWATER

Russ Luthy presented a pay request from Performance Pipeline in the amount of \$19,746.68 and asked the Council to approve for payment. Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve Performance Pipeline invoice #2023059-02 in the amount of \$19,746.68. Mike Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None
Motion carried 4-0

Russ Luthy presented a pay request from Midwest Engineering invoice #2023059-03 in the amount of \$11,811.01. Mike Johannes made the motion to approve Midwest Engineering invoice #2023059-03 in the amount of \$11,811.01. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None
Motion carried 4-0

Russ Luthy asked the Council to create a new position in the utility department titled Supervisor 2. Kevin Burke stated he has spoke to the water board and they agree to create the position of Supervisor 2. Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey asked if this new position would be salary or hourly. Luthy stated the position would be hourly with a maximum of \$35/hour. Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve creating a new utility position titled Supervisor 2 with an hourly rate up to \$35/hour. Mike Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None
Motion carried 4-0

Luthy reported to the Council that the estimate for the Old 245 project came back higher than originally expected. Luthy asked the Council to amend the engineering amount from the \$50,000 that was voted on during the April meeting to up to \$85,000. Mike Johannes made the motion to increase the contract with Midwest Engineering to not exceed \$85,000. Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None
Motion carried 4-0

Luthy requested a .60/hour pay raise for Ashley Hall as she has successfully completed her 60-day orientation period retroactive to April 13th. Mike Johannes made the motion to approve a \$.60/hour raise for Ashley Hall retroactive to April 13th. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None
Motion carried 4-0

OSHA

No lost time injuries

WATER RUSS LUTHY

Luthy reported that the current water line project had been shut down by IDEM due to permit issues. The corrected documents have been filed and now waiting on IDEM to approve so work can resume.

Luthy presented Pay Request #2 from Copper Ridge in the amount of \$567,277.34 to be paid from the EDA fund. Mike Johannes made the motion to pay Copper Ridge Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$567,277.34 to be paid from the EDA fund. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None
Motion carried 4-0

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE

Kevin Patmore reported that he received the list of street lights needing repaired or replaced in Christmas Lake Village to go with the letter he has written. Russ Luthy stated that anyone reporting outages with street lights need to contact the utility office.

CLERK TREASURER JANE LINDSEY

Jane Lindsey asked the Council for permission to add a closet in the Council room for document storage. Lindsey stated that this additional closet should give her 2-2 ½ years of additional storage. Lindsey said since it would be altering the Council room, she wanted approval from the Council to move forward with pricing however Lindsey did not expect the cost to exceed the \$5,000 limit department heads could spend without prior approval. Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve the addition of a closet in the Town Hall Council room not to exceed \$5000.00. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: None
Motion carried 4-0

April Fund Balances:

General-\$5,595,052.88

Water-\$1,886,507.40

Wastewater-\$4,631,837.42

VOUCHERS

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve General vouchers in the amount of \$88,758.38 and Brian Warran seconded the motion.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0

Mike Johannes made a motion to approve Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$85,373.02 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve Wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$363,246.04 and Mike Johannes seconded the motion.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0

MISC

Patricia Vaal shared that she attended the celebration of James Martin that was held at the Santa Claus Museum. James Martin started writing the letters from Santa in 1914. Vaal presented a Key to the Town to the family during this celebration event.

ADJOURNMENT

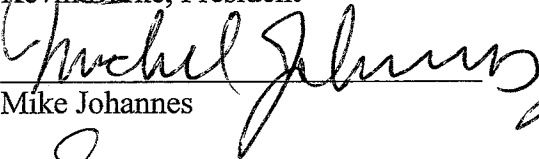
Brian Warran made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 7:36 P.M. and Mike Johannes seconded the motion.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 4-0

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

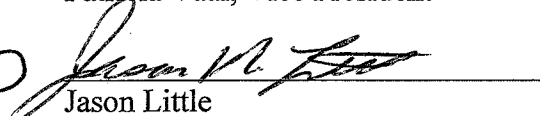


Kevin Burke, President


Patricia Vaal, Vice President



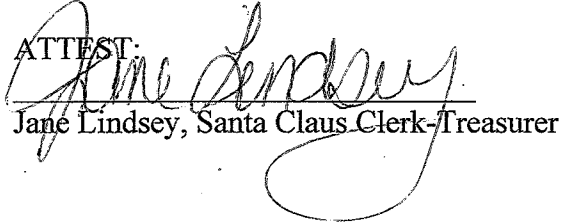
Mike Johannes



Jason Little



Brian Warran

ATTEST:


Jane Lindsey, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer

SANTA CLAUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

ACTIVITY REPORT

April 1 -30, 2024

First Responder (EMR) – 18

18- Total Runs

MEDICINE CABINET CLEAN OUT DAY COLLECTED 94.8 POUNDS

BBQ SATURDAY JUNE 29^H SERVING STARTS AT 11AM

Santa Claus Park & Recreation Department

April 2024 Report

SCCC Memberships, Daily Admittance, Room Rentals

	Senior (62+)	Youth (14-17)	Adult	Daily	Big Room Hour Rental
April	22	13	79	5	

Completed Projects

- Gym Membership System Transition
- Installed speed radar sign at park
- SCCC Foyer window installation

New/Ongoing Projects

- Master Plan Update/DNR Grant
- Basketball court resurfacing
- Landscape beds at LJ Koch/IN-162
- Surplus equipment auction

Items for Town Council/Redevelopment Commission

Town of Santa Claus

TOWN COUNCIL AND
OFFICE OF THE CLERK-TREASURER



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SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA 47579
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Santa Claus Police Department Activity for April ,2024

Off Duty Call Out's – 10
Citations for Town of Santa Claus - 6

Warnings for Town of Santa Claus – 64

Crash reports for the Month - 1

Vehicle Inspections - 6

Domestic Disturbances- 1

Assist another Depts.- 6 See Attached

Medical Emergencies- 3

Disturbances - 30

Theft Reports - 0

Verbal Warnings - 2

Case reports/ Investigations- 3/30

Warrant Service- 0

Gun Permits- 1

Arrests- 0

Assist Motorist- 5

Christmas Lake Village Activity For April 2024

**South Balthazar – Drugs
Dasher – Burglary Alarm
Candy Cane LN – Traffic Hazard
Shepherds LN – Vin Check
Tinsel Circle – Vin Check
December 25th -Lock-out
Sleigh Bell – Burn Complaint**

PLANT INFORMATION

Treatment

April	2024	23.69	MG
April	2023	20.21	MG

Precipitation

Apr	2024	6.71	INCHES
Apr	2023	2.56	INCHES

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Process control testing, plant O&M. Work continues on the AMP project. Ox. ditch rotor repaired by town forces. Inlet distributor for O2 ditch received- Install being scheduled. Digested sludge hauling begins. Digester air diffusers being removed and cleaned by contractor.

COLLECTION SYSTEM

SSO(s)	0
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OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Routine station and maintenance checks. Sewer main and lateral rehab ongoing. Repair gravity main on Kaspar. Work on #19, #13, #5 L.S.'s

LATERAL INSPECTIONS

REVOLVING TOTAL LATERAL INSPECTIONS		12	CIPP (To Date)
NEW IN: Apr. 24	#	2	Mainline Prep (ft.) 18,247
COC'S			Mainline Install (ft.) 5649
COC'S COMPLETED	#	1	Lateral Prep (ea.) 51
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	2	Lateral Line (ea.)
NO REPAIRS	#	0	Safety
EXEMPT LATERALS	#	0	No Lost Time injuries
YEAR TO DATE			4 field Assessments conducted
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	2	Eye wash stations flushed and operated
NO REPAIRS	#	7	2 facility checks
EXEMPT	#	3	1 st aid kits checked and upgraded

STREETS

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

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Assist other depts as needed. Culvert inspections, veh/equip maint and repair, road inspections. Ditching along: Utility Dr., CR 750, and Pro Super Bowl. Prep for '24/25 Paving. Complaint regarding culvert under Brown Road and Walnut Dr.

WATER AND WORK ORDERS

WORK ORDERS- TOTAL RECEIVED	#	22
WORK ORDERS- COMPLETED	#	22
WORK ORDERS- PENDING	#	0

OPEN ACTION ITEMS –Water

EDA water line project halted due to SWWPP deficiencies. 400K gal El. tank Interior/exterior cleaned/inspected. 700K gal el. tank spring punch-list items, paint touch-up and ground restoration.