

6-8--2026 TOWN COUNCIL MTG

The Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on June 8, 2026, 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, Clerk-Treasurer & Media

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey; Town Attorney, Kevin Patmore; Police Chief, Chris King; Parks Director, Zach Tischendorf; Fire Chief, Max Meyer and Building Inspector, Todd Hayes.

MINUTES

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve May 11, 2026, minutes and Michael Johannes seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried: 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Kevin Burke wanted to remind everyone to be watching for children crossing streets and riding bikes as more people are coming to our community utilizing the parks and trails.

REPORTS

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER

Max Meyer stated June 27th will be the annual BBQ dinner from 11am until sell out. Meyer recommended getting there early as the dinners sell out quickly each year. Meyer has applied for the AFG grant for 12 sets of turnout gears to replace gear aged between 17 and 26 years old. The grant request totals approximately \$56,400 based on \$4700 per gear set. Fire trucks have completed maintenance including AC compressor repair and belt replacement. The HVAC system upgrade is nearly finished, allowing remote temperature control via phones.

PARK & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF

Zach Tischendorf reported that a public comment meeting for the LWCF grant application will occur at the July 8th park board meeting at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Tischendorf said the bridge strips that were purchased through a grant are slated for installation with volunteer support from Spencer Industries on upcoming Wednesday and Friday. Tischendorf reported that Weyer Electric has given a preliminary sports lighting estimate of \$72,000.

BUILDING INSPECTOR TODD HAYS

Todd Hays gave an update on the Frosty Falls apartment complex. Hays said there have been delays due to soil compaction issues requiring a switch from slab foundations to basements or crawl spaces. New drawings are being submitted to the State.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHRIS KING

Chris King informed the Council that JAWS was repairing the SRO vehicle. King stated that since the engine had been replaced and only had 74,000 miles on it. King felt it was more cost effective to repair at this time to extend the life of the car a couple more years. Clerk-Treasurer Jane Lindsey stated the equipment repair fund was already in the negative and that funds would need to be transferred from equipment to the equipment repair to cover the expense. Lindsey presented Resolution 2026-04 Transfer of funds in the amount of \$10,000 for Council review. Michael Johannes made the motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$10,000 for approval. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried: 5-0

Chief King introduced his new deputy, Tim Bowles. Bowles comes to Santa Claus PD from Tell City where he was a reserve. Bowles was honored as the Reserve Officer of the Year in 2023 and 2024. The Council welcomed Bowles to the Santa Claus Police Department.

TRAILS

Jane Lindsey submitted pay request #2 for Knies Construction in the amount of \$92,690.82. Lindsey stated that this payment will be paid out of the Next Level Trail Grant. Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey stated that the Next Level Trail Grant is a reimbursement grant and that she will pay the approved invoice and then submit a claim for payment from the grant.

Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve Knies Construction's pay request #2 in the amount of \$92,690.82 to be paid from the Next Level Grant. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried: 5-0

Lindsey presented CHA invoice #108086-20 in the amount of \$3657.50. Jason Little made the motion to approve CHA (Midwestern Engineering) Invoice # 108086-20 in the amount of \$3657.50. Michael Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried: 5-0

STREET DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Cash Wagner has completed the survey. Russ Luthy has reviewed and approved.

WASTEWATER

Nothing to report

WATER

The discussion from the May meeting about revising the language in the water application and agreement for the out-of-town water customers continued during this meeting. The Water Board has requested that the Town Council remove language that includes waiving customer rights to future annexation and zoning regulations. Attorney Kevin Patmore strongly advised the Town Council not to proceed with the language changes. Patmore gave multiple examples of the importance of keeping the language in the agreements to protect most of the community members and the Town. Scot Elliott spoke on removing the language for residential customers with a 1-inch meter or less as a compromise. Patmore shared his opinion that that would not protect the Town as there are multiple ways to work around this. Kevin Burke shared his opposition to changing the language. After a long discussion Jason Little made the motion to remove the annexation and zoning language for residential customers with a 1 inch or less meter. Michael Johannes seconded the motion.
Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 Motion carried: 3-2

Scot Elliott wanted to revise the utility documents and make it effective immediately. Kevin Burke suggested that this change be implemented until the new documents were created. Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey stated that the documents should be reviewed by Kevin Patmore prior to implementation. Elliott stated that there was no need for legal review and the Water Board could create the necessary documents.

TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE

Nothing to report

CLERK-TREASURER

Jane Lindsey presented the June disbursement for the FIT and CVET taxes. Lindsey stated that in the past these funds were distributed among several funds. Lindsey stated that if the funds were not put into the general fund, then the Council would have to vote on how they were deposited. Lindsey provided a copy of the law and the breakdown of how the December FIT and CVET taxes were distributed. Patricia Vaal made the motion to utilize the same breakdown as the previous deposits. Jason Little seconded the motion.
Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried: 5-0

Lindsey presented the Council with preliminary plans for a Town Hall renovation and cost estimate. Lindsey stated that she hopes the Council will have time to review and provide feedback during the budget hearings.

Lindsey presented the Council with the interlocal agreement with the health department concerning the Town Hall sign. Lindsey has applied for a grant from the Visitor's Bureau to update the sign making it more visible to advertise community events. Lindsey stated that the sign is in a heavily traveled location and having a more visible and easier to read sign verses the current scrolling one will benefit the community members as well as the visitors for announcements and events.

MISC

VOUCHERS

Jason Little made a motion to approve General vouchers in the amount of \$206,310.98 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried: 5-0

Jason Little made a motion to approve Wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$169,435.37 and Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried: 5-0

Jason Little made a motion to approve Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$107,072.45 and Michael Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried: 5-0

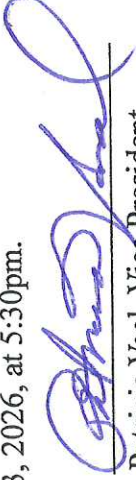
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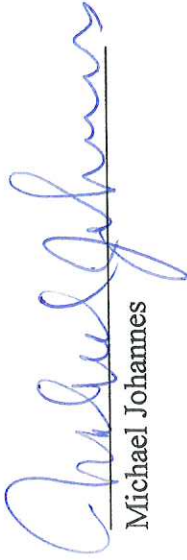
Brian Warran made a motion to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 6:30 pm and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None Motion carried: 5-0

The next Town Council meeting will be July 13, 2026, at 5:30pm.

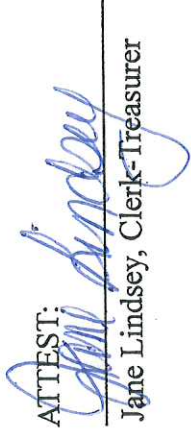

Kevin Burke, President


Patricia Vaal, Vice President


Michael Johannes

Jason Little


Brian Warran

ATTEST:

Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer

SANTA CLAUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

ACTIVITY REPORT

May 1st – 31st, 2026

First Responder (EMR) – 22

Fire -1

Disregard (Signal 9) - 2

25 - Total Runs

ANNUAL BBQ – JUNE 27TH SERVING STARTS AT 11AM

Santa Claus Park & Recreation Department

May 2026 Report

SCCC Memberships, Daily Admittance, Room Rentals

	Senior (62+)	Youth (14-17)	Adult	Daily	Big Room Hour Rental
May	20	18	98	13	10

Upcoming Events

- Co-ed softball/kickball nights, dates/times TBD

Completed Projects

- Spring Sports

New/Ongoing Projects

- Community Center Foyer Restroom, near completion
- Bridge Grip Strips (Spencer Industries Volunteer Date, TBD)
- Grass planting, Kaspar Gate Landscape Bed (Key Associates Volunteer Day June 18th)
- Park sports light/pole replacement (\$72,000 for soccer field)
- LWCF Grant Application, public comment meeting July 8th during monthly Park & Rec Board meeting

Items for Town Council/Redevelopment Commission

SANTA CLAUS INSPECTION REPORT

May 2026

TOTAL PERMITS

6 Improvement Location
2 Building Permit
1 911 Addresses
1 Electrical Permit

TOTAL INSPECTIONS

0 Temporary Electric
1 Footers
1 Foundations
0 Underground plumbing
1 Framing
0 Concrete
2 R.I. Electric
2 R.I. Plumbing
2 R.I. HVAC
7 General
0 Gas
0 Electric Meter
1 Final
1 Certificate of Occupancy

Reporting: May 1 – June 1, 2026

Misc. : No APC meeting

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SANTA CLAUS POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

May 2026

Off duty call outs = 0

Citations for the Town of Santa Claus = 4

Warnings for the Town of Santa Claus = 17

Crash reports for the month = 6

Vehicle Inspections = 9

Domestic Disturbances = 2

Assist another depts. = 5

Medical Emergencies = 5

Disturbances = 17

Theft Reports = 4

Verbal Warnings = 0

Case reports = 10

Warrant Service = 0

Gun Permits = 0

Arrests = 0

Assist Motorist = 1

Christmas Lake Village Activity

1. SNOWFLAKE LANE = NOISE COMPLAINT
2. SLED RUN = VANDALISM COMPLAINT
3. EVERGREEN PLAZA = CIVILIAN COMPLAINT
4. MELCHOIR DR. S. = D.C.S. ASSIST
5. SOUTH BALTHAZAR DR. = VIN CHECK
6. SHEPHARDS LN = THREAT INVESTIGATION
7. ORNAMENT LN SOUTH = VIN CHECK
8. CHESTNUT BY THE FIRE=VIN CHECK
9. VILLAGE ?? = VIN CHECK
10. VILLAGE ?? = SPEAK TO OFFICER
11. C.L.V. GENERAL = TRAFFIC COMPLAINT
12. MELCHOIR DR. = DOMESTIC
13. STAR DRIVE = VIN CHECK

Agency Assists

1. COUNTY PI ACCIDENT
2. COUNTY CUSTODY / DOMESTIC DISPUTE
3. COUNTY / ISP = WELFARE CHECK
4. COUNTY = COMMERCIAL ALARM AT TRANSPORT
5. COUNTY = THREAT INVST. DALE

Reserve Hours Worked = 88

47-6 JAYZIC = 20

47-7 GOFFINETT = 0

47-8 KENNEDY = 20

47-9 GRIEBLEBAUER = 48

47-10 (VACANT) = N/A

HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC

05/22

05/18

05/08

Precipitation		
April	2026	8.75 INCHES
April	2025	6.49 INCHES

Plant O&M, Process control testing. Work continues with the AMP project. Prep for annual lab QA/AC proficiency testing
Other items on file.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Routine station and maintenance checks. Pipe repair work began on LS 28. Pump ordered for master lift station. Beginning data assessment of dry weather flows v. wet weather flows. Rate study process started. Other items on file.

REVOLVING TOTAL LATERAL INSPECTIONS	21		
NEW IN: May --	4		
COC'S			
COC'S COMPLETED	2		
REQUIRING REPAIRS	0		
NO REPAIRS	2		
EXEMPT LATERALS	0		
YEAR TO DATE			As of May 31, 2026, no Lost Time injuries
Requiring Repairs	4		2 field assessment(s) completed, 1 confined space permit completed, fire exting.'s and eye wash stations checked.
No Repairs	11		
Exempt	0		
Pending	6		

MOWING			yes
SIGN- REPLACE/REPAIR/INSTALL		#	no
COMPLAINTS		#	No
STREET REPAIRS			yes

Assist other depts as needed. Culvert inspections, veh/equip maint and repair, road inspections. CCG Paving project 98% complete. Begin spring road/ditch work. CR 750 ditch rehab complete, next phase grading and stone addition. **Trail Project:** subgrade work continues. In contact w/school corp. on ped bridge color. Delivery of ped bridge has been pushed out to September 2026.

WORK ORDERS- TOTAL RECEIVED	#	28
WORK ORDERS- COMPLETED	#	28
WORK ORDERS- PENDING	#	0

OPEN ACTION ITEMS –Water
MH, Ph I water line project-General clean-up and punch list items remain.