

The Santa Claus Waterworks Board met in regular session on November 4th, at 6:00 pm at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In 47579.

YouTube-Yes @townofsantaclaus7938
Audio-Yes Clerk Treasurer using Fireflies App

The meeting was called to order by President, Scot Elliott at 6:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Scot Elliott, Steve Leiberling and Matt Woolems
Board Members Absent: Tony Perkins and Theresa Hartwig
Also, Present: Jane Lindsey; Clerk-Treasurer, Chris Glenn, Water Supervisor

MINUTES

Steve Leiberling made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2025, meeting as presented. Matt Woolems seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

Reports were given to the board to review prior to the meeting.

STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Scot Elliott congratulated Matt Woolems on his marriage and thanked him for his service on the water board. The board wished him well as this November meeting was the last meeting for Matt Woolems as a board member. The Town continues to search for a replacement. Elliott stated that he has received some interest but no recommendation at this time.

Elliott announced that he is currently working with attorney Kevin Patmore and the State of Indiana about becoming a regional water district. Elliott stated that this will allow us a broader service reach and enhanced funding options.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Jane Lindsey reported that the bank reconciliations have been completed through September and bank transfers have been completed through September. Lindsey stated that the original Patoka Invoice contained an error and a new corrected invoice was included in the packet.

GIS

Elliott stated the budget for 2026 included funds to update the GIS system to enhance water and sewer infrastructure mapping and operational tracking. Elliott stated that a contract with Ziptility was signed. Elliott also stated additional funds were allocated for overtime and equipment including \$2,000 for locating tools and \$2,500 for overtime. The system will integrate field data collection via mobile devices, improving data accuracy.

MARIAH HILL LINE PROJECT

Scot Elliott reported that phase one of the Mariah Hill waster line project is underway. Elliott stated there was a pre-construction meeting held on 10/30/2025. Elliot stated he was impressed with the company and confirmed contractor competence and readiness with the timeline allowing for early start and monitoring quality before any extensions are approved. Phase 1 will be held to a 15-20% threshold without needing to re-bid the project. The board plans to minimize new easement purchases by modifying existing easements where possible, aiming to reduce legal fees and acquisition costs. The board agreed to keep easement purchase prices consistent with prior agreements. Ed Peters from Midwestern Engineering presented a map of the possible extension including points of connections. Peters stated that the additional engineering cost for the extension would be \$143,000. Peters stated that the original engineering costs were \$189,000 so including the engineering for phase 2 the total would be \$332,000.

Steve Leiberling made the motion to approve the amendment of engineering cost in the amount of \$143,000 for the additional engineering for phase 2. Matt Woolems seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

Scot Elliott presented invoice 202408000-06 in the amount of \$7515.40 for Midwestern Engineering to be paid from the county's ARPA funds. Matt Woolems made a motion to approve the invoice from Midwestern Engineering in the amount of \$7515.40. Steve Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

750,000 GALLON TANK PROJECT

Scot Elliott presented invoice # 202005802-02 from Midwestern Engineering in the amount of \$987.56 for tank inspections to be paid from water capital funds. Steve Leiberling made the motion to approve invoice #202005802-02 in the amount of \$987.56 for Midwestern Engineering. Matt Woolems seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

LEAD TESTING

Chris Glenn will be sending out a second round of surveys to the community. Glenn asked the community to complete the simple survey when received. Glenn stated it was important to receive 100% compliance with the survey. The results of the surveys go directly to 120 water.

BUDGET

Scott Elliott updated the board on a few changes he made to the 2026 budget since the October meeting. Elliott went through each change to both revenue and expenditure with the board members. The board asked questions and gave input on the budget. Elliott will present the final copy of the 2026 budget in the December meeting and if approved by the water board will present the budget at the December Town Council meeting.

VOUCHERS

Clerk-Treasurer presented the water vouchers in the amount of \$110,539.26.


Steve Leiberling made the motion to approve the voucher in the amount of \$110,539.26. Matt Woolems seconded the motion.

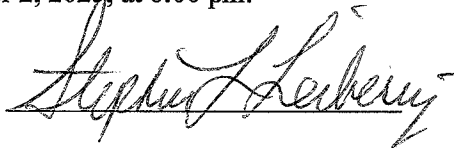
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

No further business Steve Leiberling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm and Matt Woolems seconded the motion.

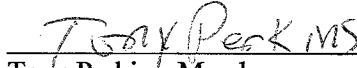
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

Next monthly Water Board meeting will be on December 2, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

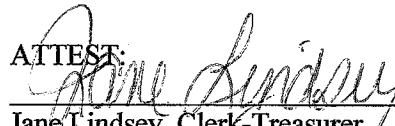

Scot Elliott, President


Stephen Leiberling, Vice President

Matt Woolems, Member


Tony Perkins, Member

Theresa Criss-Hartwig, Member

ATTEST:

Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus