

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Park Board met in regular session on January 11, 2021 at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In. The meeting was called to order by Michael Johannes at 5:30 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Town Council Present:** Jason Little, Kevin Burke, Michael Johannes & Patricia Vaal

**Absent:** Seth Windell

**Also, Present:** Clerk-Treasurer; Kelly Greulich, Town Attorney; Kevin Patmore, Fire Chief; Max Meyer, Superintendent; Russ Luthy, Police Chief; James & Park Director; Zach Tischendorf

**Absent:** Building Inspector; Todd Hays

**2021 Officers**

Kevin Burke made a motion to appoint Michael Johannes as President of the Santa Claus Town Council and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Patricia Vaal stated Mike does a great job as our president but in the future Vaal would like to see the rest of the council be informed of any meetings that take place with Johannes concerning the town.

Ayes: All    Nays: None    Motion carried

Jason Little made a motion to appoint Kevin Burke as Vice President of the Santa Claus Town Council and Michael Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: All    Nays: None    Motion carried

**MINUTES**

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve December 14, 2020 minutes as written and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All    Nays: None    Motion: Carried

**COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Michael Johannes stated he wanted to reiterate what he said at the year end meeting, it has been a very hard year and I just want to thank the town employees, the boards, the elected officials and the volunteers for all they have done for the town of Santa Claus.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Patricia Dugas a resident of Holiday Village wanted to express her concerns where Hevron meets LJK. If you are pulling out from Hevron turning left onto LJK you cannot see traffic coming north on LJK four times Dugas has almost been T-boned. Dugas proposed to the council a 3-way stop. A discussion followed, Russ Luthy & James Faulkenburg will discuss the issue and speak to Lori Gogel owner of the property east of LKJ about possibly shaving down the embankment in the restricted area.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Max Meyer Report for December

First Responder-12

Fire Alarm-1

CO-1

Standby Fireworks/Parked Cars/Traffic Control-1

**Total Activities-15**

Comparison of runs:

2017-162

2018-181

2019-142

2020-186

New member added to the Volunteer Fire Department Josh Marshall.

**PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER**

Zach Tischendorf Report for December

SCCC Active Members-62, New Members-26, Daily-30, Big Room Rental-0, Big Room Hourly Rental-20, Meeting Room Hourly Rental-2.

**COMPLETED PROJECTS OF PARK'S DEPARTMENT-**

SCCC- HVAC replacement at Community Center is complete, installed a 50" TV in meeting room (donated by the Santa Claus Police Department). Switched from PSC TV to YOU TUBE TV installed Roku on 2 TVs and moved furniture to organize the meeting room.

**NEW/ONGOING PROJECTS-**

Compiling information for Regional 15 for the Park's 5-year plan (will be submitted this week), waiting on background check to hire Randy Gehlhausen as maintenance at the SCCC, (1) bid received for windows and (1) received for insulation, accepted window bid in the amount of \$ 3,737.50 for 13 windows and the community center maintenance will install the windows to save money, insulation bid tabled, waiting on Siemers Glass to seal doors and big window, will send out RFP in January for cardio and cable machines.

**ITEMS TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER-APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN 2021**

\$ 75K from TIF for Yellig Playground Renovation

\$ 50K from CCD for Yellig Park Drainage Project

\$ 15K for Mower to Maintain Bermuda Field at Yellig Park

\$ 18,300 to SCCC for Kitchen Remodel

There was a break in at Yellig Park nothing stolen, three new locks have been installed on doors. Jason Little asked if there are any other fields that have Bermuda on them or would this be the only field the mower would be used on. Tischendorf stated the large soccer is the only field the mower would be used on.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Todd Hays Report for December-submitted by email

Number of Post Hole Inspections	0
Number of ILPS Issued	0
Number of New Permits	0
Number of Footing Inspection	0
Number of Foundation Inspections	0
Number of Plumbing Rough in Inspections	6
Number of Rough in HVAC Inspections	5
Number of Rough in Electric Inspections	6
Number of Vectren Inspections	2
Number of Final Inspections	4
Number of Electrical Permits Issued	1
Number of Gas Inspections	1
Number of General Inspections	0
Number of Framing Inspections	0
Number of Concrete Floors/Slabs	5
Number of Basements Inspections	0

Number of 911 Addresses Assigned 0  
Waterproofing Foundations Inspection 1  
Number of Certificate of Occupancy 2

Miscellaneous Items: On December 21, 2020 APC held a public meeting for the rezoning of the Christmas Lake Village property noted for new storage facility.

Jason Little made a motion to pay Building Inspector Todd Hays \$ 1,300.00 per month for the 2021 year and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Michael Johannes stated he received a resignation letter from Michael Schriefer a member of the APC effective immediately due to moving out of the area. The replacement has to be of the Democratic party and is appointed by the town council president. Does anyone have any suggestions? Vaal stated she can check with the party to see if anyone in Santa Claus would be interested.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

James Faulkenburg Report for December

Off Duty Call Outs-10

Citations TOSC-20

Warnings TOSC-50

Crash Reports-8

Vehicle Inspections-4

Domestic Disturbances-4

Assist another Department-6

Medical Emergencies-3

Disturbances-20

Theft Reports-1

Verbal Warnings-0

Case Reports/Investigations-6/34

Warrant Service-1

Gun Permits-4

Arrests-6

Assist Motorist-7

Reserve Hours for the month of December are as follows: Rickelman 8, Brown-0, Stout-8, and Jazyk-24.

Vaal wanted to share with the council a friend of hers was stopped by the Santa Claus police department and received a gift card for following the law and a thank you for being a good citizen. Faulkenburg stated a resident of Santa Claus made a donation of \$ 25 Walmart gift cards and over the two weekends that the town had activities going on in December gift cards were randomly given out to people following the law. Everyone was very thankful! Faulkenburg stated he enjoyed passing the gift cards out.

## **TRAILS**

Russ Luthy Report for December

**SCLD Trail-** INDOT stated it will be spring before they will accept the completed project, INDOT will handle the signs for the trail not the town. 2 C.O.'s existing under drain-protector relocated and change in casting size-near Circle S Amenities installed, project is substantially complete.

**EASTSIDE Trail-** PE continues, Letting date moved from February 2021 to March 2021, still working with 2 property owners

**JIM YELLIG PARK Trail-** Awaiting response from INOT on CE. Engineers completed survey related to Max/Min slopes, met with MEI October 30 to walk trail and discuss details of the plan.

A discussion followed about the issues that were brought up at the year end meeting concerning, trash on the trails, trash can across from Spencer County Bank being full, no sidewalk on the side of the Spencer County bank, and a light should be installed on CR 625 on the trail. Luthy stated he would not recommend any person to pick a bag of trash up due to not knowing what the bag contains, as far as the trash can being full, we can do a better job of emptying the trash can. Yearly the town can submit streetlight request to Vectren we will add the corner of HWY 162 & CR 625 to the list. Kevin Burke stated the trail from Yellig to town is also in need of lights. Luthy stated if you recall when that project went out for bid, we scraped the lights because of the cost and decided to add it to our Vectren list. Currently Vectren is behind on installing lights. As far as the sidewalk at Spencer County Bank the land owner at the time did not want the sidewalk installed.

January 11, 2021 Meeting Report on current Trails in progress from Clerk-Treasurer-

<b>Phase 1 SCLDTRAIL</b>	<b>INDOT 80%</b>	<b>TOSC 20%</b>
Construction Engineering	\$ 153,948.35	\$ 38,487.08
Preliminary Engineering	\$ 295,488.66	\$ 73,872.14
RoW Services	\$ 13,208.00	\$ 3,302.00
ROW Land	\$ 4,840.00	\$ 1,210.00
Construction of Phase 1	\$ 1,570,346.65	\$ 314,069.33
<b>Total Expenses of Phase 1</b>	<b>\$ 2,037,831.66</b>	<b>\$ 430,940.55</b>

**EASTSIDE TRAIL**

Preliminary Engineering	\$ 213,168.32	\$ 52,791.66
RoW	\$ 14,184.32	\$ 3,546.08
Row Land	\$ 23,840.00	\$ 5,960.00
<b>Total Expenses of Eastside</b>	<b>\$ 251,192.64</b>	<b>\$ 62,297.74</b>

<b>DNR YELLIG TRAIL</b>	<b>\$ 5,148.78</b>	<b>\$ 1,287.20</b>
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**STREET DEPARTMENT:**

Russ Luthy Report for December

**STREET OPEN ACTION ITEMS:**

Mowing- No

Sign-replace/repair/install- No

Complaints- 0

Street Repairs- Yes

Assist other departments as needed, culvert inspections, monitor CR 850 culvert, vehicle/equipment maintenance repairs, ditch work, road inspections, pothole repairs and mowing

**WASTEWATER:**

Russ Luthy Report for December

**PLANT INFORMATION:** Treatment December 2020 13.30 MG, December 2019 20.34 MG

Precipitation December 2020 3.01 Inches, December 2019 3.45 Inches

**OPEN ACTION ITEMS:** Process control testing, plant O & M, begin engineering/complete construction app for P removal equipment and chemical feed-NPDES required. 26 loads (approx. 200K gals) sludge hauled from digesters other items on file at WWTP.

SSO(s)- 0

**COLLECTION SYSTEM:** Routine station maintenance checks and lift station repairs/maintenance. Several lateral/video inspections, sewer line maintenance, emergency sewer line repair-S Melchior Dr, monitor PSC boring crew in Holiday Village, assist other departments as needed, other items on file at WWTP.

**LATERAL INSPECTIONS:** Revolving total lateral inspections-42, New in December-1, COC's completed - 1, requiring repairs-0, no repairs-0, exempt laterals-0.

**YEAR TO DATE:** Requiring repairs-26, no repairs-13, exempt-3.

**OSHA**

No lost time injuries, Facility assessment: 0, Field Assessments: 2- Lift Station 22 manhole stabilize and water service leak.

**WATER**

Russ Luthy Report for December

Work Orders-Total Received 16

Work Orders Completed-13

Work Orders Pending-3

**OPEN ACTION ITEMS:**

Monitor boring crew in Holiday Village, Water Audit is complete, validated & submitted to IFA.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK:**

Nothing to discuss

**TOWN ATTORNEY:**

Kevin Patmore stated prior to the meeting Kelly Greulich sent out the information on the cost for legal services and financial services for the refi of the water and wastewater bonds. Information received:

**Legal Services prices**

Bose McKinney& Evans LLP- \$ 20,000.00 per each bond, Barnes & Thornburg LLP- \$ 20,000.00 per each bond

**Financial Services prices**

Bakertilly- \$ 74,000.00 per each bond plus arbitrage compliance & continuing disclosure (time & expense for each bond), London Witte- \$ 33,500.00 per each bond

Kevin Burke made a motion to hire Baren & Thornburg LLP at a cost not to exceed \$ 20,000.00 per each bond and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

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Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Patmore stated he has for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading ORDINANCE 2021-01 AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING CERTAIN LANDS IN THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA for the council.

A discussion followed, Johannes stated he had walked the property with property manager Chris Ambs and it comes close to the duplexes but a row of trees will still be present. The BOZA board did not receive any comments concerning the request and letters were sent out to adjacent property owners.

Patmore recommended to the council to rezone the Gellerson property to commercial if the council is moving forward with CLV request. A second discussion followed concerning spot zoning.

Jason Little made a motion for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ORDINANCE 2021-01 AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING CERTAIN LANDS IN THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

01-11-2021 TOWN COUNCIL MTG

Michael Johannes stated he received a call from a gentleman out of Indianapolis that is interested in the former Ruth Rice property the town owns to construct a storage facility, the appraisal has taken forever, can the town find someone else to do the fair market price? Kevin Burke stated Diane Feurerbach of Rockport could do a fair market evaluation of the property. Patmore stated he could check with Van Keiser as well.

**CLERK TREASURER:**

Kelly Greulich

**Fund Report for November-**

General Bank-\$ 3,619,683.48

Water-1,886,383.29

Wastewater- 1,537,114.18

TIF- \$ 268,836.11

**Unreconciled Fund Report for December-**

General Bank-\$ 4,186,587.73

Water-1,723,863.89

Wastewater- 1,501,998.81

TIF- \$ 550,565.61

Jason Little made the motion to appoint Patricia Vaal to the Spencer County Solid Waste Board and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Greulich stated Michael Johannes will be automatically on the Spencer County Solid Waste Board since he is Town Council President.

Jason Little made a motion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of ORDINANCE 2020-17 AN ORDINANCE OF THE SANTA CLAUS TOWN COUNCIL OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA ESTABLISHING AS THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FOR THE PUBLIC MONIES OF THE TOWN and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: Vaal, Johannes & Windell Nays: None Abstain: Burke Motion carried

Greulich stated she had received a call from Sarah Maddox concerning the wellness program that was presented to the council back in November, Does the council want to move forward with the program?

A discussion followed, Greulich was asked to contact department heads to see if their employees are interested in participating in the program at no cost to the employee.

Greulich asked the council for a motion to approve the splitting of town hall invoices for utilities, office supplies and equipment between the general, water & wastewater. Luthy stated he was unaware of this, Greulich stated it was discussed at budget time in June and the budget was set according to the change. Patmore stated the council could enforce in leu of taxes which would be much higher if they wanted too for the water and wastewater utilities. Greulich stated with the loss of revenue in the general this is one way to offset that revenue. Many towns and cities have been doing this for years. If you think about it most of the business that is done at town hall is water and wastewater services anyway. Jason Little stated he doesn't recall this discussion during budget time, Johannes & Vaal both stated yes it was discussed during budget time.

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve the splitting of invoices for utilities, office supplies and equipment at the town hall by 1/3 general, 1/3 water, & 1/3 wastewater and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Greulich has Resolution 2021-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLAUS TOWN COUNCIL OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA MONIES TO BE ENCUMBERED FROM THE 2020 BUDGET TO BE SPENT IN 2021 BUDGET YEAR for an amount of \$ 5,995.00 from fund 223 for the council to approve.

Jason Little made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLAUS TOWN COUNCIL OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA MONIES TO BE ENCUMBERED FROM THE 2020 BUDGET TO BE SPENT IN 2021 BUDGET YEAR for an amount of \$5,995.00 from fund 223 Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Michael Johannes had no update from Holiday World on the advertisement of the Santa Claus trails.

Patricia Vaal asked for a moment of silence for those who were hurt or killed in the riots at the Capital Building this past week.

Zach Tischendorf stated he forgot to mention that Rick Anderson met with him and has walked through the community center and will meet with the park board at their February meeting, he is evaluating the building for efficiency at no cost to the town.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION-**

Jason Little made the motion to appoint the Santa Claus Town Council members to the Santa Claus Redevelopment Commission for 2021 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

**VOUCHERS:**

Jason Little made a motion to approve general vouchers in the amount of \$ 150,205.73 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Jason Little made a motion to approve wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$ 35,985.20 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

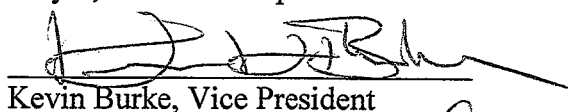
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Patricia Vaal made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 7:23 pm and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

The next Town Council meeting will be February 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm

  
Michael Johannes, President

  
Kevin Burke, Vice President

  
Seth Windell, Member

  
Patricia Vaal, Member

ATTEST:  
  
Kelly K. Greulich, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer

Jason Little, Member

**ORDINANCE 2020-17**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE SANTA CLAUS TOWN COUNCIL OF SANTA CLAUS,**  
**INDIANA, ESTABLISHING AS THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION**  
**FOR PUBLIC MONIES OF THE TOWN**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES SPENCER COUNTY BANK AS THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FOR THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS DEPOSITORY OF PUBLIC MONIES.**

**WHEREAS,** Indiana Code (hereinafter "IC") Section 5-13-8-9 requires that public monies must be deposited in a financial institution located within the territorial limits of the political subdivision (hereinafter "Town"); and

**WHEREAS,** IC 15-13-8-1 (a)(1) further requires that public monies must be deposited in a depository eligible to receive state funds; and

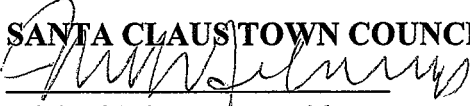
**WHEREAS,** IC 5-13-6-1 (d)(1) requires that a Town shall deposit funds in a depository selected by the Town in an ordinance; and

**WHEREAS,** the Clerk-Treasurer of the town (hereinafter "Fiscal Officer") has initiated a process that allowed various financial institutions who qualify to be depositories for public monies of the Town under IC 5-13 to present proposals to the Fiscal Officer, detailing their services and pricing; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Santa Claus Town Council that Spencer County Bank is hereby designated and approved as a depository for public monies of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana

PASSED by the Santa Claus Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana on this 11 day of January, 2021.


**SANTA CLAUS TOWN COUNCIL**


  
Michael Johannes, President

  
Kevin Burke, Member

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Seth Windell, Member

  
~~Michael Johannes, Vice President~~

  
Patricia Vaal, Member

ATTEST:  
  
Kelly K. Greulich-Clerk Treasurer  
Town of Santa Claus

Jason Little



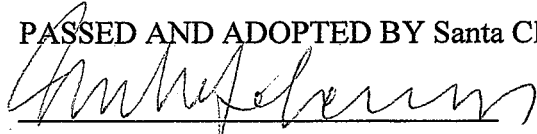
**RESOLUTION 2021-01**  
**TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS**  
**MONIES TO BE ENCUMBERED FROM 2020 BUDGET**  
**TO BE SPENT IN 2021 BUDGET YEAR**

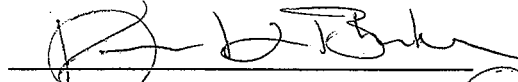
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**MONIES TO ENCUMBER FROM 2020**


**\$ 5,995.00**


PASSED AND ADOPTED BY Santa Claus Town Council on 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

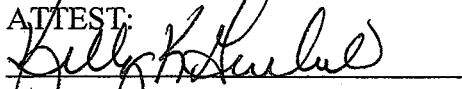
  
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