

The Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on December 30, 2020 at the Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In. The meeting was called to order by President, Michael Johannes at 5:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Kevin Burke, Michael Johannes, Patricia Vaal & Seth Windell

Absent: Jason Little

Also, Present: Clerk-Treasurer; Kelly Greulich & Fire Chief; Max Meyer.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Michael Johannes on behalf of the council wanted to thank the town employees and the elected officials for an outstanding year especially during a very difficult year with COVID.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

MINUTES:

Kevin Burke made a motion to approve the November 23, 2020 special meeting minutes as written and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion for the 2nd reading and adoption of ORDINANCE 2020-15 AN ORDINANCE RENAMING MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS TO PATRICIA KOCH DRIVE and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Council decided to table ORINANCE 2020-16 AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING CERTAIN LANDS IN THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA since attorney Kevin Patmore was not present. Vaal did state Christmas Lake Village asked the town for additional land when they purchased the current storage area from the town but the council didn't negotiate with CLV on the land. Vaal stated where else does CLV have to build a storage area for their residents?

Greulich has RESOLUTION 2020-11 A RESOLUTION IN REFERENCE TO ORDINANCE 2020-07 AN ORDINANCE EST CARES PROVIDER RELIEF FUND-A RESOLUTION IS HEREBY NEEDED TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CARES PROVIDER RELIEF FUND (150) TO THE GENERAL FUND (101) for the council.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-11 A RESOLUTION IN REFERENCE TO ORDINANCE 2020-07 AN ORDINANCE EST CARES PROVIDER RELIEF FUND-A RESOLUTION IS HEREBY NEEDED TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CARES PROVIDER RELIEF FUND (150) TO THE GENERAL FUND (101) and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Greulich has RESOLUTION 2020-12 ENCUMBER FUNDS FR 2020 BUDGET PAYABLE IN 2021 FOR INVOICES RECEIVED WORK NOT COMPLETED in the amount of \$ 36,424.00 for the council.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2020-12 ENCUMBER FUNDS FR 2020 BUDGET PAYABLE IN 2021 FOR INVOICES RECEIVED WORK NOT COMPLETED in the amount of \$ 36,424.00 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Greulich has RESOLUTION 2020-13 COUNCIL APPROVED TRANSFERS OUTSIDE THE SERIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 8,760.70 for the council.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2020-13 TRANSFERS OUTSIDE THE SERIES in the amount of \$ 8,760.70 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

2021 CONTRACTS FOR THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS:

Greulich stated Judy Fromme for cleaning services with no increase at an hourly rate of \$ 13.00 per hour and the town provides supplies, Brian Pund for IT services with no increase at an hourly rate of \$ 35.00 per hour and Kevin Patmore for town attorney services with no increase at a flat retainer fee of \$ 1,250.00 per month with an hourly rate of \$ 100.00 for work not covered by the retainer for the council to consider.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve Judy Fromme for cleaning services for 2021 at a rate of \$ 13.00 per hour with the town providing the supplies and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to approve Brian Pund for the town's IT services at a rate of \$ 35.00 per hour and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Vaal stated she would like to make a stipulation concerning Kevin Patmore because of his delay in invoicing the town, Johannes agreed with Vaal. Windell stated the town can state in the contract if not received within 60 days a 5% discount will apply. Greulich stated the town in the past has not done a contract with Patmore it has been approved solely by the letter he sends to the council each year.

Johannes stated what terms do we want to put in a contract? A discussion followed

Seth Windell made a motion to approve Kevin Patmore as the town attorney at the monthly \$ 1,250.00 retainer and hourly rate of \$ 100.00 for items outside of the retainer and with regards to invoicing Patmore must invoice the town every 60 days otherwise a 5% discount will apply to each month that does not meet the 60-day threshold on invoicing and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: Vaal, Johannes & Windell Nays: Burke Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Max Meyer presented to the council the contract from Clay Township trustee Debbie Kroeger in the amount of \$ 6,200.00 and in 2021 the contract will increase by \$ 100.00. Need approval to sign.

Seth Windell made a motion for Max Meyer to sign the Clay Township 2021 contract between the Santa Claus Volunteer Fire Department and Clay Township and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

TRAILS:

Michael Johannes stated the council has amendment # 4 to the Santa Claus Lincoln Discovery trail construction portion.

Greulich stated if you recall this is the portion of the trail that was discussed at the November meeting the funds had been exhausted and the town was going to pay the remaining cost at 100%. After speaking with INDOT they have agreed to add a new PO with additional money making the payout 80/20 again.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the amendment # 4 to the SCLD Trail by the council signing the document and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

WASTEWATER 2021 BUDGET:

Michael Johannes presented 2021 Wastewater Budget to the council estimated revenue in the amount \$ 1,373,579.00 and estimated expenses in the amount of \$ 1,408,900.00.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the 2021 Wastewater Budget in the amount of \$ 1,373,579.00 in revenue and \$ 1,408,900.00 in expenses and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

TOWN ATTORNEY:

Greulich stated the town only received a Request For Proposal (RFP) from the Santa Claus Volunteer Fire Department for the banners on the streetlights in town. A lease agreement was prepared by Patmore. Michael Johannes stated he had spoken to John Bowen former President of Trails of Santa Claus concerning the remaining balance of funds in their account, Johannes shared with Bowen the conversation town attorney Kevin Patmore stated at a council meeting that Bowen cannot give the funds to Christmas Lake Village. Bowen is having the village fill out a request for a grant so the funds can be given to CVL. Johannes stated Patmore confirmed this would be legal. Vaal stated she does not understand since the money was specified for the Trails of Santa Claus. Greulich stated why wouldn't Bowen give the money to the Santa Claus Volunteer Fire Department for the startup of their fundraiser for the streetlight banners. Burke suggested a letter to Editor could be done. Johannes stated he will talk with Bowen again concerning the issue.

Kevin Burke made a motion for the signing of the lease agreement between the Santa Claus Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Santa Claus for streetlight banners and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

CLERK-TREASURER:

Kelly Greulich asked the council to approve the 2021 meetings dates for the Park Board, Town Council, Water Board, APC & BOZA as presented. After approval Greulich will notify the papers that have requested the meeting dates for 2021.

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve the 2021 meeting dates as presented and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

2021 BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Seth Windell made a motion to appoint Eileen Farmer to a 4-year term on the Park Board and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to appoint Robert Grundhoefer and Jeff Stillman to the Santa Claus APC board for a 4-year term and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to appoint Scot Elliott and Stephen Leiberling to a 4-year term to the Santa Claus Water Board and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Kevin Burke made a motion to re-appoint Michael Johannes to the Regional 15 Board for a 1-year term and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to appoint James Faulkenburg to the Spencer County EMA Board and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Greulich presented to the council the 1st reading 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.

Patricia Vaal made a motion for the 1st reading 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 Seth Windell seconded the motion.

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

Greulich stated she has prepared the nepotism policies for the elected officials for each official to sign tonight concerning employees and contracts for the 2020 year..

November bank balances are reconciled; General \$ 3,619,683.48, Water \$ 1,886,383.29, Wastewater \$ 1,537,114.18 & TIF \$ 268,836.11. The town did receive the tax settlements in December.

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS:

Greulich noted Brian Pund (IT Contractor) has been looking into a system that public doors can be opened by our cell phones if the town continues to stay locked, it would be a safety issue as well. This would be a magnetic strip and a camera would be mounted. This would be a great benefit for the back door where we cannot see who is at the door before it is opened. Another benefit would be the town hall employees would not have to leave their desk to open the door. This product may also work at the Santa Claus Community Center. Vaal stated the currently this system is used in the North Spencer schools.

Greulich stated also Brian Pund (IT) and Matthew Taylor (website) have had several meetings together to make sure the town is receiving the best services and coordinating some overlapping services, it has been brought to Greulich's attention the town can save money if the telephone system is changed to an IP system. An IP system would allow departments to transfer to other departments. Currently we can only transfer to the police department with the current system at town hall. Further information is currently being gathered. Greulich will keep the council informed.

VOUCHERS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Seth Windell made a motion to approve the general vouchers in the amount of \$ 117,922.54 up to December 29, 2020 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$ 66,907.51 up to December 29, 2020 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the general vouchers in the amount of \$ 3,760.27 up to December 30,2020 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$ 90.00 up to December 30, 2020 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to correct the general vouchers in the amount of \$ 2.94 on the December 30, 2020 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

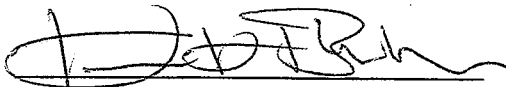
Patricia Vaal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 P.M. and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

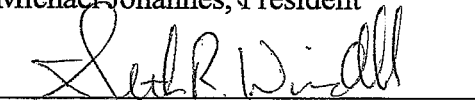
Next scheduled town council meeting will be January 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm regular monthly meeting.



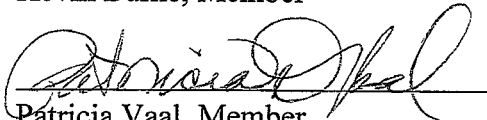
Michael Johannes, President



Kevin Burke, Member

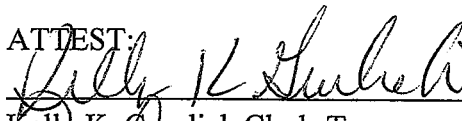


Seth Windell, Member



Patricia Vaal, Member

Jason Little, Member

ATTEST:


Kelly K. Greulich Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus, Indiana

ORDINANCE 2020-15

**AN ORDINANCE RENAMING MAIN STREET
IN THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS**

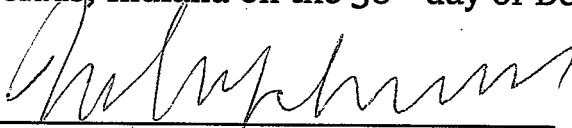
WHEREAS, in 2019, the Town completed construction of a new street on lands donated by the Philip Koch family to the Town, and the Town named such street "Main Street;" and,

WHEREAS, Patricia Koch has dedicated much of her life toward the development of the Town of Santa Claus, including her guidance of Holiday World and Splashin' Safari through tremendous growth, the development of Christmas Lake Village, Holiday Village, Kringle Place Shopping Center, Santa's Elves and Santa Claus Museum, and in countless other ways; and,

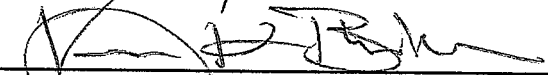
WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it advisable to re-name Main Street in honor of Patricia Koch and her dedication and contributions to the Town and Sprit of Santa Claus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana, that the public street previously named "Main Street" by Town Ordinance 2019-13 is hereby re-named "Patricia Koch Drive" from its southern terminus at Indiana Highway 162 to its northern terminus at the Santa Claus Community Center.

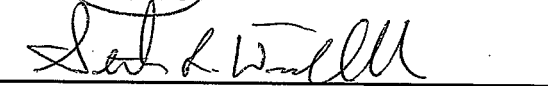
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana on the 30th day of December, 2020.



Michael Johannes, President



Kevin Burke




Seth Windell

Jason Little



Patricia Vaal

ATTEST:



Kelly Greulich, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus, Indiana

Resolution 2020-11 TOWN COUNCIL CARES TRANSFER

RESOLUTION 2020-11

IN REFERENCE TO ORDINANCE 2020-07 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CARES PROVIDER RELIEF FUND

A RESOLUTION IS HEREBY NEEDED TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CARES PROVIDER RELIEF FUND (150) TO THE GENERAL FUND (101) WITH COUNCIL APPROVAL.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE OF TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA.

The Town of Santa Claus received \$ 78,189.00 from the CARES PROVIDER RELIEF FUND on November 16, 2020 directly deposited into the general bank account fund # 150. Expenses prior to receiving CARES funding in the 150 Fund were- \$ 9,056.88 for PPE purchases for the town.

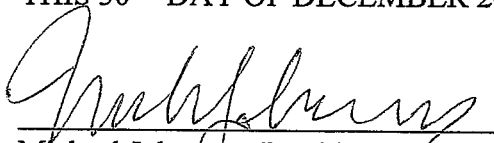
An APV shall be created against the Cares Provider Relief Fund in the of amount of \$ 69,132.12 the remaining balance will be zero (0) in the fund 150 after the transfer.

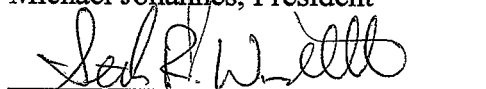
The following transfer shall be made:

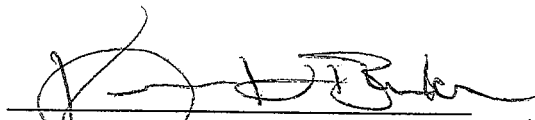
From: CARES Provider Relief Fund (150002221.015) Expenses	\$ 69,132.12
To: General Miscellaneous Fund (101499.000) Revenue	\$ 69,132.12
Fund 150 ending balance after town council approved transfer	\$ 0.00

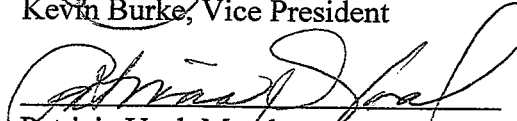
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this resolution will be in full force.

PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA ON THIS 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

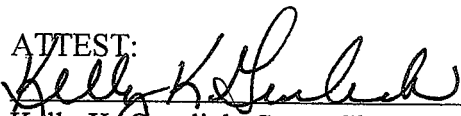

Michael Johannes, President


Seth Windell, Member


Kevin Burke, Vice President


Patricia Vaal, Member

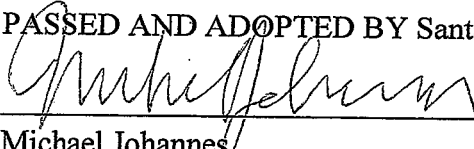
Jason Little, Member

ATTEST:

Kelly K. Greulich, Santa Claus
Clerk-Treasurer

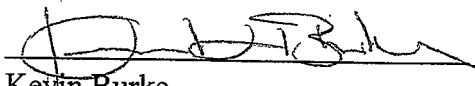
RESOLUTION 2020-12
TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS
MONIES TO BE ENCUMBERED FROM 2020 BUDGET
TO BE SPENT IN 2021 BUDGET YEAR

VENDOR NAME	ACCOUNT #	INVOICE # & DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
# 2021-1 BNG HEATING & COOLING	101950361.000	# C20-060TE HVAC SYSTEM FOR COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 31,475.00
# 2021-2 MIDWEST SYSTEMS & SERVICES, INC	101002315.000	# 10062 AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM	\$ 4,949.00
TOTAL MONIES TO ENCUMBER FROM 2020			\$ 36,424.00

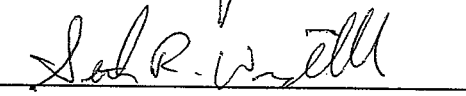
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY Santa Claus Town Council on 30th day of December 2020.



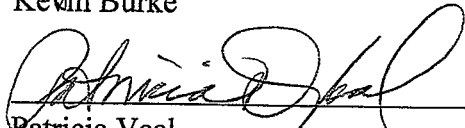
Michael Johannes



Kevin Burke

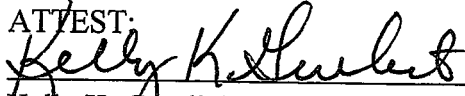


Seth Windell



Patricia Vaal

Jason Little

ATTEST:


Kelly K. Greulich, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus, Indiana

RESOLUTION 2020-13 TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS

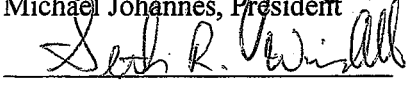
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that unobligated monies contained in the following fund be transferred as requested by the clerk-treasurer to cover obligations within the departments as stated below:

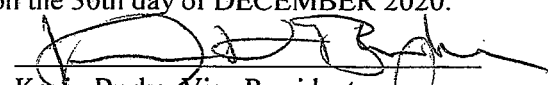
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101020135.000	PD/EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	101011322.000	\$507.51 PZ/POSTAGE
		TO: POLICE DEPARTMENT	
101020135.000	PD/EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	101020311.000	\$10.43 PD/OUTSIDE SERVICE
101020135.000	PD/EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	101020324.000	\$8.83 PD/TELEPHONE
101020135.000	PD/EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	101020361.000	\$1,270.96 PD/VEHICLE MAINT
		TO: SCCC	
101020135.000	PD/EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	101950111.220	\$1,612.04 SCCC/MAINTENANCE
101020135.000	PD/EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	101950120.000	\$19.34 SCCC/PAYROLL TAXES

TOTAL: \$8,760.70

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by Santa Claus Town Council on the 30th day of DECEMBER 2020.

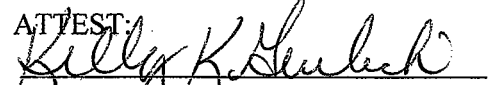

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ATTEST:

Kelly K. Greulich
Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer