

07-02-2024 WATER BOARD MINUTES

The Santa Claus Waterworks Board met in regular session on July 2, 2024 at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In 47579.

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

Board Members Present: Scot Elliott, Steve Leiberling, Tony Perkins & Theresa Hartwig

Board Members Absent: Frank Fowler

Also, Present: Jane Lindsey; Clerk-Treasurer, Chris Glenn

MINUTES

Steve Leiberling made the motion to approve the June 4, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Operational report for May

Scot Elliott informed the board that the ending bank balance does not include the monthly bank transfers or the reimbursement for the EDA grant. The ending bank balance will increase close to a million dollars once these funds are deposited into the water account.

Operational report for June

Clerk Treasurer Jane Lindsey reported that her office has not received the June bank statement yet and will update the report upon receipt of the bank statement.

Scot Elliott announced that Jon Wetzel has left Midwestern Engineering to pursue other career opportunities. Elliott stated he feels confident in the leadership of Ed Peters of Midwestern Engineering. Peters is up to speed on all projects and is excited to continue to provide excellent service to the Town of Santa Claus.

The Town of Chrisney has requested a change in their contract with the Town of Santa Claus reducing their minimum from 85,000 to 75,000 gallons per day. Scot Elliott said that if the board is in agreement with this change in the contract then Elliott will have Kevin Patmore write a new contract and present it to the Town of Chrisney.

Steve Leiberling made the motion to have attorney Kevin Patmore change the contract for the Town of Chrisney to reduce the minimum usage from 85,000 to 75,000 gallons per day and authorize Scot Elliott to sign the new contract. Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Chris Glenn reported the water plant is working better than ever. The improvements made have made a huge positive change for the operators and a substantial savings in expenses for the Town.

EDA

Scott Elliott presented Copper Ridge Pay App #4 in the amount of \$86,982.06 to be paid out of the EDA Fund. Tony Perkins made the motion to approve Copper Ridge Pay App #4 in the amount of \$86,982.06. Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Scott Elliott presented Invoice # 202108901-07 from Midwestern Engineering in the amount of \$8,438.69 to be paid out of Water Capital account.

Theresa Hartwig made the motion to approve Invoice #202108901-07 in the amount of \$8,438.69. Steve Leiberger seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

Ed Peters from Midwest Engineering reported that all the boring has been completed with exception of under the state highway. Copper Ridge reported that they did not hit any rock, and everything went smoothly. Copper Ridge hopes to have the 16” pipe to be completed in July. There should not be any boil orders issued with the installation of this pipe.

MARIAH HILL LINE PROJECT

Scott Elliott has not received any additional information from Patoka about relocating the pit. Once that is done the Town will take over the 12” line. The Mariah Hill Line will tie into this 12” line. The final route needs to be decided at the August or September water board meeting. Kevin Patmore, attorney for the Town is working on the easements. Patmore is also researching financing options.

Jane Lindsey, Clerk Treasurer stated that she will reach out to Melissa Bunner the county Auditor regarding the county’s ARPA funds that has been obligated for this project to make sure she does not need any additional documentation from the town to meet the deadline due in 2024.

LEAD TESTING

The Town is up to date with reporting.

JANE LINDSEY, CLERK TREASURER

Jane Lindsey reported they are balanced for January, and they are working on February. Lindsey hopes the months following February will go much faster as they are still working through issues that were incurred prior to her taking office. Lindsey said that once February is balanced, she will make the transfers from the sewer account to the water account.

VOUCHERS

Theresa Hartwig made a motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$199,433.56 and Steve Leiberger seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

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No further business Tony Perkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm and Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 4-0

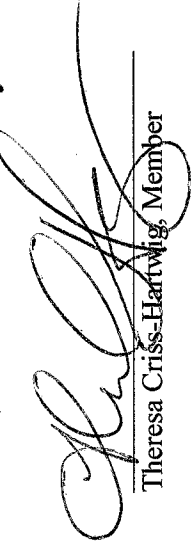
Next monthly Water Board meeting will be on August 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm.



Scot Elliott, President



Stephen Leiberling, Member



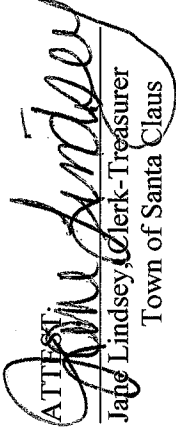
Theresa Criss-Hartwig, Member



Frank Fowler, Vice President



Tony Perkins, Member

ATTEST

Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus