

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on April 8, 2024 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**

**Town Council Members Present:** Kevin Burke, Jason Little, Patrica Vaal, Mike Johannes and Brian Warran

**Absent: None**

**Also, Present:** Clerk-Treasurer; Jane Lindsey, Town Attorney; Kevin Patmore, Fire Chief; Max Meyer, Police Chief, James Faulkenburg, Park Superintendent; Zach Tischendorf; Utility Superintendent, Russ Luthy.

**MINUTES**

Jason Little made a motion to approve the 03-11-2024 meeting minutes and Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

Mike Johannes made the motion to approve the special meeting minutes from 03-25-2024 as written. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR-**

Lisa Gengelbach expressed her continued frustration with the lack of animal control in the town and asked the Town Council to establish an animal control for the town of Santa Claus. Patricia Vaal responded that the Town had sent out for bids to outsource assistance with animal control and received no interest. The Town Council stated they are willing to work with the county regarding this issue.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Kevin Burke thanked each department for their help with the Eclipse visitors in the community. Vaal stated that there were so many great events happening in the community.

**MARCH REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER**

Max Meyer informed the public that Medicine Clean Out Day will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm and the firehouse BBQ dinner will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00 am. Meyer also informed the Council that the fire department received the Southern Indiana Power Grant in the amount of \$3,000.

**PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF**

Zach Tischendorf reported that Spring leagues are in full swing. Tischendorf also wanted to let the public know that the parks department is still hiring for both part time and full-time help. Anyone interested can pick up an application from Town Hall.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR TODD HAYS**

Nothing to report as Todd Hays was absent from the meeting. Jason Little asked if Tom Gunn was able to have Hedinger take down the building on the property he purchased from the Town. Vaal stated that the demolition has not been able to happen due to live electricity to the building and that Gunn was waiting on CenterPoint before moving forward.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES FAULKENBURG**

James Faulkenburg thanked the State Police and local officers for helping to patrol the crowds during the Eclipse celebrations. Faulkenburg reported that the crowds were smaller than originally projected but he was glad to receive all the extra help. Faulkenburg also stated that Holiday World would be opening soon and that Holiday World will once again be using police to work the intersections. Faulkenburg stated that this year they will be receiving more help from the jailors. Mike Johannes stated he was happy to hear that the Sheriffs department and the Santa Claus police department were working together. Faulkenburg said it was going to be a great year. Faulkenburg reported that the officers have received many calls from concerned citizens regarding racoons. Faulkenburg said there have been no cases of rabies. Patricia Vaal stated that it appears like the racoons are suffering from distemper.

**TRAILS RUSS LUTHY**

Russ Luthy said they were still waiting on the agreement for the Next Level Grant.

**STREET DEPARTMENT**

Russ Luthy requested permission to work with Midwest Engineering regarding the Old 245 repairs. Luthy stated he did not have an exact dollar amount however it would not exceed \$50,000 in engineering fees. Mike Johannes made the motion to allow Russ Luthy to enter in to an agreement with Midwest Engineering for the Old 245 street project. Agreement with Midwest Engineering is not to exceed \$50,000. Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None  
Motion carried 5-0

Russ Luthy reported that he is currently working on the 2024 Community Crossing.

**WASTEWATER**

Russ Luthy reported that 14,553 ft has been prepped for the CIPP project and 5,649 ft have been completed. Luthy has reviewed and submitted 2 invoices for payment. Invoice from Performance Pipeline in the amount of \$258,254.49 and invoice from Midwest Engineering in the amount of \$8,952.00.

Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve Pay Request No: 2 from Performance Pipeline in the amount of \$258,254.49. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve Invoice #202305902-02 from Midwest Engineering in the amount of \$8,952.00. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

Russ Luthy requested the 2024 Salary Ordinance be amended to include an additional supervisor position. This new supervisor position will include an increase of \$2000 above the current supervisors. This supervisor position will oversee wastewater, water, and streets. Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer recommended the Council table this decision until the Council is provided a job description. Luthy stated he will have the job description in writing for the May meeting for the Council to review.

Luthy reported after reviewing all the truck bids he has made the decision to purchase the Ford truck from Sternberg Automotive Group in the amount of \$59,160.98. Luthy said there is no time line on the arrival of the truck yet. Luthy will keep the Council up to date.

## **OSHA**

No lost time injuries

## **WATER RUSS LUTHY**

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Russ Luthy presented Pay Request No: 1 from Copper Ridge in the amount of \$79,725.82 and Invoice #202108901-04 from Midwest Engineering in the amount of \$7,636.00 and asked the Council to approve payments.

Jason Little made the motion to approve Pay Request #1 from Copper Ridge in the amount of \$79,725.82. Mike Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve Invoice # 202108901-04 from Midwest Engineering in the amount of \$7,636. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

**INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Nothing to report.

**TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE**

Kevin Patmore reported that the Gosnell case was still under consideration with the Judge. Patmore reported that he was waiting on Todd Grundhoefer to sign the agreement and that Grundhoefer would need to complete a rezoning packet prior to the APC meeting. Patmore stated he was notified that Posey County was interested in our expired scuba equipment. If the Council deems the SCBA gear to be of surplus and of no value then the Town can have Posey County sign a release of liability. Mike Johannes made the motion to deem the SCBA equipment surplus with no value. Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None  
Motion carried 5-0

Patmore has reviewed the CF-1 Kimball Abatement and found no errors in their reporting. Patmore stated he felt they are complying.

Mike Johannes made the motion to approve the CF-1 Kimball Abatement as presented and determine that Kimball is in compliance with the Town. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Burke)  
Motion carried 4-0

Kevin Burke made the motion to allow Patricia Vaal sign the CF-1 on behalf of the Town. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None  
Motion carried 5-0

**CLERK TREASURER JANE LINDSEY**

March Fund Balances:

General-\$5,682,755.03

Water-\$1,941,255.65

Wastewater-\$4,640,827.82

TIF-\$792,365.60

Jane Lindsey stated she had nothing additional to report.

**VOUCHERS**

Jason Little made a motion to approve General vouchers in the amount of \$106,666.48 and Michael Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0

Jason Little made a motion to approve Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$130,221.92 and Mike Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0

Jason Little made a motion to approve Wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$69,534.68 and Mike Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0

**MISC**

Patricia Vaal asked the department heads to prioritize their wish lists and give estimates on the top two.

Jason Little stated he would like to see a full-time fire department. Little hoped this would be discussed at next budget time.

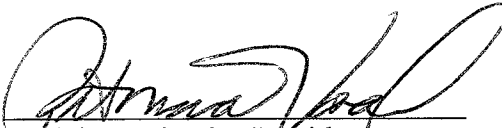
**ADJOURNMENT**

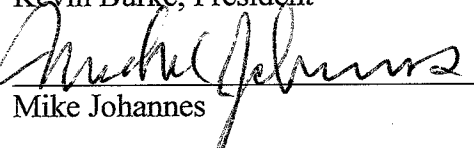
Brian Warran made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 6:47 P.M. and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0


The next Town Council meeting will be May 13th at 5:30 pm.

  
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Kevin Burke, President

  
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Patricia Vaal, Vice President

  
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Mike Johannes

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Jason Little

  
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Brian Warran

ATTEST:  
  
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Jane Lindsey, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer

**SANTA CLAUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S**

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

**March 1 -31, 2024**

**First Responder (EMR) – 16**

**Disregard - 1**

**Fire (Stove) – 1**

**CO - 1**

**19 - Total Runs**

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**MEDICINE CABINET CLEANOUT APRIL 27 8 AM -12**

**BBQ SATURDAY JUNE 29<sup>H</sup> SERVING STARTS AT 11AM**

# Santa Claus Park & Recreation Department

## March 2024 Report

### SCCC Memberships, Daily Admittance, Room Rentals

	Active Members	New Members	Daily Admits	Big Room Day Rental	Big Room Hour Rental

### Completed Projects

- Sponsorship banners hung
- Spring Flings & Easter Things
- Culvert installation by maintenance building
- Spring league agreements (waiting on softball)

### New/Ongoing Projects

- Install Speed radar sign at park
- Master Plan Update/DNR Grant
- Gym Membership System – transition to be completed May 1st
- Basketball court resurfacing
- SCCC Foyer Window – Work scheduled for 2024, encumbering monies from Cumulative Building
- Surplus equipment auction

### Items for Town Council/Redevelopment Commission

**SANTA CLAUS INSPECTION REPORT  
MARCH 2024**

**TOTAL PERMITS**

10 Improvement Location  
6 Building Permit  
1 911 Addresses  
1 Electrical

**TOTAL INSPECTIONS**

0 Temporary Electric  
1 Footers  
0 Post Hole  
1 Foundations  
0 Basement Walls  
0 Waterproofing  
2 Underground plumbing  
1 Framing  
3 Concrete  
4 R.I. Electric  
2 R.I. Plumbing  
1 R.I. HVAC  
7 General  
2 Gas  
3 Electric Meter  
1 Pool  
0 Solar  
1 Final  
0 Certificate of Occupancy

**Reporting:** March 1 – April 1, 2024

**Misc. :** APC & BOZA



# *Town of Santa Claus*

TOWN COUNCIL AND  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK-TREASURER



90 N. HOLIDAY BLVD.  
P.O. BOX 92  
SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA 47579  
(812) 937-2551  
FAX (812) 937-2630

## **Santa Claus Police Department Activity for March ,2024**

Off Duty Call Out's – 6  
Citations for Town of Santa Claus - 11

Warnings for Town of Santa Claus – 70

Crash reports for the Month - 1

Vehicle Inspections - 4

Domestic Disturbances- 4

Assist another Depts.- 11 See Attached

Medical Emergencies- 7

Disturbances - 50

Theft Reports - 3

Verbal Warnings - 4

Case reports/ Investigations- 10/40

Warrant Service- 2

Gun Permits- 1

Arrests- 3

Assist Motorist- 3

# **Christmas Lake Village Activity For March 2024**

**Star Drive - Domestic  
Star Drive – Trespass  
Ornament Circle – Vin Check  
Melchior Dr - Domestic  
Ornament Drive – Invasion of Privacy (PO Violation)  
CLV Area – Impaired Driver (OWI)  
Shepherds LN – Vin Check  
Holly Drive – Animal Complaint  
Carol Drive – Medical Assist**

**PLANT INFORMATION**

Treatment

Mar	2024	15.2	MG
Mar	2023	27.2	MG

Precipitation

Mar	2024	2.23	INCHES
Mar	2023	9.97	INCHES

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Process control testing, plant O&M. Work continues on the AMP project. Ox. ditch rotor repaired by town forces. Inlet distributor for O2 ditch ordered- Update delivery date of June 2024.

**COLLECTION SYSTEM**

SSO(s)	0
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OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Routine station and maintenance checks. Sewer main and lateral rehab ongoing. Jet lines, monitor manhole on Evergreen. Sewer rehab begins with line prep, Feb. 12

**LATERAL INSPECTIONS**

REVOLVING TOTAL LATERAL INSPECTIONS		10		CIPP (To Date)
NEW IN: Mar 24	#	6		Mainline Prep (ft) 14,553
<b>COC'S</b>				Mainline Install (ft) 5,649
COC'S COMPLETED	#	4		
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	0		
NO REPAIRS	#	4		
EXEMPT LATERALS	#	0		
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>				<b>Safety</b>
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	0		No Lost Time injuries
NO REPAIRS	#	7		<b>3 field Assessments conducted</b>
EXEMPT	#	3		Utility Compound Assessed

**STREETS**

MOWING		No
SIGN- REPLACE/REPAIR/INSTALL	#	No
COMPLAINTS	#	Yes
STREET REPAIRS		YES

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Assist other depts as needed. Culvert inspections, veh/equip maint and repair, road inspections. Ditching along: Utilty Dr., CR 750, and Pro Super Bowl. Prep for '24/25 Paving.

**WATER AND WORK ORDERS**

WORK ORDERS- TOTAL RECEIVED	#	18
WORK ORDERS- COMPLETED	#	18
WORK ORDERS- PENDING	#	0

OPEN ACTION ITEMS –Water

EDA water line began April 1. Capital project water tower final steps: Spring punch-list items, paint touch-up and ground restoration.