

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on March 11, 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- NO (technical issues with internet)

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.

MINUTES

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve the 2-12-2024 meeting minutes and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

Jason Little made the motion to approve the Executive meeting minutes from 02-12-2024 as written. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR-

Todd Grundhoefer from Back 9 asked the Council requested a special meeting for a modification of commitment to develop new condos. Back 9 stated they had met with the APC board and was scheduled for a public hearing at the March APC meeting. Town Council set the special meeting date for March 25, 2024 at 5 PM. Clerk-Treasurer will notify the newspapers and post the Notice of Special Meeting.

Rebeka Darling asked the Council for special accommodations for her daughter to use her special scooter on the bike trails to be able to get to her job at Holiday World safely. The Council stated that they would be voting on an ordinance to establish mobility devices later in the meeting.

Lisa Gengelbach shared her concern regarding the increase of taxes. Gengelbach stated that they had the incorrect square feet listed and her taxes had increased substantially. Patricia Vaal said this is typically a concern that should be shared with the county assessor. Gengelbach will reach out to the county assessor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kevin Burke reported that the Council had received 5-year wish lists from all department heads. Burke also stated that the comprehensive plan that was compiled included some of these topics. Burke stated that some of the comprehensive plan included projects that have been completed. Burke suggested that each department head review their wish list and select their number one priority so the Council can focus on that and come up with a plan.

FEBRUARY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER

Max Meyer spoke on training for the firefighters. Meyer stated that each firefighter was required to have 90 hours of training and Meyer has scheduled training for each month.

Meyer had requested bids for an air compressor, fill station and cascade. There was only one bid submitted. Kevin Patmore, attorney, opened the sealed bid at the direction of the Council. This single bid was submitted from Pro Air Midwest in the amount of \$3,000 which includes pick up. Jason Little wanted to make sure there was a waiver included in the bid request stating that the town was not responsible for any issues with the equipment. Max Meyer stated that was included. Mike Johannes made the motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$3,000 from Pro Air Midwest. Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF

Zach Tischendorf reminded the public and the Council that the Spring Flings and Easter Things will be held at Yellig Park on March 30th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Tischendorf also reported that the small room at the community center has been rented out to the Community Foundation. Tischendorf stated that the spring leagues are in full swing.

BUILDING INSPECTOR TODD HAYS

Nothing to report as Todd Hays was absent from the meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES FAULKENBURG

Chief Faulkenburg informed the Council that Officer Ryan Griebelbauer has resigned from his full-time position to pursue a career with the excise enforcement. Griebelbauer will remain part time for the Town. Faulkenburg stated he was thankful for Griebelbauer's decision to remain active on the Town's police force since he is an excellent officer and a real asset to the department. Faulkenburg also stated that Officer Helming is doing very well in the academy. Faulkenburg asked the Council to consider higher wages to retain staff. Brian Warran stated he was in favor of discussing this topic. Mike Johannes asked Faulkenburg if he had a plan in place for the potential influx of people during the eclipse. Faulkenburg stated that no full-time officers will be allowed to use PTO time on that day. Faulkenburg said that public safety is his top priority. Faulkenburg also said that Lincoln State Park will have their own conservation officers.

TRAILS RUSS LUTHY

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

3-11-2024 TOWN COUNCIL MTG
STREET DEPARTMENT

Patricia Vaal spoke on receiving several complaints regarding pot holes in the roads especially on the Mt. Zion Road. Vaal stated there is a very large one on that road and is a cause for concern. Russ Luthy stated that he has a list of repairs that are needed and that road is on the list. Luthy stated that they are waiting for warmer weather to begin fixing the pot holes that have been reported. Mike Johannes stated that the Town could use the money the Town received from the State to help with the repairs or even use as a match for any grants that Luthy could obtain.

WASTEWATER

The sewer and lateral rehab project are in full swing. Russ Luthy informed the public that this project requires the use of steam which could be visible in the yard. This is normal and no need for concern by the home owner. Luthy stated he would like to rehab the sewer lines at the Industrial Park. Mike Johannes stated there is money available to do that and the Town could TIF money also.

OSHA

No lost time injuries

WATER RUSS LUTHY

Russ Luthy reported that he sent out specifications and bid requests for a 1-ton work truck. The Clerk-Treasurer stated that 2 sealed bids had been received and given to attorney, Kevin Patmore prior to the meeting. At the direction of the Council Patmore opened the sealed bids. Bids were presented as follows:

Sternburg, Inc.	2024 Ford F-350 regular cab	\$59,160.98
	2024 Dodge Ram 3500 regular cab	\$56,794.22

Uebelhor & Sons	2024 Chevy	\$59,735.68
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Luthy asked the Council for time to review the submitted bids.

Patrica Vaal made the motion to give the quotes to Russ Luthy to review and make the decision. Mike Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

Russ Luthy presented Invoice #202305902-01 from Midwestern Engineering in the amount of \$12,536.94 and asked the Council to approve payment.

Jason Little made the motion to approve Invoice #202305902-01 for Midwestern Engineering in the amount of \$12,536.94. Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE

Kevin Patmore presented ORDINANCE 2024-02 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICY ON MOBILITY DEVICES for the second reading.

Brian Warran shared his concern of the weight limit of 550 lbs including the operator. Warran thought this was too restrictive because most motorized wheelchairs weigh more than half of that limit. After some discussion the Council decided to remove the weight restriction from the ordinance.

Patricia Vaal made the motion to approve the second reading of ORDINANCE 2024-02 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICY ON MOBILITY DEVICES and adoption with the changes discussed. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None
Motion carried 5-0

Patmore reported to the Council that the hearing on the Gosnell case was last week. Patmore also spoke on the issue the town is having with CenterPoint not adhering to their contract with the town regarding repairing/replacing street lights. Patmore said the contract is from 1999 but is still active. Patmore suggested the town collect a comprehensive list of all lights that are out and a list of any new ones they want to add. Lisa Gengelbach offered to help with the list stating that CLV has an inventory and CLV would be willing to share that list with the town. Gengelbach estimated that at least 10% are out in CLV. Patmore presented a public notice for Mulzer's dredging the river. The Council was not opposed to the dredging therefore no action needed to take place. Mike Johannes stated this is something Mulzer's does every year.

CLERK TREASURER JANE LINDSEY

February Fund Balances:
General-\$5,651,936.02
Water-\$1,918,872.31
Wastewater-\$4,647,322.08
TIF-\$792,365.60

Jane Lindsey updated the Council that the Opioid 2023 and initial 2024 distribution was received and deposited on 03-01-2024.

VOUCHERS

Jason Little made a motion to approve general vouchers in the amount of \$83,239.37 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 \$83,920.65 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 \$85,708.82 and Mike Johannes seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0

MISC

James Faulkenburg spoke at stated that 911 Gives Hope contacted him and said they would like to use our SRO vehicle at their Guns and Hoses event this year. The car will be next to the stage during the event. Guns and Hoses will be held on April 13th.

Mike Johannes reported that he will not be able to serve on the Spencer County Economic Development Commission as previously appointed by the Council. Johannes suggested the Council recommend Chris Sigler as his replacement. Mike Johannes made the motion to appoint Chris Sigler to the Spencer County Economic Development Commission. Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: None



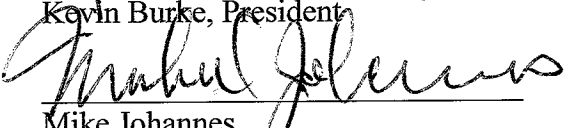
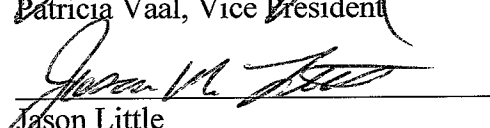

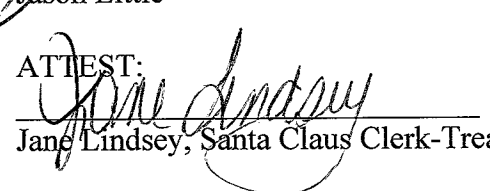
Motion carried 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Johannes made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 7:15 P.M. and Brian Warran seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried 5-0

The next Town Council meeting will be April 8th at 5:30 pm.

 _____ Kevin Burke, President	 _____ Patricia Vaal, Vice President
 _____ Mike Johannes	 _____ Jason Little
 _____ Brian Warran	ATTEST:  _____ Jane Lindsey, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer

SANTA CLAUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

ACTIVITY REPORT

February 1 -29, 2024

First Responder (EMR) – 16

Car Fire -1

Fire Alarm – 1, Was a Signal 9

Field Fire -1

19 - Total Runs

ISO REPORT

Santa Claus Park & Recreation Department

February 2024 Report

SCCC Memberships, Daily Admittance, Room Rentals

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

Completed Projects

- Community Foundation rental of Small Room
- Sponsorship banners submitted for print
- Replaced water heat in concession stand

New/Ongoing Projects

- Spring Flings and Easter Things, March 30th at Yellig Park (11 AM – 1 PM)
- Spring league agreements/field preparation
- Speed radar sign at park, supplies for installation
- Culvert installation by maintenance building for trail walkers
- Winter trail maintenance
- Winter equipment maintenance
- Master Plan Update/DNR Grant
- Gym Membership System – no response from the company, working with Brian Pund on a suitable replacement
- 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
February 2024

TOTAL PERMITS

5 Improvement Location
3 Building Permit
1 911 Addresses
0 Electrical

TOTAL INSPECTIONS

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

Reporting: February 1 – March 1 2024

Misc. : APC & BOZA Optimist Club Sign Request

Certified Letters sent out for Back Nine request.

Town of Santa Claus

TOWN COUNCIL AND
OFFICE OF THE CLERK-TREASURER



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SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA 47579
(812) 937-2551
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Santa Claus Police Department Activity for February ,2024

Off Duty Call Out's – 9
Citations for Town of Santa Claus - 19

Warnings for Town of Santa Claus - 77

Crash reports for the Month - 3

Vehicle Inspections - 4

Domestic Disturbances- 2

Assist another Depts.- 10 See Attached

Medical Emergencies- 3

Disturbances - 21

Theft Reports - 1

Verbal Warnings - 2

Case reports/ Investigations- 13/40

Warrant Service- 2

Gun Permits- 2

Arrests- 2

Assist Motorist- 3

Reserve Hours Worked February 2024

47-6 - Jazyk – 8

47-8 – Kennedy – 47.5

47- 7 – Goffinet – 8

Agency Assists; February 2024.

County – Pursuit

County – Crash 10-50 PI

County – Fatality Crash

County – Mrdical

County – Leaving Scene Crash

County – Domestic

County – Removal of Unwanted Sub

County – Suspicious Person

County – Reckless Driver, 1,000 North

County – Removal of Unwanted Sub

SANTA CLAUS UTILITY REPORT

PLANT INFORMATION

Treatment

Feb	2024	14.8	MG
Feb	2023	21.0	MG

Precipitation

Feb	2024	2.05	INCHES
Feb	2023	3041	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. 2023 Bio-Solids Report submitted to EPA Note: Other items on file at WWTP.

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. First segment to be lined tentatively Feb. 26.

LATERAL INSPECTIONS

Safety

REVOLVING TOTAL LATERAL INSPECTIONS		4	
NEW IN: Feb 24	#	2	
COC'S			
COC'S COMPLETED	#	2	
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	0	
NO REPAIRS	#	2	
EXEMPT LATERALS	#	0	
YEAR TO DATE			
REQUIRING REPAIRS	#	0	No Lost Time injuries
NO REPAIRS	#	4	
EXEMPT	#	0	

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. Snow/ice fighting events.

WATER AND WORK ORDERS

WORK ORDERS- TOTAL RECEIVED	#	12
WORK ORDERS- COMPLETED	#	12
WORK ORDERS- PENDING	#	0

OPEN ACTION ITEMS –Water

EDA water line begin Feb 12. Capital project water tower final steps: Spring punch-list items, paint touch-up and ground restoration.