

03-05-2024 WATER BOARD MINUTES

The Santa Claus Waterworks Board met in regular session on March 5, 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: Frank Fowler, Scot Elliott and Steve Leiberling

Board Members Absent: Tony Perkins and Theresa Hartwig

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

MINUTES

Frank Fowler made the motion to approve the February 6, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Steve Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Council members Kevin Burke and Patricia Vaal spoke on their opposition to back billing the wholesale customers who were affected by the billing error that was discovered when Scot Elliott and Clerk-Treasurer Jane Lindsey was doing an audit on water consumption. Burke had sent an e-mail with his reasoning to the board members prior to the meeting and Clerk-Treasurer confirmed the e-mail was included in the packets. Vaal was concerned how the retro billing would affect public relations between communities. Scot Elliott thanked the council members for coming to the meeting. After a discussion among the board members where topics of legality of contract, setting a precedence and the fact it is a public account the Waterworks Board decided to back bill to July 2021 the date where previous credits had been issued when one community discovered an incorrect rate being charged. The Board felt both parties should have discovered the error at that time and it was reasonable to back bill to that date.

Scot Elliott made the motion to back bill to July 2021 and allowing the communities 2 years to pay the balance to the Water account. Frank Fowler seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

REPORTS

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

Chris Glenn reported that all meters had been replaced and project is complete. Glenn said he has 2 more fire hydrant/valves to replace.

NEW BUSINESS

Scot Elliott updated the board that the Memorandum of Understanding that was approved at the February meeting has been signed by Elliott.

Scot Elliott presented Water Board Resolution 2024-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA WATER BOARD TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM WATER OPERATING FUND TO THE WATER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND. Elliott reminded the board that this is a transfer that is done each year. This year the amount that will be transferred is \$472,000.00. If approved the Clerk-Treasurer will make the transfer.

Steve Leiberling made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA WATER BOARD TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM WATER OPERATING FUND TO THE WATER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND. Frank Fowler seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

Scot Elliott reported that Midwestern Engineers had received and reviewed 3 bids for the Clean-Out of the Existing 400,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank by the February 16,2024 deadline. The bids are summarized as follows:

Maguire Iron, Inc.	\$39,275.00
Dixie Painting & Sandblasting, Inc.	\$43,500.00
O & J Coatings, Inc.	\$50,000.00

Midwestern found all quotes to be complete however the lowest bidder Maguire Iron, Inc. bid included several provisions that are different from those in the specifications. Due to these exceptions included by Maguire Iron, Inc. it is recommend they be considered non-responsive and the project award be given to Dixie Painting & Sandblasting, Inc. in the amount of \$43,500.00.

Frank Fowler made the motion to award the Clean-Out of Existing 400,000-Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank project to Dixie Painting & Sandblasting, Inc. Steve Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Scot Elliott reported that he signed the Change Order No: 3 as discussed at the February meeting.

EDA

The contractors are currently clearing trees and will begin to cut the drive into Holiday World's parking lot and dorm entrance in April. Scot Elliot said they should expect the first invoice to be presented in April.

MARIAH HILL LINE PROJECT

Scot Elliott informed the board that the cost is estimated to be between 1,800,000 and 2,000,000 which is substantially higher than the original projected costs when the project was first discussed. Attorney, Kevin Patmore is researching funding opportunities in addition to the grant money coming from the County. The proposed route will be from the old Patoka 12-inch line to 1800 N. Chris Glenn will be obtaining the two necessary easements for this route.

LEAD TESTING

Chris Glenn applied for another round of funding and it was approved. The town is to receive \$9,933.00 in funds. Glenn stated that the town is in compliance with reporting and stated that Paul Scherzer is doing a great job with keeping track of the project. Glenn wanted the public to know that there is no lead service lines in the town.

VOUCHERS

Frank Fowler made a motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$347,488.82 and Steve Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

Steve Leiberling made a motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$700.00. Frank Fowler seconded the motion.

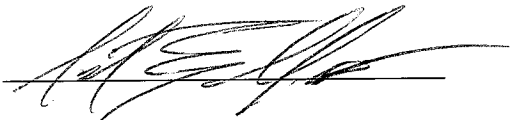
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

No further business Frank Fowler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm and Steve Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 3-0

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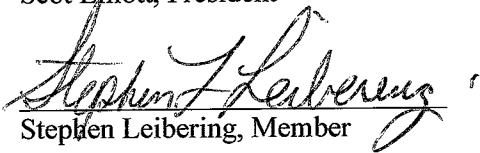
Next monthly Water Board meeting will be on April 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm.



Scot Elliott, President



Frank Fowler, Vice President



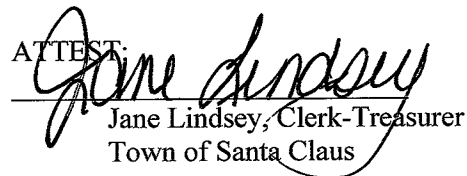
Stephen Leiberung, Member



Tony Perkins, Member

Theresa Criss-Hartwig, Member

ATTEST:



Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus

RESOLUTION 2024-02 WATER BOARD OF TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS

WATER BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA
WATER BOARD TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM WATER
OPERATING FUND TO THE WATER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND**

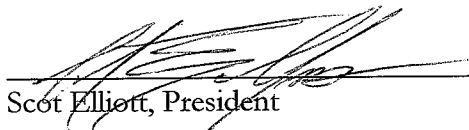
WHEREAS, the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana (the "Town") has heretofore established and financed a municipal waterworks board pursuant to I.C. 8-1.5, and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the Water Board of the Town (the "Board") finds that certain improvements are necessary and that funds must be transferred from the Water Operating Capital Improvement budgeted line of \$ 472,000.00 61010023304.000 to its Capital Projects fund 6103 in order to fund such improvements in 2024.

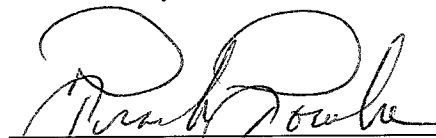
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WATER BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA:

The Water Board authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer \$472,000.00 from the Water Operating to the Water Capital Fund.

PASSED BY the Town of Santa Claus Water Board on this 5th day of March, 2024.



Scot Elliott, President



Frank Fowler, Vice President

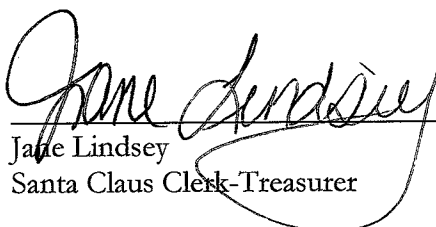
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Jane Lindsey
Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer