

09-26-2022 TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MTG 7:00 P.M.

The Santa Claus Town Council held a special meeting, President Michael Johannes called the meeting to order at 7:27 pm on September 26, 2022 at the Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In.

**Present:** Jason Little, Patricia Vaal, Michael Johannes & Seth Windell

**Absent:** Kevin Burke

**Also, Present:** Town Attorney; Kevin Patmore, Clerk-Treasurer; Kelly Greulich, Police Chief; James Faulkenburg, Officer; Robert Bone & Officer; Kevin Farmer.

Michael Johannes stated to those present, the council has come out of the executive session and it is time for the council to make a decision. Do we have a motion from the council?

Michael Johannes stated this is a very difficult decision and a lot of people are involved, so I am going to make the following motion,

Michael Johannes made a motion to uphold Chief Falkenburg's actions concerning Officer Kevin Farmer however the council will be scheduling additional executive sessions to discuss job performance evaluation of other employees of the town, Patricia Vaal stated the council is only addressing one of the incidents correct, Johannes stated only one incident will be addressed, Kevin Patmore asked are you redacting the first part of the motion Johannes stated if that is what I need to do then yes, Michael Johannes asked for a seconded, with no motion for a second the motion fails.

Michael Johannes asked Patmore so what happens next? Patmore stated the council does not have to do anything. Michael Johannes said if the council does not do anything the actions stands as is. Patmore stated that is correct.

Patricia Vaal stated there are so many issues that come into play here that are much bigger, so we as a board are having a very hard time justifying how exactly to handle this situation. So that is why you see all of us so frustrated. Seth Windell seconded the motion. Patmore stated the motion already died for lack of a second.

Michael Johannes made a motion to uphold police chief James Faulkenburg suspension on the 5-days along with the second incident involving officer Kevin Farmer and then the town will schedule executive session or sessions to discuss the job performance evaluations of other town employees and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: Michael Johannes & Seth Windell

Nay: Jason Little & Patricia Vaal

Town Attorney Kevin Patmore stated clerk-treasurer Kelly Greulich will have to break the tie.

Kelly Greulich stated I want to make sure I understand the motion correctly Mike made, the 5-day suspension of officer Framer will stand as is and the second incident will stand as is but the first incident because there are issues concerning the time frame of when the information was given to officer Farmer verses when the first incident occurred, would that be fair to say?

I vote Nay: Kelly Greulich

Michael Johannes stated motions fails. Entertain a different motion.

Jason Little made a motion for the reversal of police chief James Faulkenburg decision on the 5-day suspension of officer Farmer and the town will schedule executive session or sessions to discuss the job performance of individual employees of the town and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Seth Windell stated this issue was not handled the right way, from the beginning.

Ayes: Jason Little & Patricia Vaal Nays: Michael Johannes & Seth Windell

James Faulkenburg asked the council for another meeting; Michael Johannes stated the council has to finish this meeting first. There will be other meetings scheduled.

Michael Johannes stated Kelly it is back to you.


Kelly Greulich stated I just feel a 5-day suspension was not right in this case considering the circumstances but Patmore is saying it is all or nothing, so I vote Aye.


Michael Johannes stated the motion passes, the council will schedule other executive sessions to discuss job performance of other individual employees of the town.

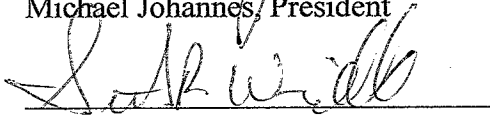
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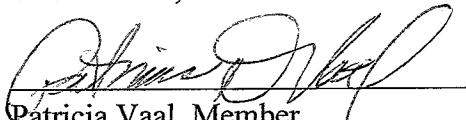
With no other business Seth Windell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M. and Jason Little seconded the motion.

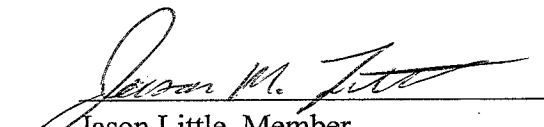
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

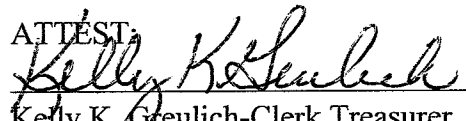
  
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Michael Johannes, President

  
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Kevin Burke, Vice President

  
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Seth Windell, Member

  
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Patricia Vaal, Member

  
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Jason Little, Member

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