

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on April 11, 2022 at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In. The meeting was called to order by Kevin Burke at 5:37 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Town Council Present: Jason Little, Patricia Vaal, Kevin Burke & Seth Windell

Absent: Michael Johannes

Also, Present: Clerk-Treasurer; Kelly Greulich, Town Attorney; Kevin Patmore, Superintendent; Russ Luthy, & Park Director; Zach Tischendorf, Fire Chief; Max Meyer, Police Chief; James Faulkenburg

Absent: Todd Hays

MEETING MINUTES

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the February 14, 2022 meeting minutes and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Brian Pund was present to explain to the council and to those in attendance the phone system that he is recommending to the town. Currently the town is paying PSC about \$ 499.00 per month, Seth Windell mentioned at last month’s meeting a system called Go to Connect and that system would be about \$ 494.00 per month for the town but will not take the 544 number so new numbers would need to be issued if the town decides to go that route. If the town drops PSC phone service your internet will increase anywhere from \$ 20.00 to \$ 30.00 per month. With the enterprise IP Phone system, the town would save about \$ 90.00 per month the system would run through the town’s server. There are two different phones quoted in the paperwork one that has 8-buttons and the other phone has 24-buttons. Greulich stated the town hall has 9 phones so it only makes sense to go with the 24-button phone for growth purposes. The system will link all the phones so each building will be able to transfer calls and pick up the phone and push a button to call another building. Employees that have town email accounts will be able to login to the account and listen to a message without having to come to their office and play the message from their office phone. The total cost for 21 phones would be about \$ 4,900.00 plus labor to install. A discussion followed

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the estimate for phone system 63 & 65 from Brian’s Computer Service in the amount of \$ 4,850.00 and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Brian Pund stated the system will be installed sometime after May with little or no interruptions in service.

COMMENTS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Kevin Burke stated the draft of the rack cards for the trails was emailed out to everyone prior to the meeting, Greulich wanted to make sure the council understood that it states online TownOfSantaClaus.com/Trails in the card but the current system only allows customers with accounts to round up an amount to make a donation to police, fire, trails, park and community center. The rack cards are for targeting donations from businesses and corporations correct. A concern is it has for additional information email michael.johannes@townofsantaclaus.com it should be a town employee or a mailbox set up for trails@townofsantaclaus.com. Seth Windell stated the map is incorrect, the donations should read will be used

to support the operations and maintenance of the Santa Claus Trails. Patricia Vaal stated make the map smaller but enlarge the town trails. Concentrate more on the trails that are complete. Windell stated cut the map off at the trail that ends at Kaspar.

MARCH REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER

First Responder-6

Carbon Monoxide-1

Field Fires-4

Total Activities-11

Meyer wanted to thank the Spencer County council and Commissioners for the purchase of 9 new AEDs at a cost of \$ 2,300.00 per unit. Medicine Clean Out Day will be April 30, 2022.

PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF

SCCC Active Members-136, New Members-13, Daily-34, Big Room Rental-0, Big Room Hourly Rental-8.

COMPLETED PROJECTS OF PARK’S DEPARTMENT-Large rental room, kitchen and hallway flooring is complete. Weight room and Cardio room rubber flooring is complete. Purchased concession stand equipment and supplies. Submitted to the Spencer County Park a grant for sand at the volleyball court and park rule signs.

NEW/ONGOING PROJECTS-Spring Flings & Easter Things April 16, 2022 from 11:00 am -1 pm, need to finish trim, baseboards and vent covers at the community center, hiring 2 concession workers and 1 grounds person and working on Spencer County Visitors Bureau Grant, IDNR Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant.

COUNCIL ITEMS TO DISCUSS- Tischendorf stated Joey Brown has completed his 60-day probationary period and after discussing with Russ we would like to recommend a \$ 1.00 on the hour raise as long as it is within the salary ordinance.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve up to a \$ 1.00 on the hour pending it is within the salary ordinance for Joey Brown and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Seth Windell stated the landscaping along the trails really looks good. Little also thanked Tischendorf for the projects he has completed along with going after the grants for the park.

BUILDING INSPECTOR ABSENT

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| Number of Post Hole Inspections | 0 |
| Number of Solar Inspections | 0 |
| Number of ILPS Issued | 9 |
| Number of New Permits | 7 |
| Number of Footing Inspection | 0 |
| Number of Foundation Inspections | 2 |
| Number of Rough in Plumbing Inspections | 0 |
| Number of Rough in HVAC Inspections | 0 |
| Number of Rough in Electric Inspections | 0 |
| Number of Vectren Inspections | 0 |
| Number of Electrical Permits Issued | 1 |
| Number of Gas Inspections | 0 |
| Number of General Inspections | 7 |
| Number of Framing Inspections | 3 |
| Number of Concrete Floors/Slabs | 2 |
| Number of Basements Inspections | 0 |

Number of 911 Addresses Assigned 2
 Waterproofing Foundations Inspection 0
 Number of Underground Plumbing 0
 Number of Electric Meter Inspections 1
 Number of Final Inspections 4
 Number of Certificate of Occupancy 3
 Miscellaneous: Mr. Harpenau will be securing the property at 486 S Melchior Dr.

POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES FAULKENBURG

Off Duty Call Outs-8
 Citations TOSC-16
 Warnings TOSC-42
 Crash Reports-7
 Vehicle Inspections-6
 Domestic Disturbances-2
 Assist another Department-10
 Medical Emergencies-5
 Disturbances-39
 Theft Reports-0
 Verbal Warnings-0
 Case Reports/Investigations-9/45
 Warrant Service-4
 Gun Permits-2
 Arrests-4
 Assist Motorist-5

Reserve Hours for the month of March are as follows: Stout-0, Jazyk-12 & Phillips-0.
 Faulkenburg stated the volume of calls has tripled from 2021. Pre basic 40-hour class will take place for the following reserve officers: Mark Kroeger, Keegan Kennedy, Allison Luker & Matt Goffinet. Robert Bone is certified to teach the class. At this time Faulkenburg stated Murry Stout and Michael Phillips will be taken off the reserve officer rooster.

TRAILS RUSS LUTHY

EASTSIDE Trail- Estimated cost \$ 1,864,208.45, Grade work continues along 162 40% complete. There will be 3 change orders on the project, one is the removal of a guardrail, construction inspection has run out of funding due to the project has gone on longer than it was projected due to Holiday world schedule the currently the engineers are working on putting together new numbers for that cost.

JIM YELLIG PARK-Quality Craft Construction low bidder, to complete all phases of the DNR portion of the trail. Greulich stated an additional \$ 70,000.00 will be needed for the DNR project, must advertise the additional appropriation in the paper, hold a public hearing and have approval from the DLGF.

CT Report on expenses of the trails:

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| SCLDT Complete | 80% INDOT | <u>\$ 2,072,003.31</u> | Town 20% | <u>\$ 439,583.47</u> |
| EASTSIDE TRAIL | | | | |
| Preliminary Engineering | | \$ 215,511.68 | | \$ 53,877.92 |
| RoW | | \$ 19,560.32 | | \$ 4,890.08 |
| Row Land | | \$ 23,840.00 | | \$ 5,960.00 |
| CE | | \$105,374.87 | | \$ 26,333.74 |
| Construction Engineering | | \$ 1,491,366.76 | | \$ 372,841.69 |
| Total Expenses of Eastside | | <u>\$ 1,855,653.63</u> | | <u>\$ 463,903.49</u> |

DNR YELLIG TRAIL

\$ 10,000.00

\$ 2,500.00

Patricia Vaal stated she seen 3 children about the age of 10 that were crossing highway 162 in between cars by the Kaspar Road/Trail, what can we do to stop this? Can we have flashing lights or something that makes people slow down and be more cautious. A discussion followed. Luthy will contact INDOT to see about the solar flashing light by the Kaspar/HWY 162 area to alert drivers of the crossing.

STREET DEPARTMENT RUSS LUTHY

STREET OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Mowing- No

Sign-replace/repair/install- No

Complaints- 0

Street Repairs- Yes

Assist other departments as needed, culvert inspections, monitor CR 850 culvert, vehicle/equipment maintenance repairs. Tree trimming, snow/ice removal and pothole patrol.

Luthy stated the ADA consultant will be back later this summer to audit the community center and the park since there was construction going on at both places. One item is the handicap parking areas are not clearly marked by signs. An inspection report will be received for every building the town owns.

Tischendorf asked if there are grants available for the town to complete some of the ADA requirements. Luthy stated he was not aware of any. The GIS mapping is coming along for the water, valves and hydrants. Working also on the wastewater collection system plotting also.

WASTEWATER RUSS LUTHY

PLANT INFORMATION: Treatment March 2022 35.56 MG, March 2021 28.35 MG

Precipitation March 2021 5.45 Inches, March 2021 4.33 Inches

OPEN ACTION ITEMS: Process control testing, plant O & M, Phosphorous treatment, prepare for upcoming capital projects and other items on file at WW Plant.

SSO(s)- 0

COLLECTION SYSTEM: Routine station maintenance checks, sewer main and lateral rehab ongoing, begin LS rehab/capital projects manhole inspections for rehab, Jet lines, emergency sewer line repair on Silent Lane, monitor manhole on Evergreen Dr and other items on file at WWTP.

LATERAL INSPECTIONS: Revolving total lateral inspections-10, New in March-4, COC's completed -4, requiring repairs-2, no repairs-2, exempt laterals-0.

YEAR TO DATE: Requiring repairs-3, no repairs-6, exempt-1.

OSHA

No lost time injuries, 4-field hazard assessments: (1) tree trimming, (1) water leak repair & 1 water service install.

WATER RUSS LUTHY

Work Orders-Total Received- 18

Work Orders Completed- 17

Work Orders Pending- 1

OPEN ACTION ITEMS: Prepare for upcoming capital projects, well head protection plan approved by IDEM. The plan will be posted on the town website www.townofsantaclaus.com

With the capital projects in water the town will be getting a new 750-thousand-gallon water tower and a 3rd well will be installed. Greulich informed the council that after watching several webinars and consulting with AIM concerning the ARPA reporting they are recommending that the council approve a motion concerning the ARPA funds as revenue loss The funds can still be used for infrastructure projects in water.

Seth Windell made a motion for the reporting of the ARPA funds the town will use the revenue loss for reporting and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Luthy stated working on validating the town's water report once completed the council will receive a copy it is due by August 1, 2022. Just a reminder the Consumer Report will be on the website for review and customers can call our office if they want a paper copy.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Nothing to report at this time.

TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE

Patmore stated no update on the Gosnell litigation at this time. Concerning the Back 9 litigation Patmore stated he reached out to their attorney Steve Ripstra and have not heard back from him.

RESOLUTION 2022-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA APPROVING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMENDMENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA AND AN ALLOCATION AREA AND THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SAID AREA for the council to approve.

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA APPROVING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMENDMENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA AND AN ALLOCATION AREA AND THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SAID AREA and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Patmore stated Kimball has asked for a second abatement RESOLUTION 2022-06 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA Kimball International, Inc (ERA) for the council.

Seth Windell made a motion for RESOLUTION 2022-06 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA Kimball International, Inc (ERA) and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: Little, Vaal, Windell Nays: None Abstain: Burke Motion: Carried

CLERK TREASURER KELLY GREULICH

Several conference calls with lead manager Vicki Jennings of Invoice Cloud along with calls to Boyce/Keystone concerning the bank rec. ACH customers did receive the credit of the .35 from Invoice Cloud.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing to discuss

VOUCHERS:

Jason Little made a motion to approve general vouchers in the amount of \$ 190,927.49 and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Jason Little made a motion to approve wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$ 130,024.63 and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

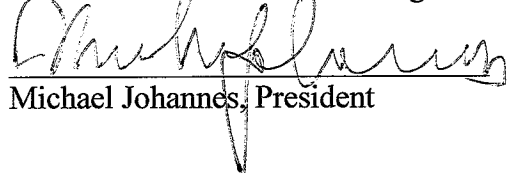
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Seth Windell made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 6:55 pm and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

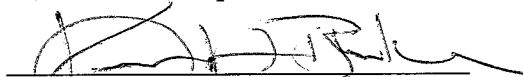
The next Town Council meeting will be May 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm



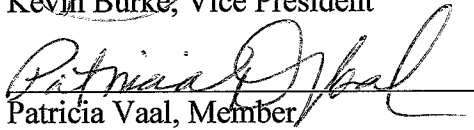
Michael Johannes, President

Seth Windell, Member

Jason Little, Member



Kevin Burke, Vice President



Patricia Vaal, Member

ATTEST:



Kelly K. Greulich, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS,
INDIANA APPROVING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
AMENDMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA AND AN
ALLOCATION AREA AND THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SAID AREA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Santa Claus (“Town”) Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”), as the governing body for the Town of Santa Claus Redevelopment Department (the “Department”), pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14, as amended (the “Act”), adopted a declaratory resolution (the “Resolution”) on the 17th day of February, 2010, designating an area known as the Amusement & Commercial Economic Development Area (the “Economic Development Area”) as an economic development area pursuant to Section 41 of the Act, which Resolution was amended by the Commission by its Resolution No. 2011-03 (“Amended Resolution”); and,

WHEREAS, the Amended Resolution approved an amended economic development plan, designated as the Economic Development Plan for Amusement & Commercial Economic Development Area (the “Plan”), for the Economic Development Area which is within the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Amended Resolution designated the entire Economic Development Area as an “allocation area” pursuant to Section 39 of the Act (the “Allocation Area”) for purposes of the allocation and distribution of property taxes for the purposes and in the manner provided by said Section, and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Claus Advisory Plan Commission, on March 21, 2022, approved and adopted a resolution (the “Plan Commission Order”) determining that the Amended Resolution and the Plan conform to the plan of development for the Town and approving the Amended Resolution and the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 16(b) of the Act, the Redevelopment Commission has submitted the Amended Resolution and the Plan to this Council.

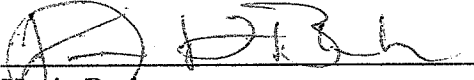
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana, that:

1. Pursuant to Sections 16(b) of the Act, the Council hereby approves in all respects the Resolution, Amended Resolution, the Plan, as amended, and the Plan Commission Order.
2. The Council hereby approves the determination that the entire Economic Development Area is an allocation area pursuant to Section 39 of the Act.
3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

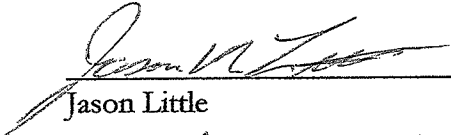
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana this 11th day of April, 2022.

SANTA CLAUS TOWN COUNCIL

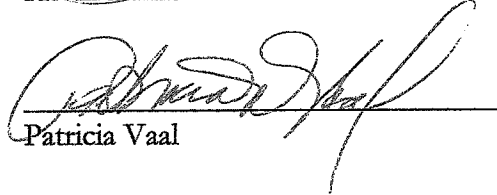
Michael Johannes, President



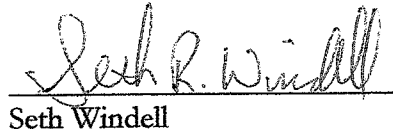
Kevin Burke



Jason Little



Patricia Vaal



Seth Windell

Attest:



Kelly Greulich, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN AN
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA (ERA)

KIMBALL INTERNATIONAL, INC. .

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-12.1 allows for a partial abatement of property taxes attributable to the rehabilitation/redevelopment of real property and/or installation of new personal property in an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA); and

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-12.1 empowers the Town of Santa Claus to designate Economic Revitalization Areas (ERAs); and,

WHEREAS, the Town previously has designated the Santa Claus Industrial Park as an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA); and hereby confirms such designation; and,

WHEREAS, Kimball International, Inc. owns real property within the Santa Claus Industrial Park; and,

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2022, Kimball International, Inc., filed a Statement of Benefits requesting the approval of a deduction for the purposes of Tax Abatement in an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) for a period of ten (10) years on real estate improvements, which Statement of Benefits and Supplement are attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A;" and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, that

1. The Town Council finds that:

- A. The estimated cost of redevelopment of real estate is reasonable for this type and projects of this nature; and,
- B. The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed redevelopment of real estate; and
- C. The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed redevelopment of real estate; and,
- D. The tax base of the Town of Santa Claus and all relevant taxing districts can be reasonably expected to increase from the proposed redevelopment of real estate; and,
- E. The total benefits are sufficient to justify the deduction.

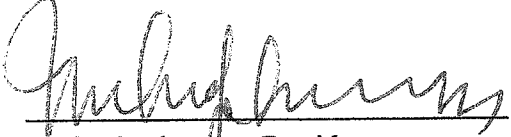
2. The Statement of Benefits filed April 5, 2022 is hereby approved.
3. Kimball International, Inc. shall be entitled the opportunity to apply for property tax deductions for the increase in assessed value resulting from the redevelopment of real estate over a period of ten (10) years in accordance with the following abatement schedule percentages:

| Year | Percentage |
|------|------------|
| 1 | 100 |
| 2 | 90 |
| 3 | 80 |
| 4 | 70 |
| 5 | 60 |
| 6 | 50 |
| 7 | 40 |
| 8 | 30 |
| 9 | 20 |
| 10 | 10 |

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana this 11th day of April, 2022.

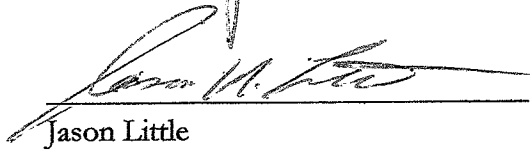
SANTA CLAUS TOWN COUNCIL



Michael Johannes, President



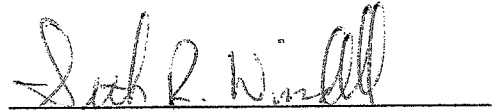
Kevin Burke



Jason Little



Patricia Vaal



Seth Windell

Attest:



Kelly Greulich, Clerk-Treasurer