

The Santa Claus Waterworks Board met in regular session on March 1, 2022 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:** Stephen Leiberling, Frank Fowler, Scot Elliott, Theresa Hartwig & Tony Perkins

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Also, Present:** Kevin Patmore; Town Attorney, Chris Glenn; Water Supervisor, John Wetzel; Midwestern Engineers, Ed Peters; Midwestern Engineers & Kelly Greulich; Clerk-Treasurer

**Absent:** None

**MINUTES:**

Stephen Leiberling made a motion to approve the February 15, 2022 regular board minutes as written and Frank Fowler seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

Frank Fowler made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA WATER BOARD TRANSFERRING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 431,000.00 FROM THE FUND 601 WATER OPERATING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO FUND 603 CAPITAL PROJECTS and Stephen Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

**REPORTS:**

Scot Elliott stated the Water Operational Reports for January & February are unreconciled but were mailed out prior to the meeting for review. Greulich noted to the board with the new Invoice Cloud system we are having issues with reconciling since Invoice Cloud deposited monies into the wrong accounts. The water fund should increase since we have not transferred water monies into the water account.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Elliott passed out a sheet with funding information for the current capital projects the board has been working on.

750K Water Tower with removal of 150K Water Tower cost \$ 2,569,421.00

Raw Water Supply # 3 Well cost \$ 525,525.00

Remaining Amount on Engineering Contract cost \$ 158,000.00

Balance of Capital Fund as of 1-31-2022 \$ 2,207,175.00

Resolution 2022-01 transfer funds from 601 to 603 in the amount of \$ 431,000.00

Funds to complete current meter project cost \$ 75,000.00

Funds available for Tower & Well \$ 2,563,175.00

Funds needed to complete Tower & Well Projects \$ 689,771.00

Sources of money County funds for the next 2 years \$ 100,000.00 each year, 1-1-2023 reduce operating fund balance to \$ 700,000.00, borrow from Sewer department on year three \$ 200,000.00. Elliott stated the board should have a motion to approve the framework of funding for the projects.

Tony Perkins made a motion to approve the funding framework that Scot Elliott presented to the board and Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

**WATER TANK PROJECT:**

Tony Perkins made a motion to approve the low bid from Phoenix Fabrication & Erectors LLC for the 750K water tower including the removal of the 150K water tower in the amount of \$ 2,569,421.00 and Stephen Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

John Wetzel presented to the board change order # 1 for a possible savings of \$ 137,000.00 concerning the new tank. Deleting the following items from the bid: delete roof (tank top) handrailing, delete fencing and gate around the tank, delete stone/fabric area under tank & change the style of the tank from toro-spherical to a toro-ellipsoidal tank. A discussion followed concerning the items of deletion, these changes would have to be approved by the contractor.

Frank Fowler made a motion for the cost savings change order # 1 but leaving the roof (tank top) handrailing in the project for safety reasons and giving authority to Russ Luthy to sign the change order once the final numbers are in and Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

**WATER WELL # 3 PROJECT:**

Theresa Hartwig made a motion to approve the low bid from National Water Service in the amount of \$ 525,525.00 for Well # 3 and Stephen Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

John Wetzel presented to the board change order # 1 for a possible savings of \$ 22,015.00 concerning the new well. Deleting the following items from the bid: delete one of the water quality sample analyses during the 24-hour test pumping of the new well, delete the two observation wells and delete the drilling/installation of the level and temperature probe in existing wells 1 and 2. A discussion followed concerning the items of deletion

Frank Fowler made a motion for the cost savings change order # 1 and giving authority to Russ Luthy to sign the change order once the final numbers are in and Stephen Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

**GRANTS:**

Elliott stated today the Spencer County Commissioners voted in favor of the \$ 600,000.00 of ARPA funds to go toward the Mariah Hill new water line the town is wanting to put in. The Spencer County Council will have to approve the \$ 600,000.00 also. They meet in a couple weeks. EDA tourism grant was going to be awarded at the end of February but has now been pushed back to possibly September before we know if the town will be awarded the grant.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Koch Development approached the town of Santa Claus with a voluntary annexation and will be constructing housing and will need water and fire protection from the town. A cost of service was last done in 2009 for the water department and the town will more than likely need to have another one done.

**VOUCHERS:**

Frank Fowler made a motion to approve Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Greulich to pay all water vouchers and the board will approve the vouchers at the April 12, 2022 meeting and Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.


Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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


Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

The next Water Board meeting will be held on April 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm.


  
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Scot Elliott, President

  
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Stephen Leiberling, Member

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Theresa Criss-Hartwig, Member

  
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Frank Fowler, Vice President

  
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Tony Perkins, Member

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