

The Santa Claus Waterworks Board met in regular session on June 14, 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:

Also, Present: Chris Glenn; Water Supervisor & Cathy Kroeger; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Absent:

MINUTES:

Theresa Hartwig made a motion to approve the May 10, 2022 regular board minutes as written and Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

REPORTS:

Scot Elliott stated the reports were sent out prior to the meeting are there any questions or concerns? Water Operational from the month of May is unreconciled. Revenue in water will go up once the water portion is transferred from the wastewater.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chris Glenn stated all the meters have been purchased to finish the water meter project. The water well has been dug and could be complete by the end of the month waiting on the screen to come in.

WATER PROJECTS:

Scot Elliott as the town has been informed the county has set aside \$ 600,000.00 in ARPA funds for the Mariah Hill line and last month's meeting the board discussed asking for some additional funds from the county for the second round of ARPA funding due to inflation and the rising cost of labor and materials. The additional amount we asked for was \$ 200,000.00 stated in a letter to the county commissioners. The Mariah Hill line will cost about 1.2 million and will be bid out 2024 and constructed in 2025. The fire hydrants and valve rehab project has been put on hold until the other projects are completed and at that time, we will revisit revenues/funding to see where we are at.

GRANTS:

Elliott stated still no news on the EDA Grant at this time.

Frank Fowler made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA WATER BOARD CONCERNING UTILITY REVENUE TAX and Stephen Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

VOUCHERS:

Theresa Hartwig made a motion to approve vouchers in the amount \$ 351,659.60 and Stephen Leiberling seconded the motion.


Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

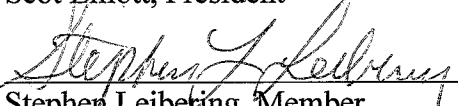
No further business Frank Fowler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm and Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

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



Scot Elliott, President




Stephen Leibering, Member

Theresa Criss-Hartwig, Member



Frank Fowler, Vice President

Tony Perkins, Member

ATTEST:


Kelly K. Greulich Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus

WATER BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA WATER BOARD
CONCERNING UTILITY REVENUE TAX

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

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly passed and the Governor signed House Enrolled Act 1002-2022 (“HEA 1002”), repealing I.C. §6-2.3-1-1 *et seq.*, imposing the Utility Receipts Tax (“URT”) and adding I.C. §8-1-2-4.3 requiring that the Town “adjust the utility's rates and charges to reflect the repeal” of the URT, effective July 1, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the URT is not separately collected by the Town as a line item in its utility billing, but the anticipated revenues and payments of the URT are a part of the general rate structure established by the Town’s past rate studies; and,

WHEREAS, the URT is a *de minimus* component of the Town’s water rates, comprising approximately 1.4% of the Town’s annual water budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has not conducted a rate study to determine reasonable and just rates and charges for services since 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the costs of operating the Town’s water utility and performing necessary capital improvements has increased substantially since 2019, and the Town is anticipating a rate study and adjustment to its water rates in 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Water Board is of the information and belief that conducting a rate study solely to reflect the impact of the repeal of the URT would not be cost-effective at this time, and likely would result in a net increase to the rates and charges for services to customers of the water utility; and,


WHEREAS, the Town cannot comply with the requirements of HEA 1002, insofar as the completion of a rate study, conduct of a properly-noticed public hearing and two (2) readings of an Ordinance to adjust the Town’s water rates could not be completed and effective on or before July 1, 2022 as required by HEA 1002.

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

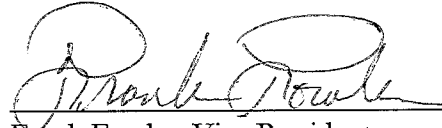
1. The Water Board recommends to the Town Council that no adjustment to the water rates and charges be made due to the effect of HEA 1002; and,
2. In compliance with I.C. §8-1-2-4.3(d), the Clerk Treasurer shall provide the following notice to all affected customers in each of the next two (2) regular billing cycles as follows:

“This bill reflects the repeal of the utility receipts tax (IC 6-2.3, before its repeal) in HEA1002-2022. The amount of the adjustment is \$0.00.”

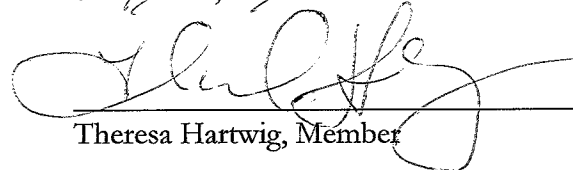
PASSED BY the Town of Santa Claus Water Board this 13 day of June, 2022.



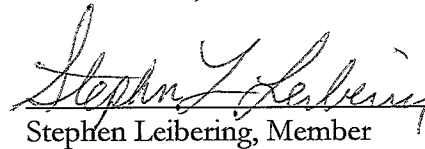
Scot Elliott, President



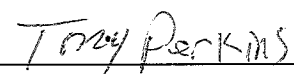
Frank Fowler, Vice President



Theresa Hartwig, Member

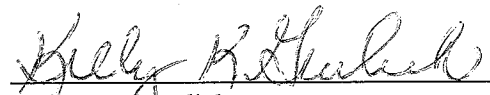


Stephen Leiberling, Member



Tony Perkins, Member

ATTEST:



Kelly K. Greulich
Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer