

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on June 13, 2022 at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In. The meeting was called to order by Michael Johannes at 5:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Town Council Present: Patricia Vaal, Michael Johannes, & Kevin Burke

Absent: Jason Little & Seth Windell

Also, Present: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Cathy Kroeger, Town Attorney; Kevin Patmore, Superintendent; Russ Luthy, Fire Chief; Max Meyer, Police Deputy; Robert Bone.

Absent:

MEETING MINUTES

Kevin Burke made a motion to approve the March 14, 2022 Town Council minutes as written and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Kevin Burke made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Town Council minutes as written and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Kevin Burke made a motion to approve the May 09, 2022 Town Council minutes as written and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no public comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Michael Johannes stated he has not spoken to anyone from Riverview. I did see in the Evansville paper notice from IDEM concerning Riverview. Vaal asked Johannes to explain the notice. Johannes stated he is not an IDEM expert but Riverview had to have IDEM clearance concerning run-off before they could break ground. Riverview had to break ground in order to keep the air permit active. Rack Card update with changes suggested will go to Matt Taylor and be available on the town website soon.

Kevin Burke made a motion to support the Water Board's RESOLUTION 2022-02 concerning the repeal of the URT tax 1.4% and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Michael Johannes stated the town of Santa Claus will not move forward with the lawsuit that was filed against the town concerning the golf course property rezoning, the town will not appeal to the Indiana Supreme Court. The town is concerned with the future of the golf course and wants the golf course to remain a golf course. The golf course is an asset to the town and the county. The town council would like to send a request to the Santa Claus APC Board asking them to start the process of rezoning the golf course property as a PUD (Planned Unit Development) and hopefully that will keep whoever owns the golf course a golf course in the future. It would be all the property that was transferred in the last sale. Johannes asked to entertain a motion from the town council.

Patricia Vaal made a motion to send a request to the Santa Claus APC Board to move forward with the process to maintain the current golf course as a golf course and rezone the properties as a PUD and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Kevin Burke commented that letters will go out to adjacent property owners, a public hearing will be conducted and possibly the public hearing will need to be held at the community center pending how many people attend from the public. Johannes stated yes there is a legal process the town must go through for the rezoning.

MAY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER

First Responder-17 EMR

Fire Alarms-0

Cut Gas Line-2

Signal 9 (disregard)-1

Total Activities-20

June 25th BBQ dinners will be served starting at 11:00 A.M at the Fire Station.

PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ABSENT ZACH TISCHEENDORF

SCCC Active Members-126, New Members-13, Daily-36, Big Room Rental-0, Big Room Hourly Rental-0

COMPLETED PROJECTS OF PARK'S DEPARTMENT-Repaired field 3 press box stairs, Bermuda field aeration and painted the park yard barn.

NEW/ONGOING PROJECTS-install new base trim, fixtures and vent covers at SCCC, sand volleyball court improvements and spring sports field prep and concessions.

COUNCIL ITEMS TO DISCUSS-Noting at this time.

BUILDING INSPECTOR ABSENT TODD HAYS

Number of Post Hole Inspections	0
Number of Solar Inspections	0
Number of ILPS Issued	9
Number of New Permits	8
Number of Footing Inspection	8
Number of Foundation Inspections	4
Number of Rough in Plumbing Inspections	4
Number of Rough in HVAC Inspections	6
Number of Rough in Electric Inspections	3
Number of Vectren Inspections	0
Number of Electrical Permits Issued	2
Number of Gas Inspections	2
Number of General Inspections	4
Number of Framing Inspections	7
Number of Concrete Floors/Slabs	7
Number of Basements Inspections	0
Number of 911 Addresses Assigned	1
Waterproofing Foundations Inspection	1
Number of Underground Plumbing	5
Number of Electric Meter Inspections	4
Number of Final Inspections	1

Number of Certificate of Occupancy 0

POLICE DEPARTMENT ABSENT JAMES FAULKENBURG

Off Duty Call Outs-10

Citations TOSC-8

Warnings TOSC-25

Crash Reports-8

Vehicle Inspections-4

Domestic Disturbances-7

Assist another Department-11

Medical Emergencies-9

Disturbances-52

Theft Reports-3

Verbal Warnings-0

Case Reports/Investigations-17/80

Warrant Service-2

Gun Permits-4

Arrests-4

Assist Motorist-19

Reserve Hours for the month of May are as follows: Stout-0 hrs, Jazyk-20 hrs, Luker-24 hrs, Kennedy-38 hrs, Goffinet-24 hrs.

TRAILS RUSS LUTHY

Drainage issues in the area in front of Old Tyme Liquors a change order to include a second drain to help take the water flow away from the area at a cost of \$ 3,000.00. The drain will be installed tomorrow. That intersection has always been an issue with drainage.

EASTSIDE Trail- Clark Dietz will need an additional \$ 25,000.00 for the month of May and additional \$ 15,000.00 to finish the project to complete PE on the trail with the delay from Holiday World and INDOT. The engineering firm underestimated the cost of the project. Kevin Burke stated he would like to see the engineers from Clark-Dietz come to the next meeting and explain to the council why their engineering cost has exceeded their bid amount. Luthy stated he did not want to be a part of that and believes in is counterproductive. If the council wants to ask Clark Dietz to come to the next meeting, they can but Luthy stated he will not be apart of it. Burke said if we need to have a special meeting then so be it! The town should not just pay \$ 40,000.00 in additional engineering's fees because they say they went over on hours because of delays. If the construction company didn't work then neither did the engineers so why has Clark Dietz gone so much over and we are just now hearing about the issue in the last two meetings. Obviously, Clark Dietz knew they were running out of money long before now so why did they wait so long to contact the council about needing additional money? Michael Johannes asked town attorney Kevin Patmore what was his legal advice on the issue. Patmore stated Clark Dietz stated 37 rain day delays and the project was suppose to last eight months that doesn't make a lot of sense. Luthy stated INDOT is looking into the request for the extension. Burke stated there are numerous errors on their part not on ours. Construction inspection cost for the Eastside trail was \$ 150,000.00 not exceed and now Clark Dietz is saying they need an additional \$ 40,000.00 that is substantial increase of more than 25%. Patmore recommended the town council have a meeting with Clark Dietz so they explain in detail why they are requesting additional monies on the project. Patmore stated he will read the contract and, in the meantime, set up to meet with Clark Dietz at the July meeting. JIM YELLIG PARK-Contractor issued NTP, pre-con meeting scheduled for June 8, 2022.

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	\$127,197.71	\$ 31,799.42
Construction Engineering	\$ 1,491,366.76	\$ 372,841.69
Total Expenses of Eastside	\$ 1,877,476.47	\$ 469,369.11
DNR YELLIG TRAIL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00

Nothing to report at this time.

STREET DEPARTMENT RUSS LUTHY

STREET OPEN ACTION ITEMS

Mowing- Yes

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, road inspections. Tree trimming, pothole repair, removal of dying tree near recycle center.

WASTEWATER RUSS LUTHY

PLANT INFORMATION: Treatment May 2022 28.58 MG, May 2021 17.13 MG

Precipitation May 2021 5.35 Inches, May 2021 3.40 Inches

OPEN ACTION ITEMS: Process control testing, plant O & M, monitoring new Phosphorous treatment, prepare for upcoming capital projects. Repair to clarifiers complete, work continues on AMP project. Note 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, monitor manhole on Evergreen Dr and other items on file at WWTP.

LATERAL INSPECTIONS: Revolving total lateral inspections-16, New in May-4, COC's completed -3, requiring repairs-3, no repairs-1, exempt laterals-0.

YEAR TO DATE: Requiring repairs-6, no repairs-9, exempt-1.

OSHA

No lost time injuries, 4-field hazard assessments: (2) water leak repairs, (1) meter install, (1) clarifier at WW Plant.

WATER RUSS LUTHY

Work Orders-Total Received- 17

Work Orders Completed- 16

Work Orders Pending- 1

OPEN ACTION ITEMS: "Dog House" under construction for elevated water tank, well Head Protection Plan approved by IDEM and will be posted on website.

The water quality report will be online on the town website at www.townofsantaclaus.com copies can be found at the clerk's office and at the admin building starting on July 1.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Patmore stated the survey came back at 21.23 acres for parcel Russ Winkler of Holiday Foods LLC put an offer on.

TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE

Patmore stated no update on Gosnell lawsuit at this time. Finishing up the town's invoice for services rendered. The 1st reading of ORDINANCE 2022-05 AN ORDINANCE ALTERING REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR EMPLOYEE TRAVEL for the council. A discussion followed and council instructed Patmore to make the following changes, up to \$ 100.00 per day for meals, overnight stay up to \$ 200.00 and if rates are higher must have council approval, change mileage rate from state rate to federal rate.

Kevin Burke made a motion for the 1st reading of ORDINANCE 2022-05 AN ORDINANCE ALTERING REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR EMPLOYEE TRAVEL and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Patmore stated he and Luthy have been working on the agreement concerning the roads. In the past the Town of Santa Claus has always had an Interlocal Agreement with the County. In this agreement we have added the old HWY 245 road. A motion to move forward with the agreement to the County is needed.

Patricia Vaal made a motion to have Kevin Patmore send the Interlocal Agreement to the County attorney for review and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Michael Johannes stated at some point a representative from Santa Claus will attend the County Council & County Commissioners meetings. Johannes asked Luthy to meet with the county road guy to make sure he is ok with the agreement before we attend a county meeting.

CLERK TREASURER KELLY GREULICH

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve the over night stays for the Clerk-Treasurer Annual Conference in Michigan City at a rate of \$ 119.00 plus taxes and fees and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

MISCELLANEOUS:

Kevin Patmore stated a Redevelopment Commission meeting will need to be scheduled after the town council meeting in July. Cathy Kroeger will let Kelly Greulich know.

Patricia Vaal asked Russ Luthy if the document that was discussed previously had been placed in the personal file, Luthy stated yes it has been.

VOUCHERS:

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve general vouchers in the amount of \$ 212,695.56 and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Patricia Vaal made a motion to approve wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$ 294,579.33 and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

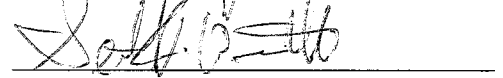
Kevin Burke made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 6:15 P.M. and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

The next Town Council meeting will be July 11, 2022 at 5:30 pm



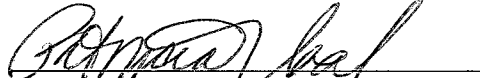
Michael Johannes, President



Seth Windell, Member

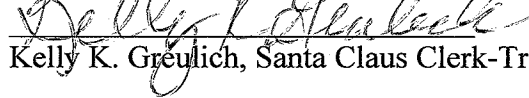
Jason Little, Member

Kevin Burke, Vice President



Patricia Vaal, Member

ATTEST:



Kelly K. Greulich, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer