

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on March 14, 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: Jason Little, Patricia Vaal, Michael Johannes, Kevin Burke & Seth Windell

Absent:

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Michael Johannes called for Layla Thayer but she was not in attendance.

David Meihles is the ADA Consultant that was hired by the town to conduct and evaluate the town facilities. David stated to the council and to the public there will be a time during this meeting that anyone in attendance that would like to make a comment concerning the town facilities may do so. He asked, has there ever been a time that you have not been able to fully enjoy the amenities the town has to offer? Due to the town not being in compliance with ADA requirements. Michael Johannes stated this a public meeting so if anyone would want to say something they can now. No comments were made. David informed the public that Russ Luthy is your ADA Coordinator for the town so if you ever have questions or concerns, he is the person to go to. There is a complaint process in place you let Mr. Luthy know what the issue is he will put it in writing, inform the council, Luthy will research and see what correction or corrections need to be made, the person will receive in writing what the correction will be and in a certain time frame. This is called an in-house grievance procedure, designed to keep these problems and complaints at a local level and not sent out to an attorney or at a federal level. Architectural barriers are what we are looking for. We look at every aspect of the building inside and outside. Codes have changed since they were first written in 1991. The list that will be complied will be something your town will not be able to complete in a year or even two but more likely more than ten years it will take to become compliant. Luthy stated David will be touring all the town facilities and evaluating each area. A report will be submitted on each area of town facilities with what the corrections must be.

Michael Johannes stated the town is wanting to get ahead of the game and that is why the town hired David Meihles an outside consultant. Thank you, David.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Michael Johannes stated currently working on the donation letter with Holiday World. There are four people working on this and sometimes it is hard to get everyone together but we will get it done. Received two calls one from Mr. Ott of Riverview asking me if I knew what the Dale Town Council was doing, I said no and the second call was from Ray Striegel Dale Town Council wanting to know if the Town knew what Riverview was doing and I stated no we do not. Sounds like Riverview and Dale are not communicating to each other. Johannes did send them a note with Bruce Cissna phone number one it. Patricia Vaal asked has there been any communication with Stephen Bartels? Johannes stated No.

FEBRUARY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER ABSENT FROM MEETING

First Responder-6

Total Activities-6

PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF

SCCC Active Members-145, New Members-17, Daily-49, Big Room Rental-1, Big Room Hourly Rental-16. COMPLETED PROJECTS OF PARK'S DEPARTMENT-24 park trash cans and lids received, painted and stationed at the park on March 5th. 3 new treadmills at the gym, kitchen drop ceiling complete, and cardio room drywall/plaster, painting complete.

NEW/ONGOING PROJECTS-need to install "No Parking Signs" at Yellig. Rubber flooring was delivered on March 4th. The installation of the polyaspartic floor will be on March 18th & 19th. New equipment in the concession stand, currently hiring at the park.

Seth Windell stated he seen on the Facebook page a project list that stated ½ million for new fields, Tischendorf stated that is basically projecting out using Park special fund, Park building and equipment fund and the DNR Grant if the Park receives it. The fields are the priority to help minimize the rainouts. Yellig Park is a satellite place for tournaments most organizers play at Jasper or Owensboro. They have good fields that are able to be played on after a rain because of good drainage Yellig Park fields do not. Eventually, if the park receives the grant our fields would be like Southridge football field. Games could be played after rain.

BUILDING INSPECTOR TODD HAYS

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

Miscellaneous: working on unsafe building at 726 W Ornament 5/3 bank is in the process of selling the property. The house on Shepherds Lane has been demolished but they are still doing clean up. Currently addressing issues on the vacant house at 486 S Melchior Dr to have the door secured.

POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES FAULKENBURG

Off Duty Call Outs-11
Citations TOSC-10
Warnings TOSC-27
Crash Reports-5

- Vehicle Inspections-3
- Domestic Disturbances-2
- Assist another Department-9
- Medical Emergencies-3
- Disturbances-18
- Theft Reports-1
- Verbal Warnings-0
- Case Reports/Investigations-13/29
- Warrant Service-2
- Gun Permits-1
- Arrests-4
- Assist Motorist-7

Reserve Hours for the month of February are as follows: Stout-0, Jazyk-12 & Phillips-0.

The new vehicles should arrive at the end of March but it will be more than likely April before we receive them.

TRAILS RUSS LUTHY

EASTSIDE Trail- Estimated cost \$ 1,864,208.45, Grade work continues along 162 40% complete.

JIM YELLIG PARK-Quality Craft Construction low bidder.

CT Report on expenses of the trails:

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		\$ 83,786.41		\$ 20,946.62
Construction Engineering		\$ 1,491,366.76		\$ 372,841.69
Total Expenses of Eastside		<u>\$ 1,834,065.17</u>		<u>\$ 458,516.31</u>

DNR YELLIG TRAIL **\$ 10,000.00** **\$ 2,500.00**

Luthy stated the DNR grant project was awarded last month with leaving a few of the sections out because of funding, there has been talk that TIF money maybe available to complete the entire project that the Redevelopment Commission could award funds from the A & C Allocation area. Tischendorf stated he would rather the town use the TIF funds instead of the park special fund to pay for the portion of the DNR trail. The \$ 30,000.00 that the Trails of Santa Claus donated to the town could then be used for maintenance and upkeep of the trails. Kevin Patmore informed the council and Tischendorf the grant was approved for the town with the understanding of the non-for-profit Trails of Santa Claus was donating part of the match. The funds most go toward the construction/improvements of the Yellig trail DNR Grant. Patmore went on to say the Redevelopment Commission did a resolution to reimburse the town for monies for the following projects such as downtown enhancements and the trails.

Seth Windell made a motion to amend and approve the bid from Quality Craft with the base bid and all alternates pending funding approval from the Redevelopment Commission and the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

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. Still in talks with the county concerning HWY 245.

WASTEWATER RUSS LUTHY

PLANT INFORMATION: Treatment February 2022 30.92 MG, February 2021 21.84 MG

Precipitation February 2021 8.2 Inches, February 2021 5.83 Inches

OPEN ACTION ITEMS: Process control testing, plant O & M, construction continues on NPDES required P removal, prepare for upcoming capital projects, other items on file at WW Plant.

SSO(s)- 0

COLLECTION SYSTEM: Routine station maintenance checks, sewer main and lateral rehab ongoing, begin manhole inspections for rehab, Jet lines, Rehab # 8 Lift Station (part of capital project) monitor manhole on Evergreen Dr, assist with snow removal.

LATERAL INSPECTIONS: Revolving total lateral inspections-6, New in February-4, COC's completed -4, requiring repairs-1, no repairs-4, exempt laterals-1.

YEAR TO DATE: Requiring repairs-1, no repairs-4, exempt-1.

OSHA

No lost time injuries, 2-facility inspection: Headworks and the shop, 4-field hazard assessments (1) tree trimming, (3) water leaks.

WATER RUSS LUTHY

Work Orders-Total Received- 12

Work Orders Completed- 12

Work Orders Pending- 0

OPEN ACTION ITEMS: Prepare for upcoming capital projects, well head protection plan submitted on 12-22-2021 for IDEM review.

Michael Johannes stated the County Commissioners has awarded the Town of Santa Claus Water Department \$ 600,000.00 to put in a new line to Mariah Hill next the County Council will approve. The funds are from the ARPA Grant. Several people in the community have asked if that is a line for Riverview and I just want to make this clear this line is not for Riverview but for the residents of Mariah Hill. The town has a responsibility to provide water and fire protection to our customers and this will insure both potable water and fire protection to our customers.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Nothing to report at this time.

TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE

Patmore stated no update on the Gosnell litigation at this time. The Back 9 litigation is in the appeals court no update at this time.

Patricia Vaal made a motion for a new plan of action to request a resolution concerning the golf course and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

DEPUTY CLERK CATHY KROEGER

Cathy Kroeger explained that the town is still trying to reconcile the bank statements due to the errors of Invoice Cloud. ACH Customers will see a refund from Invoice Cloud for the .35 they were charged in February. A permanent loss of revenue for the town is the franchise fees PSCI was paying the town for T.V. service. The yearly revenue loss is about \$ 11,000.00. PSCI will no longer provide T.V. service. Also, another loss of revenue is the gun permits that is about \$ 5,000.00 a year since the law was passed that you can no longer charge for gun permits.

A discussion followed about the phone system, currently two phones are not working. Seth Windell brought up a system that is used by your cell phone. Kroeger stated Brian Pund has looked into a system that would cost about \$ 3,000.00 to install and allow for calls to be transferred from building to building instead of giving customers a number to call.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing to discuss

VOUCHERS:

Jason Little made a motion to approve general vouchers in the amount of \$ 180,798.98 and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Jason Little made a motion to approve wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$ 178,991.68 and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

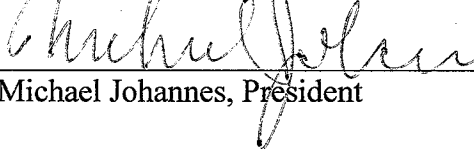
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Seth Windell made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 6.25 pm and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

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

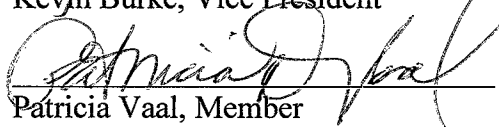


Michael Johannes, President



Kevin Burke, Vice President


Seth Windell, Member



Patricia Vaal, Member

Jason Little, Member

ATTEST:



Kelly K. Greulich, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer