

The Santa Claus Town Council & Santa Claus Town Council met in regular session on May 09, 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 5:56 pm after Redevelopment Commission meeting.

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, Fire Chief; Max Meyer, Police Chief; James Faulkenburg & Building Inspector; Todd Hays

Absent:

OPENING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Kelly Greulich stated the town had received additional ARPA funds in the amount of \$ 1,030.20 and in order to spend the funds the town has to go through the additional appropriations process, advertisement in newspaper, public hearing and a resolution. Michael Johannes asked those present if they had any questions or comments, with no public comments Kevin Burke made a motion to close the public hearing and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Kevin Burke made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-07 A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE & SPEND ADDITIONAL ARPA FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,030.20 and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Tyler Lamb introduced him as one of the owners of 2 Guys & a Pickup who purchased the property on 726 W Ornament Lane from 5/3 bank. The bank informed us that the town had an unsafe building fine in the amount of \$ 13,500.00. The plan is to completely remodel the home and fix all structure issues and make it the best home on the street. (a laptop was passed around with properties 2 Guys & a Pickup have remodeled in the past) The eyesore will go away and the home will be beautiful. We are asking the town council if they would be willing to reduce the current fine. A discussion followed

Seth Windell made a motion to reduce the unsafe building fine from \$ 13,500.00 to \$ 3,000.00 and Jason little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Michael Johannes stated to those present whatever you have read in the paper about the Town of Santa Claus concerning Riverview or the Town of Dale the town has not been contacted, no communication has happened. Rock Emmert asked if there have been any changes with the MOU that the town of Santa Claus sent the town of Dale and Riverview last year? Johannes answered No but with the increasing cost of everything the MOU may need to be revisited if the plant is built. Johannes stated Ashley from Holiday World is working on the changes for the rack cards once completed the town will receive a copy with changes for review. Johannes stated he was contacted by Kevin Burke concerning a letter of support for the Mid-State Corridor, Patmore has drafted a letter and if the council so chooses to authorize the President to sign a motion is needed.

Kevin Burke made a motion to authorize president, Michael Johannes to sign the letter of support for the Mid-State Corridor and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Kelly Greulich stated the agreement for the ARPA funds from the County Commissioners must be approved and signed by the president of the town council and the president of the water board.

Kevin Burke made a motion to authorize president, Michael Johannes to sign the county agreement for the ARPA funds and Seth Windell seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

Johannes stated the town did not receive a rejection letter concerning the EDA Grant that the town applied for a water line from the water plant, down 162 Holiday World and to Holiday Village.

APRIL REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAX MEYER

First Responder-3 EMR

Fire Alarms-1

Total Activities-4

On May 5, 2022 the engines and tanker were serviced, a discharge valve on engine 1 was fixed, engine 4 had a few air leaks that had to be fixed, the engine kussal charging system is not working. Meyer stated on May 7, 2022 Bernie Stallman attended Marshal’s Interchange in Plainfield. Saturday June 25, 2022 Annual BBQ Dinners starting at 11:00 am. August 20, 2022 Public Safety Day at Yellig Park

PARKS & RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER ZACH TISCHENDORF

SCCC Active Members-131, New Members-8, Daily-23, Big Room Rental-0, Big Room Hourly Rental-2. The Spencer County Clerk used the small room for early voting and the large room was used for the primary on May 3, 2022.

COMPLETED PROJECTS OF PARK’S DEPARTMENT-Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 16, 2022 with over 600 people in attendance. No Parking signs have been installed along with bollards by playground. The Spencer County Visitors Bureau Grant has been completed and submitted.

NEW/ONGOING PROJECTS-installing new base trim, fixtures and vent covers at SCCC, working on IDNR Land & Water Conservation Grant and spring sports field prep ongoing.

COUNCIL ITEMS TO DISCUSS-Noting at this time.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Number of Post Hole Inspections	0
Number of Solar Inspections	0
Number of ILPS Issued	1
Number of New Permits	1
Number of Footing Inspection	4
Number of Foundation Inspections	2
Number of Rough in Plumbing Inspections	2
Number of Rough in HVAC Inspections	1
Number of Rough in Electric Inspections	2
Number of Vectren Inspections	0
Number of Electrical Permits Issued	3

Number of Gas Inspections	0
Number of General Inspections	8
Number of Framing Inspections	1
Number of Concrete Floors/Slabs	1
Number of Basements Inspections	0
Number of 911 Addresses Assigned	1
Waterproofing Foundations Inspection	0
Number of Underground Plumbing	1
Number of Electric Meter Inspections	0
Number of Final Inspections	2
Number of Certificate of Occupancy	1

Miscellaneous: Hays informed the council that he spoke to Rick Harpenau about his property located at 486 S Melchior Dr, the property has sold on a tax sale. A couple questions for the council, how should the town deal with expired permits? With the supply chain issues. Patmore stated per the ordinance a person can ask for extension before their 1-year is up and that can be granted. Since this permit had already expired it states they must pay for the building permit again and have an additional 6 months to complete from the 1-year permit date that was first filed with the town.

A Santa Claus resident brought to my attention an ordinance 12.02.070 permit required from the town website. It states a permit shall be obtained 1. Beginning any new construction of a building or structure the cost of which exceeds \$ 2,500.00 or 2. Beginning any structure alteration or repair, other than ordinary repairs, of any noncommercial building or structure the of which exceeds \$ 2,500.00. Ordinary repairs are nonstructural repairs and do not include; additions to, alterations of, replacement or relocation of water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waist, vent or similar piping, electrical wiring, or mechanical or other work for which a permit is required by this Code. All fees required by this Code shall be paid to the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana prior to work (Ordinance 1997-04 & 1990-06). A discussion followed and Todd Hays was instructed to send Mr. Potter a letter concerning his issue about obtaining a permit and the consequences if he does not.

POLICE DEPARTMENT JAMES FAULKENBURG

The town received two bids on the 2014 Ford Explorer, one bid from Town & Country Ford for \$ 5,000.00 and one bid from Ringwood Motors for \$ 5,250.00.

Seth Windell made a motion to accept the bid of \$ 5,250.00 from Ringwood Motors for the 2014 Ford Explorer and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion: Carried

- Off Duty Call Outs-7
- Citations TOSC-14
- Warnings TOSC-29
- Crash Reports-2
- Vehicle Inspections-4
- Domestic Disturbances-3
- Assist another Department-11
- Medical Emergencies-5
- Disturbances-50
- Theft Reports-2
- Verbal Warnings-0
- Case Reports/Investigations-13/38
- Warrant Service-2

Gun Permits-4

Arrests-6

Assist Motorist-5

Reserve Hours for the month of April are as follows: Stout-0 hrs, Jazyk-20 hrs, Luker-40 hrs pre-basic completed, Kennedy-40 hrs pre-basic completed, Goffinet-40 hrs pre-basic completed.

TRAILS RUSS LUTHY

EASTSIDE Trail- Clark Dietz will need an additional \$ 25,000.00 to complete PE on the trail with the delay from Holiday World and INDOT. Greulich stated there is funds left in the ROW and land purchase did you ask the INDOT if those funds could be moved over to help fund the additional PE? Luthy stated he will put in a call to INDOT to see if can be done.

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:

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		\$117,371.71		\$ 29,332.95
Construction Engineering		\$ 1,491,366.76		\$ 372,841.69
Total Expenses of Eastside		<u>\$ 1,867,650.47</u>		<u>\$ 466,902.64</u>
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 April 2022 30.99 MG, April 2021 13.05 MG

Precipitation April 2021 5.66 Inches, April 2021 3.55 Inches

OPEN ACTION ITEMS: Process control testing, plant O & M, monitoring new Phosphorous treatment, begin summer disinfection process, 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, monitor manhole on Evergreen Dr and other items on file at WWTP.

LATERAL INSPECTIONS: Revolving total lateral inspections-12, New in April-2, COC's completed -2, requiring repairs-0, no repairs-2, exempt laterals-0.

YEAR TO DATE: Requiring repairs-3, no repairs-8, exempt-1.

OSHA

No lost time injuries, 3-field hazard assessments: (1) tree trimming, (1) water service install rehab at CLV Recreation Center, (1) tree removal at Recycle Center & (1) work on clarifier at WW Plant.

WATER RUSS LUTHY

Work Orders-Total Received- 17

Work Orders Completed- 17

Work Orders Pending- 0

OPEN ACTION ITEMS: Area cleared for proposed elevated water tank, well head protection plan approved by IDEM & will be posted on website.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Nothing to report at this time.

TOWN ATTORNEY KEVIN PATMORE

Patmore stated he has not heard back from Gosnell attorney, no judgement in the litigation with the golf course at this time.

CLERK TREASURER KELLY GREULICH

Still working with Invoice Cloud on the bank rec issues and Boyce Systems is involved as well. Received an invoice from ADA Consulting of Indiana for the community center in the amount of \$4,400.00 and the park in the amount \$ 6,000.00 with miscellaneous charges of milage, travel time and hotel stay for \$ 2,322.30 for a total of \$ 12,722.30 for the council to approve. Seth Windell asked which fund did we take the amounts from before? Greulich stated the Rainy-day fund 223.

Seth Windell made a motion to pay the invoice from ADA Consulting of Indiana in the amount of \$ 12,722.30 from fund 223 and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Michael Johannes asked Luthy what is the time frame for the town to complete ADA requirements on the town facilities? Luthy said I don't know that there is one. The important thing is the town is working on this and the town should set monies aside each year to go toward ADA. Greulich stated the town could add this to the County EDIT/CEDIT Ordinance that is updated every 3 years.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Jason Little stated the town has looked into sirens in the past but it has been quite a while. Spencer County is now right in the middle of tornado alley, the town should look into the sirens again, possibly there could be a grant available or even if cost have gone down to make the sirens more affordable. Vaal echoed Little's concern especially with all the guest the town sees with Holiday World, Lake Rudolph and the State and National Parks down the road.

Michael Johannes passed out year end balances for the general fund for the last 8 years for the council and department heads to review, if you look at 2014 the balance at the end of the year was \$586,367.00 each year after that the town's general fund has continued to grow due to the town council and the clerk-treasurer being responsible with town funds. The town is in a good spot,

in the 8 years the town has increase the ending balance in the general fund by more than 1.2 million dollars. Greulich explained that the 101 general fund includes the police, fire, community center, planning and zoning and clerk treasurer’s budgets. The DLGF & SBOA requires that the town keep an eighteen-month operating balance in the event taxes are unable to be distributed to the town.

Johannes stated the total overall general ending balance is \$ 4,699,095.00 as of December 2021. So, we have money! Greulich stated let me explain when Mike says the general that is the general bank account which includes about 30 some funds and many of those funds are very specific as to what they can be spent on, such as Cum Cap Fire (CCF), Park & Rec, Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) and many more.

VOUCHERS:

Seth Windell made a motion to approve general vouchers in the amount of \$ 191,271.77 and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Seth Windell made a motion to approve wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$ 67,895.44 and Kevin Burke seconded the motion.

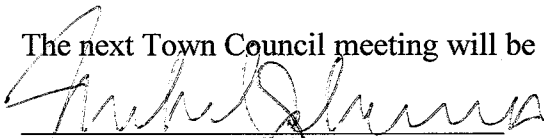
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Seth Windell made a motion to adjourn the town council meeting at 7:36 pm and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

The next Town Council meeting will be June 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm

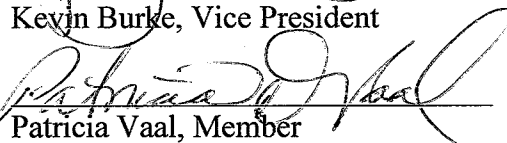


Michael Johannes, President



Kevin Burke, Vice President

Seth Windell, Member



Patricia Vaal, Member

Jason Little, Member

ATTEST:


Kelly K. Greulich, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2022-07

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:


Sec. 1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the Town Council of Santa Claus, Indiana Spencer County, that for the expenses of the taxing unit, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the fund named below and for the purposes specified below, subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name:

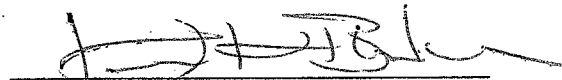
176 ARPA/Coronavirus/Local/Fiscal/Grant

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Capital Outlays	\$ 1,030.20	\$ 1,030.20
TOTAL <u>176</u> Fund:	\$ 1,030.20	\$ 1,030.20

Approved and Adopted on this 9th day of May, 2022 by the Santa Claus Town Council.



Michael Johannes, President

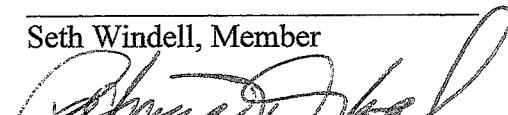


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ATTEST:



Kelly K. Greulich Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer