

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

**TOWN OF AVILLA
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL
108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710**

THOSE PRESENT: Philip Puckett Jr., William Krock Jr., Andy Uhl, Brian Carroll, Rita Grocock, Adam Dunlap, Brandon Bryant, Melissa Bryant, Kierston Wright, Kevin Kelly, Mike Hensinger, Glen Wills, Chris Arnett, Matt Getts, Chad Geiger, Chad Rayle, Thad Bay, Kyle Herron, Nancy Bodeker, AJ Ley, Courtni Reed, Kevin Malcolm, Mike Bobey, Marsha Harshman, Ashley Jones, Ben Jones, Richard Hippenhammer, Josh Detro, Skyler Elkin, Aaron Battrick, Tiffany Battrick, Danielle Scheurich, Scott Myers, Joseph Handshoe, Brian Meyer, Addison Meyer, Chris Arnett, Todd Nelson, Matthew Brown, Herb Baetz, Brandon Baetz, Heather Thiel, Brad Workman, Carrie Maxwell, Mike Baczynski, Brandon Diehm, Page Diehm, Ethan Huff, Chase Gibson, Eric Smith, Linda Smith, Chelsea Handshoe, Travis Handshoe, John Mullins, Katie Schaller.

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Philip Puckett, Jr. reported that we were going to do things a little differently this evening and will allow two of the guests that are here on Glen Will's behalf to speak briefly as to why they are here. A rumor on Facebook that somebody started was that the council was going to eliminate the Avilla Police Department. Council member, Philip Puckett, Jr. spoke and said there is no intention of eliminating the entire Avilla Police Department. Several individuals spoke on Glen's behalf and said they thought he should maintain his job, as well. After a brief discussion councilman Puckett said we will now resume our regular scheduled meeting now.

Claims in the amount of \$743,542.53 were submitted to the council for approval. William Krock Jr. made a motion to approve the claims for the month. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from January 10, 2024, was submitted to the council. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Mangers Report – Adam Dunlap gave his report for the month.

Adam Dunlap, Town Manager, reported that the town car needs attention. He was requesting 2 new tires, wiper blades, oil change, diagnose and repair coolant leak. He was asking the council to spend around \$1500.00 to make these repairs. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Adam to spend up to \$1500.00 on the repairs. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent's Report – Brian Carroll gave his report for the month.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that our Siemens Mag5000 Transmitter was not working properly. The transmitter is for the flow meter that meters the flow going into the ponds. The replacement cost is \$2502.94. Andrew Uhl made a motion to allow Brian to make the purchase, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported he has been in conversation with NIPSCO, and they are wanting to close the property at the corner of Albion Street and Minor Rd. They previously purchased the property for \$10.00 and the cost of relocating the sewer force main that comes from the Minor Road lift station, for a cost of \$17,335.00. Brian was asking the council to authorize either himself or Adam

Dunlap to sign the paperwork as it needs to be completed before the next council meeting. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to give Brian the authority to sign the documents. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, asked the council for permission to attend the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Spring Conference in French Lick on March 12-14, 2024. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve him to attend the conference. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall's Report - was given by Glen Wills.

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, asked the council for his part time employee Matt Brown to attend a basic chaplain school in Wisconsin in March for 3-4 days. He will drive a police vehicle to the training, hotel and meals will also be paid for by the town. Council approved no vote was taken.

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported to the council he would like permission to attend Less Lethal Training in LaGrange, IN for a week of training. The total cost is \$795.00. He will drive each day and not get a hotel room for this. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Glen to attend the training. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, reported to the council that the Avilla Police K9 is not well and needs to be taken out of service starting immediately. Officer Eric Lawson will care for the dog at home for the remainder of the dog's life or as long as Officer Lawson is employed by the Town of Avilla police department. Glen then indicated that he has already located a new K9 dog and with a generous donation by an anonymous individual the cost to the town will only be \$8000.00 with the other half paid by this person. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase for \$8000.00 to be paid out of Public Safety funds. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report- was given by Chad Geiger.

Park Board Report – they did not have anything to report at this time.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Rita Grocock, reported she had a couple items to get approved. First, we need to pay Insight for the police car cradle points that will be installed by Richard Anderson when received for a cost of \$1572.72. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Rita Grocock, Clerk-Treasurer, informed the council that resident Jonathan Harris had a broken water spigot on the outside of his home and lost several gallons of water on to the ground. He was asking the council to write off \$57.56 as part of the sewer portion of his utility bill. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the write-off. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, presented to the council the 2024 Professional Services agreement between the Town of Avilla and Spectrum Engineering. The total cost for the emergency situation contract does not exceed \$10,000. for the year 2024. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the contract. Andrew Uhl seconded the contract.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, presented to the council the 2024 Professional Services agreement with Tanner Consulting. The total cost of the emergency situations contract is not to exceed \$10,000. Andrew Uhl after asking questions about what the contract consists of made a motion to approve the contract. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

First item on the agenda was to hire a new cleaning person to clean the Town Hall and the Police Department. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to hire Stephanie Meredith for \$23.00/hour. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was to appoint Joshua Lash to the Avilla Plan Commission, Philip Puckett, Jr. made the appointment.

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, presented to the council the annual cancellation of warrants. The total for the year 2023 was (\$1,085.95).

Resolution 750-1-24 Authorization to transfer funds from 2403 Local Road & Bridge to the General Fund. The money is from funds not spent on the Local Road & Bridge project in 2023. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution 750-1-24. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, asked the council to consider giving new police officer Shane Hurt an additional one-week vacation for the year 2024. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the request. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda for the evening was to hire a company for the annual town clean-up day in May. We received two quotes. One was from Noble County Disposal and the other was from Washler, Inc. After a brief discussion, Andrew Uhl made a motion to hire Noble County Disposal to complete the job this year. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

It has been brought to the attention of the Town Council that we have various times of the year when the annual ATV, Golf Cart and Side by Side registrations are due to renew. We would like to move to one date for them to expire each year instead of being staggered. So, making the expiration date all the same. There was some conversation about going in two-year increments. After a brief discussion, William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table until next month. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

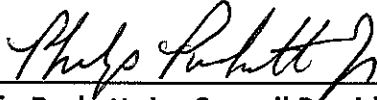
Old Business:

The council resumed a discussion from the January 10, 2024, meeting regarding the reduction in spending amount without approval first from \$1200. To \$500. Andrew Uhl made a motion to keep the amount at \$1200. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

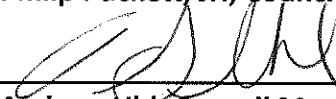
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

With no further business to discuss for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

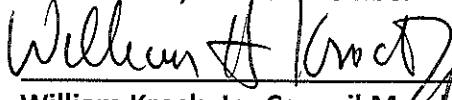
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL



Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President



Andrew Uhl, Council Member



William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:



Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer