

JUNE 19, 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, Kierston Wright, Kevin Kelly, Mike Hensinger, Glen Wills, Chris Arnett, Melissa Bryant, Brandon Bryant, Josh Detro, Brandon Depoy, Bob Hardy, Lisa Krock.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Claims in the amount of \$495,774.12 were submitted to the council for approval. William Krock Jr. made a motion to approve the claims as submitted, Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from May 15, 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

Park Board President, Lisa Krock, reported to the council that as of July 1, 2024, the Park Board was disbanding due to lack of board members. They only have two board members left and that is not enough members for a quorum.

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

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

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that the reclosure located on Washington St. is still not operating correctly. They installed a new reclosure a few months ago at a cost of \$13,000 and it does not work. Brian will try and return or sell this one to recoup the money. The service technician thought the problem was in the controls. The unit is over 20 years old and should be replaced. We received a quote from Southern States that has the unit we want at a cost of \$24,495. and \$795. for a ten-year warranty, for a total cost of \$25,290. It will take 18-20 weeks to receive it. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that the north water tower needs painting. Dixon Engineering quoted \$44,650. to oversee the project. Andrew Uhl made a motion to hire Dixon Engineering and to pay for the engineering fees out of the water account. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, presented the council with a quote from Summit Sweeping to clean the streets this year. We typically hire this done in the Spring, and then again in the Fall. We did not get it done in the Spring, so the council decided to only have them cleaned once this year. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Summit Sweeping to complete the job at a cost not to exceed \$3800. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council that he received 76 bids on the 2002 GMC 2500 utility truck. High bid was \$4200. from Jeffrey Conley. The truck has been paid for and picked up.

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

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported that he obtained two quotes for the asphalt crack sealing at the police department. Ranger Materials quoted \$2990.00 to complete the job, and Asphalt Authority quoted \$2463.90. Glen spoke with other individuals who used Asphalt Authority and he received good reviews, so he would like to use them this year. Glen will also obtain quotes to do the Town Hall Parking Lot and a small location at the Fire Station. Andrew Uhl made a motion to hire Asphalt Authority to complete the work and to be paid out of Public Safety. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, conveyed to the council that he had two part-time officers resigning and he would like to replace them with Royal Kirkpatrick and Tyler Smoker. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to hire the two gentlemen as part-time officers for the Avilla Police Department. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report- was given by Josh Detro

Josh Detro, reported to the council that the Fire Department would like to purchase filing cabinets and totes to organize the station. The cost of these items is around \$2600.00 through Quill. Andre Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fireman, Josh Detro, informed the council that some of the departments turn out gear was expired, and they need to order four new sets of gear. They received a quote from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) for a total cost of \$15,133.60. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase and to be paid out of Public Safety Funds. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Park Board Report – no one present to give a report.

Attorney Report – Bob Hardy conveyed to the council that they need to appoint a five-member committee to hire a new Fire Chief. This would consist of an appointee by the Trustee, three from the fire department and one from the council to be on this board. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve them to move forward selecting the board. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Clerk Treasurer Report – Rita Grocock, presented the council with a quote from R. Phillips Restoration to repair the brick planters in front of the Avilla Town Hall. They have had bricks have been falling out of them for several years now and are in poor shape. The cost to do this is \$4800.00. The council rejected the bid and said they would investigate it later.

Rita Grocock, Clerk Treasurer, reported to the council that the Town Hall office will be closed on Friday July 5, 2024, for the July 4th Holiday. Employees will use vacation days or comp time.

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, reported to the council that town resident, Ryan Pessefall filled his new swimming pool before the summer sprinkler credit came into effect. He was asking for relief on the sewer portion of his utility bill for the water not entering the sewer. The amount is

\$148.28. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the credit on his account. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Rita Grocock, Clerk Treasurer, reported to the council that town business owner, Darla Buckles had a water leak at the Mercantile Building on the north side of town and the water ran out the back door and not down into the sewer. She was asking for relief on the sewer portion of her utility bill for \$38.11. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve relieving the charge of \$38.11 from her utility bill. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

Ordinance 1671-5-24 to unify all off-road vehicles ordinances into one, needed to be changed from an error on it that was approved at the May 2024 meeting. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the ordinance. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1670-6-24 creating a Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund was presented to the council. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1670-6-24 creating a Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund was presented to the council on the 1st reading. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the ordinance on the 1st reading. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1670-6-24 creating a Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund was presented to the council on the 2nd reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the ordinance on the 2nd reading. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was the placement of a police officer at the beginning of the new school year to monitor the new drop off route for the school children. They would like this officer to be at the corner of Walnut Street and Chestnut Street to control traffic as long as necessary until people get accustomed to the new drop-off route.

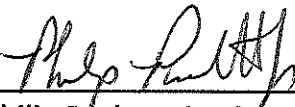
The last item on the agenda is the Community Crossing Matching Grant for 2024-1 notice to proceed. Philip Puckett, Jr. signed the Notice to Proceed with Pulver Asphalt Paving. The project will start July 2024 and be completed by June 1, 2025.

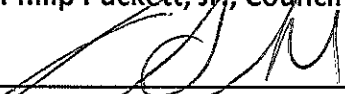
Old Business:

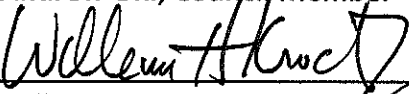
The only item under old business for the evening was the status of the GPS Installation in the police vehicles. Town Marshall, Glen Wills, stated they had all been completed at this time.

With no further business to discuss for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 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