

**JULY 17, 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, Brandon Bryant, Bob Hardy, Brandon Diehm, Paige Diehm, Sara Merkler, Diane Lewis, Melinda Carter, Rebecca King, Brenda Trent, Artemesia Brown, Earlene Simpson, Joe Simpson, Matthew Brown, Doug Kemp, Mary Brown, Katie Schaller, Chris Arnett, Eric Lawson, Brandon Depoy, John Merkler.

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 \$536,879.28 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 June 19, 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

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, handed out awards to four of his police Officer's for their heroic actions on the Avilla Police Department. Lifesaving awards were presented to Brandon Diehm, Eric Lawson, and John Merkler. A service award was presented to Matt Brown.

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

Adam Dunlap, Town Manager, reported to the council that he will be attending an ADA/Title Conference in Indianapolis on August 1, 2024. He will not be spending the night, so a hotel is not necessary for him. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to allow Adam to attend the conference, Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Manager, Adam Dunlap, presented to the council two quotes from Asphalt Authority for crack sealing on some of the town's parking lots. The total cost for the Town Hall is \$4298.20, and the Fire Department is \$1000.80. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve both quotes. William Krock, Jr. 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 the Town Hall A/C unit needs to be replaced. He received one quote and was waiting on two more. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of a new A/C unit not to exceed the cost of \$40,000. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that the fine screen for the wastewater plant was scheduled to be shipped the second week of August. He already received the mechanical quote of the project but was still waiting for the electrical quote. Brian indicated

that the cost of both would be less than the original quote. The quote from Mason Engineering was \$39,992. After a little discussion, it was decided to table this until the August meeting when the other quote will have been received. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table for now. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that well #4 has been rebuilt and reinstalled but still needs to be chlorinated. It was discovered that the well needs a new valve and flushed. The cost of the new valve is \$2160. The cost to flush is an additional charge and he did not have that price yet. Peerless Midwest will complete the work. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve a not to exceed price of \$5000. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that the Chester Street Lift Station that was approved in 2022 for his employees to complete the work for at a cost of not to exceed \$60,000, that he has decided to have a contractor complete the work instead of his employees. \$55,000 of this will be out of ARPA Funds.

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, conveyed to the council that the town's 1.5" - 4" large water meters are due to be assessed. M.E. Simpson has completed this project in the past and they have changed the way they charge to complete this. It will be a daily charge of \$2350. and mobilization and lodging cost of \$450. per night. It will take 5 to 6 days to complete. The total cost to complete is \$16,350. Andrew Uhl made a motion to table at this time. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported to the council that Officer Kris Houser's patrol vehicle is down and needs to be replaced. The cost to repair exceeds the value of the vehicle. The vehicle has 142K miles on it now. Glen said he has located a 2016 Ford Explorer, with 31,000 miles on it in Chicago for a price of \$18,500. with a trade in. The cost of equipment to outfit the new vehicle is only \$5000. because some of the equipment in his old vehicle will transfer to this new one. So, the equipment cost to the town is only \$5000. After a brief discussion among the council, Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, conveyed to the council that he received a quote for new radios that both the police and the fire department could use. He could purchase ten radios for a cost of \$3250.00/each for a total cost of \$32,500. Of the ten radios, seven would be purchased by the Fire Department and three would be purchased by the Police Department. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report- was given by Adam Dunlap

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

Attorney Report – Bob Hardy gave a brief report.

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, did not have anything to report this month.

New Business:

Ordinance 1671-7-24 for the installation of a new 4-way stop at Walnut and Chestnut Streets, due to an increase in traffic during school hours with the children's drop offline moving this year 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 1671-7-24 for the installation of a 4-way stop at Walnut and Chestnut streets was read on the 1st reading. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to install a temporary barricade at Walnut and Chestnut Streets for the use of school traffic until Ordinance 1671-7-24 has the final approval. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was the hiring of new Fire Chief Casey Kintz, his start date is July 18, 2024. He will be paid \$25.00/hour or \$31,200/year for a 24-hour work week. This will temporarily be paid out of Public Safety Funds. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the hiring and wages. William Krock, Jr. second the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

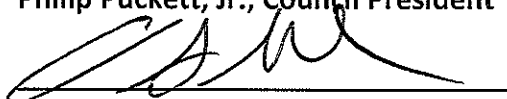
Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. spoke briefly about starting annual employee evaluations. This has not been completed for several years. This will give the council a better understanding on raises each year.

With no further business to discuss for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

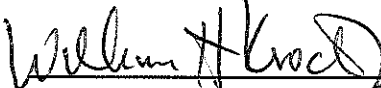
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Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President



Andrew Uhl, Council Member



William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:



Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer