

September 18, 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, Diane Lewis, Chris Arnett, Casey Kintz, Brandon Depoy, Adam Kugler, Colin Harding, J.R. Gibson, Stephanie Swaby, Lynette Parmley.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Council President opened-up the public hearing on the 2025 Budget at 6:05 P.M. After no one spoke he closed the public hearing at 6:06 P.M.

Ordinance 1673-8-24 for the 2025 Town of Avilla Budget was presented to the council on the 1st reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the ordinance for the 1st reading. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Claims in the amount of \$578,844.88 were submitted to the council for approval. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the claims as submitted, Bill Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from August 21, 2024, was submitted to the council. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chief, Casey Kintz, gave his report for the month.

Casey Kintz, Fire Chief, asked the council for permission to hire two part-time firefighters. The two gentlemen are Colin Harding and Kris Bair. He would like each of them to work 24 hours per week on a pay scale of \$17.00/hr. The max annual pay would be \$21,216. to be paid out of Public Safety Funds. Colin will start on September 20, 2024. Kris will start in October.

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

Adam Dunlap, Town Manager, asked the council for permission to attend the AIM Conference in Fort Wayne on October 8-10, 2024, at a cost of \$395.00, also two meals for the day. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve his attendance at the conference, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that the Chester Street Lift Station quotes were in, and the lowest bid was Ley Excavation, LLC at a cost of \$28,388.49, plus the restoration cost later. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Ley Excavating, Inc, to complete the project. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that the cost of the Well #4 upgrade that was completed back in June and July by Peerless Midwest, acquired additional costs due to them having to be on site for four additional days. The cost is \$14,960. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the additional charges, Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that Well #6 needs repaired. The cost is \$24,390.00 and \$36,280. if major components are required. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the cost up to \$36,280. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that he received quotes for 10-25 kva pole mount transformers for inventory. Solomon's quote was for \$1479.00/ea. T & R Electric's quote was \$1459.00/ea. and he was waiting for one more quote from Emerald Transformer. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase from the lowest quote when they are all received. William Krock, Jr. seconded the vote.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, relayed to the council that the Alliance of Rural Water Conference will be held in Fort Wayne on October 22-24, 2024. He indicated that he and Nathan Hathaway would like to attend the conference to get CEU's towards their licenses. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to allow them to attend. Andrew Uhl 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 he is looking for a 3rd shift officer to replace Shane Hurt who is leaving to go to Kendallville. He asked permission to move Roger Molargik from a reserve to a part time position. Andrew Uhl approved his request, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, asked the council for permission to purchase 10 Life-Vacs which are used to dislodge items from a choking person. The cost of the Life-Vacs is \$59.00/ea. For a total cost of \$590.00. These are for one-time use, and they are just testing them now to see how they work. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase out of Public Safety. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, asked the council for permission to purchase Quick-Clots from G.I. Joes. The cost is \$40.00/ea and he would like to purchase 20 of them, for a total cost of \$800.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase to be paid out of Public Safety. Andrew Uhl second the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, said last month he got permission to purchase 10 radios at a total cost of \$32,500. It was approved to purchase at the August meeting, but he did not indicate how they would be paid for. He would like permission to use Public Safety funds for the purchase. Andrew Uhl made a motion to allow the purchase out of Public Safety, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Attorney Report – Bob Hardy gave a brief report.

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, reported to the council that Brandon & Melissa Depoy had a fire at their home, and they are not living in it because it is under construction. They have been billed for three months on sewer usage that they are not using at this time. They are asking for credit on their utility bill for the three months of sewer usage for a total of \$92.88. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the write-off. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

Resolution 754-9-24 a Resolution for a liquor permit for Resident Adam Kugler and his business (The Burning Barn) located at 104 E. Fourth Street. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the resolution, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda for the evening was to set the Trick-or-Treat hours for the Town of Avilla for 2024. The hours will be from 5-7 P.M. on October 31, 2024. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the time. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1674-9-24 an ordinance to rescind the parking restrictions on S. Main Street. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the ordinance. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

The final item on the agenda under new business for the evening was Town Employee Training and Hiring Policies. After a brief discussion William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table until next month's meeting.

Old Business:

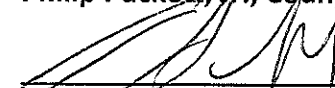
The October 16th Town Council Meeting will be changed to October 17th, 2024.

With no further business to discuss for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 P.M. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

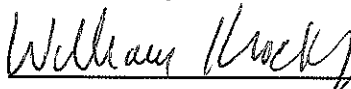
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Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President



Andrew Uhl, Council Member



William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:



Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer