

December 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, Chris Arnett, Brandon Bryant, Bob Hardy, Brandon Depoy, Glen Wills, Bill Ley, Ben Plickerd.

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 \$478,972.93 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 November 20, 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

Fire Chief, Casey Kintz, was absent. Adam Dunlap gave the fire report for the month.

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

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

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that it was time for the annual trade-in of the Town's Bobcat. The difference between a new one and ours is \$3462.20. After the purchase, the yearly exchange rate will be \$1500.00 per year. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, presented to the council a quote from Shepherd's Chevrolet-GMC, Inc. in Kendallville, IN. for a new 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD pick-up truck. This vehicle will replace the 2006 Chevy Truck. The cost of the new truck will be \$74,484.00. Brian had one other quote from Viking Cives in Michigan for a cost of \$84,117.41. The price with Shepherd's includes a service box and plow. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase from Shepherd's for a total cost of \$74,484.00. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, gave his report for the month.

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported to the council that he would like for them to approve a new yearly contract with Richard Anderson for the 2025 IT Spillman Services. The cost to maintain his services is still \$65.00/hour with a maximum of 8 hours monthly for Spillman reports, and 4 hours per week for in-house IT work. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the continued service from Richard for 2025. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall Glen Wills, presented the council with a quote from Insight for 9 cradle points for mobile routers in the police vehicles. The total cost for this is \$1710.99 from January 15, 2025 – January 14, 2026. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report – Casey Kintz was absent, Adam Dunlap gave his report.

Adam Dunlap turned in three invoices for the Fire Department to be paid to 1st Response for a total of \$6483.88 and to be paid out of Public Safety Funds. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the expense. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

RDC Report – was given by Michael Hensinger.

Attorney Report – Bob Hardy presented to the council an Interlocal Agreement between Allen Township, The Avilla Volunteer Fire Department, and the Town of Avilla. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the agreement. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

The first item under new business was to eliminate on-call pay for police officers. After a brief discussion about how there is always a police officer on duty, they decided on-call pay was going to be eliminated. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve this. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1676-12-24 for the Town's 2025 Salary Ordinance was presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1676-12-24 for the Town's 2025 Salary Ordinance 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 1676-12-24 for the Town's 2025 Salary Ordinance 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

Resolution 756-11-24 to transfer funds to the Local & Road & Bridge Fund was presented to the council for approval. \$126,273.30 will be transferred from MVH and \$27,500.00 will be transferred from LRS to Fund 2404. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the transfers. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Resolution 757-12-24 to transfer Funds within Funds was presented to the council for approval. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the transfers. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Resolution 758-12-24 for the encumbrance of funds from the 2024 budget to be paid in 2025 was presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the resolution. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

The final item on the agenda for the evening was to make an appointment to the Region 3-A Board of Directors for the year 2025. Andrew Uhl made a motion to appoint Paul Shepherd to another term on the board of directors. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Councilman, William Krock, Jr., spoke briefly about an item he felt necessary to be added to the Town's Employee Handbook. Ghost Employment is not currently listed in the handbook and William feels that the need for this to be added is especially important. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the addition to the Town Handbook. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1677-12-24 for duties of the Town Manager, was presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1677-12-24 for the duties of the Town Manager 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 1677-12-24 duties of the Town Manager was presented to the council on the 2nd reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the ordinance on the second reading. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0


The final item on the agenda was a contract with Benson Communications for the purchase and installation of computer equipment and cameras to be installed at the Avilla Town Hall, Wastewater Plant, and Avilla Fire Department. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed \$45,000.00, and a \$2436.56 monthly maintenance fee to be paid out of LIT. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

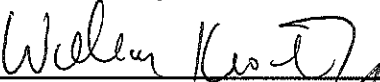
With no further business to discuss for the evening Andrew Uhl made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

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