

**February 19, 2025**

**TOWN OF AVILLA  
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL**

**108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Philip Puckett Jr., William Krock Jr., Andy Uhl, Rita Grocock, Brian Carroll, Glen Wills, Kierston Wright, Kevin Kelly, Mike Hensinger, Chris Arnett, Brandon Bryant, Brandon Depoy, Casey Kintz, Jerry Krock, Ren Hampshire, Mike Tucker, Diana Lewis, Colin Harding, Sabra Bradley, Joe Kretler, Bob Hardy, Adam Dunlap.

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 \$735,656.57 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 January 15, 2025, 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.

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

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that they are in the process of running fiber to the utility buildings, Fire Station, shop, and other buildings in town. He indicated that they do not have any 12 count on hand and would like to purchase these. The quote he received was for Brownstown Electric, for 3300 feet of fiber was \$2442.00. 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 town needs a new RAS Pump at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The quote he received was from Kester's for a Myers 3hp pump for a total cost of \$9348.00. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, advised the council that it is time to get our meters and charts calibrated. The company the town uses to complete this is Gripp and the quote they presented this year was \$3715.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to hire Gripp to complete the project. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that the company that was hired to complete the document and data for the lead and copper survey was 120 Water. The first one was paid for by a grant. The cost this year to complete this will be \$13,200.00, which also includes a 1- 1 ½ hour seminar in the price. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the hiring of them again this year to complete the project for \$13,200.00. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, conveyed to the council that he had a repair invoice from Leatherman Body Shop for repairs from damage done to the 2012 Chevy Tahoe. The cost of the repairs was \$1209.78. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the expense. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, asked the council for permission to purchase ammunition from Triple A Sporting Goods for a total cost of \$1758.40. Andrew Uhl approved the purchase for \$1758.40. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report – Casey Kintz, gave his report for the month.

Casey Kintz, Fire Chief, reported to the council that he has four Firefighters that will be starting the Firefighter 1 & 2 Class on Thursday, and the course runs through mid-June.

RDC Report - Michael Hensinger said they did not have anything to report this month.

Attorney Report – Bob Hardy, gave a brief report of what he has been working on for the town.

Clerk Treasurer – Rita Grocock, presented the council with annual cancellation of old out - standing warrants over two years for a total of \$58.82.

New Business:

Sabra Bradley, Ren Hampshire and Mike Tucker, with the Avilla Baseball Association, were present to inform the council about adding a fourth ball diamond to the park. They inquired about the Town helping with funding the project. After a brief discussion it was decided that more investigating needs to be completed before a decision can be made.

Resolution 759-1-25 for the Write-Off of Uncollectable Utility Accounts was presented to the council for approval. The total amount of the write-offs was \$1654.62. These are accounts where people have moved and cannot be located to collect. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the resolution. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was to hire a town attorney for the year 2025. We received a Legal Services Agreement from Bob Hardy requesting a monthly attendance fee of \$550.00 for the Redevelopment Commission and \$6600.00 annually. He also requested \$150.00/hr for other legal services. Andrew Uhl made a motion to hire Mr. Hardy for the year 2025 at the above terms after the contract that had typo errors in it were corrected. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, presented to the council two quotes for a police vehicle. One quote was for a used 2020 Dodge Durango at Kelly Automotive for a cost of \$21,750.00. The second quote was for a new 2024 Chevy Tahoe PPV for a cost of \$47,575.00. After a brief discussion, William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2024 Chevy Tahoe for \$47,575.00. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was to hire a new Park Supervisor to ensure that the daily operations of the park get taken care of. After a brief discussion it was decided to hire Jerry Krock for the position. His hourly rate will be \$23.00/hour with a 26 hour per week maximum. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the new position and hiring of Jerry for the position. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

It was brought to the attention of the council by Mr. Dunlap that he would like approval for utility purchases to be raised from \$1250.00/purchase to \$10,000.00. After a brief discussion it was decided that this would not be voted on tonight.

Final item on the agenda was to move the April meeting from the 16<sup>th</sup> of April to the 17<sup>th</sup> due to Councilman Krock being unable to attend the meeting. It was approved and everyone said they could attend on April 17, 2025.

Open Discussion:

None

With no further business to discuss for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 P.M. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

#### **AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President**

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**Andrew Uhl, Council Member**

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**William Krock, Jr., Council Member**

**ATTEST:**

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**Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer**

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