

July 16, 2025
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, Glen Wills, Kasey Kintz, Kierston Wright, Kevin Kelly, Brandon DePoy, Mike Hensinger, Jerry Krock, Robert Hardy, Julia Dunlap, Diane Lewis, Lisa Duehmig, Adam Dunlap, Lisa Krock, Deborah Luzier, Petra Papai, Melanie Kellogg, Bill Ley, Chris Arnett.

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 \$458,883.05 were submitted to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. motioned to approve the claims, Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 - Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from June 18, 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

Approval of the minutes from July 1, 2025, 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

Town Manager, Adam Dunlap, discussed the Town Manager report that was sent to the council earlier in the week. Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., asked about the meeting that occurred with Alliance on Indiana Rural Water representative Don Papai concerning water quality. Adam Dunlap and Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, spoke of how it is believed that the filtration unit sand may have not been flushed properly and as soon as the other water tower is back up a company is being called in to take sample of that sand.

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed the Superintendent report that was sent to the council earlier in the week. The North Water Tower service project is completed and put back into service July 7. There was a \$900.00 change order for repairing a climbing safety cable and \$1200.00 change order for painting over the graffiti on the East Water Tower. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the \$2100.00 change order to E&L. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 - Nays 0

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed a water leak at the corner of Miner Road and E Albion. It was repaired, but it required a boil water advisory because Vice Street is not on a loop. Brian stated that he was getting prices to create a loop for Vice Street.

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed the newly acquired second entrance into Cranberry Addition and the stone that was being added and the leveling that would be done there to be able to open it soon.

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed a hanging heater that was purchased for the water plant from Alpha Heating and Cooling for \$2201.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve replacing the heater for \$2201.00 to Alpha Heating and Cooling. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed quotes that he had received to service the town's generators. He asked for a one-year contract and a three-year contract to be quoted. Cummins quoted \$8450.78 for one year and \$25,352.34 for 3 years, MacAllister quoted \$11,825.00 for 1 year and \$35,475.00 for 3 years and Evapar quoted \$6855.00 for 1 year and \$21,928.00 for 3 years. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the Evapar quote of \$21,928.00 for a 3 year contract to service the generators. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed how he is working on quotes for 3-phase transformers. Council approved Brian's request to attend the IMMA Conference in Florence, IN on October 14-16.

Town Marshal, Glen Wills, presented his report. He discussed a meet-up place for internet sales in the lot to the south of the Police Station, with a camera. He would like to have the lot paved with a camera, and a sign designating it as a meet-up place. Council gave approval to move forward with those items being donated to this area.

Town Marshal, Glen Wills, discussed the death of an employee. Glen would like to replace this vacant part time position with someone after a background check. Council agreed to allow him to proceed with the background check. He also attended the funeral on behalf of the town and brought the Avilla police chaplain as the family did not have a pastor for the service. The family of the deceased paid for the majority of the expenses, and Glen requested that the few remaining expenses of gas and food be reimbursed by the town. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the travel expenses. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshal, Glen Wills, discussed the possible purchase of another speed trailer. The original one would stay at the park, and the new one would float to different areas around town. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve a speed trailer from Custom Signals, Inc. to be purchased with Public Safety money in the amount of \$6,687.00. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chief, Casey Kintz, presented his report. He discussed the Touch-A-Truck event and EMT training. He would like to shut down Washington Street from Main St to the dead end. He will request that next month.

Redevelopment Commission President, Mike Hensinger, stated that there was nothing to report.

Town Attorney, Robert Hardy, discussed the utility rate ordinances are completed.

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, was absent. Lisa Duehmig reported that she and Petra were still working on taking credit card payments, but it is still going to take about three months. Petra requested that Town Council approve some assistance in the absence of the Clerk Treasurer. Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. reached out to AIM and there were some names given to him. Susan Aylea from Hebron, IN was presented by Phil as a possible candidate. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to authorize Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. as administrator of the hiring of an independent contractor Susan Alyea to assist Town Hall office staff in the prolonged absence of the Clerk Treasurer. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

Ordinance 1684-7-25 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1642-5-22 Amending Schedule 1 of the Water Rate Ordinance to Increase Rates by Thirty-Four Percent and Other Matters Connected Therewith 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

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Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1685-7-25 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1441-03-05 Fixing the Schedule of the Rates and Charges to be Collected by the Town of Avilla, Indiana, from the Owners of Property Served by the Sewage Works of Said Town, and Other Matters Connected Therewith was presented to the council for approval. Andrew Uhl made a motion to suspend the rules. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
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Ordinance 1686-7-25 25 An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges to be Collected by the Town of Avilla, Indiana, from the Customers Served by the Municipal Electric Utility of Said Town, and Other Matters Connected Therewith was presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
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Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

CCMG 2024-1 Pulver change order request was presented to the council. Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, explained the additional drainage pipe was needed for Autumn Hills Drive to eliminate the need for ditches. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the \$16,265.00 change orders to Pulver Construction to be paid out of street repairs. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Executive Director of Be Noble, Melanie Kellogg, presented her report of Be Noble's successes in the past year for as Noble County's Economic Development Corporation.

Eley Park new parking lot construction discussion was initiated by Town Council Member Andrew Uhl. The need for additional parking during baseball season and the festival were the main points. Council Member, Bill Krock, Jr. mentioned the previous Park Board plans which included parking in the new park acreage. Drainage challenges were discussed by all council members as well as Lisa Krock, former Park Board President. Jerry Krock was designated to get quotes to commence installing drainage and the new parking area.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1683-6-25, a fire burning ordinance, was presented to the council for approval. Fire Chief, Casey Kintz, did not have the opportunity to view this ordinance yet, so it remained tabled.

Open Discussion:

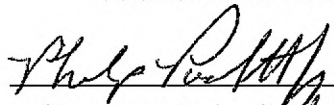
Resident, Diane Lewis, voiced concerns about cars that are not plated and trash in yards. Town Attorney, Robert Hardy, explained that code enforcement is one of those things that is easy to say that it needs to be done, but it is difficult to do. Enforcement is difficult due to the cost, the personnel, increased rights of property owners, and the increased verbiage necessary in ordinances to spell out each stage of the consequences. Town Marshal, Glen Wills, stated that he does enforce cars that are on the street.


Resident, Diane Lewis, also voiced concerns about the perceived lack of pursuing of grants. Town Manager, Adam Dunlap, stated that there was CCMG 2024, we are currently working on CCMG 2025, North Water Tower maintenance grant from the RDC (and a READi 2 grant to hopefully replace those funds), Stellar Grant and T-Mobile grant was applied for but was not awarded, just to name a few. Casey Kintz provided examples of grants to which he has applied. Melanie Kellogg spoke of how federal grants have dried up.

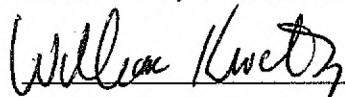
With no further business to discuss for the evening, William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 P.M. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

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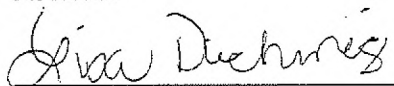
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ATTEST:



Lisa Duehmig, Deputy Clerk -Treasurer