

May 21, 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, Mike Hensinger, Chris Arnett, Brandon Bryant, Jerry Krock, Bob Hardy, Matt Getts, Julie McBride, Petra Papai, Lisa Duehmig, Chuck Rhodes, Joe Kretler, K. E. Pierce, Adam Dunlap.

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Claims in the amount of \$1,092,883.52 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 April 17, 2025, Mr. Dunlap had questioned that they were not complete. Clerk–Treasurer, Rita Grocock will investigate this further before the next meeting.

Town Mangers Report – was given by Adam Dunlap

Jerry Krock, Park Superintendent, was given permission to spend up to \$500.00 without prior approval for park expenses. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the \$500.00 spending limit. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Manager, Adam Dunlap, asked the council for permission to attend an IMMA Conference June 4th – June 6th. The cost of the conference is \$150. 00 and the cost of the hotel is \$109.00/night for two nights. He will be taking his wife, but she will pay for her fee to attend. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the conference and hotel. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Adam Dunlap reported to the council that he was trying to obtain a grant for new AED's for the town hall. If he does not get the grant, he requested to purchase the AED's from Cardio Partners. William Krock, Jr., made a motion to approve the purchase of a total of three at a cost not to exceed \$5200.00 to be spent if he does not get the grant. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Adam Dunlap reported to the council that he would like to purchase four Fire Extinguishers for the Park. The total cost of them is \$614.00 for all four of them. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent's Report - was given by Brian Carroll.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that the Wastewater Plant needs a new furnace and AC unit installed. He obtained three quotes for this project. T & T quoted \$7935.00, Alpha Heating & Plumbing's quoted \$8900.00 and Hensinger Plumbing & Heating quoted \$9950.00. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase from T & T for a total cost of \$7935.00. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, conveyed to the council that the new 2025 Chevrolet Silverado Truck he ordered from Shepherd's in Kendallville came in at higher price because he added plow parts & labor. The additional cost is \$782.00. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the additional cost. 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 he would like to hire Tanner Lock, one of his part-time officers, into a full-time position with the Town of Avilla Police Department. Glen indicated that he offered him a salary of \$52,000/year. Tanner will be working third shift. Glen also asked the council to give him two weeks of vacation when starting this position, because he already has nine years of experience. William Krock, Jr., made a motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Lock with a salary of \$52,000. And the two weeks' vacation. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall Glen Wills presented to the council a quote from Audrey McSorley for the bi-weekly cleaning of the Police Department. She quoted \$125.00 for one ½ - 2 hours of work. She also would like the police to provide the cleaning products she would use. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve Glen to hire her. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Lisa Duehmig, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, indicated that she had received a quote from Meyers Company Cleaning LLC to clean the Town Hall. She would clean on Friday nights for \$120.00 for each visit. Town Marshall, Glen Wills said Audrey may be able to do the Town Hall as well and he will get us a quote. No vote was taken.

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, presented to the council a quote from Digital Solutions from Avilla to add items to the Town Hall for security reasons (see the quote for full details). The total cost for this was \$1343.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to hire them to complete the work. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Casey Kintz, Fire Chief, reported that on September 13, 2025, the fire department will be hosting a touch a truck day.

Fire Chief, Kasey Kintz, explained to the council that there were issues with Truck 31 and the cost to fix might exceed \$1200.00.

RDC Report – Mike Hensinger said he nothing to report at this time.

Attorney's Report, Bob Hardy gave a brief report on what he is working on.

Clerk Treasurers Report – Rita Grocock said she had nothing to report this month.

Julie McBride, Avilla Freedom Festival committee member, was present to talk about the events of this year's festival. The festival committee would like the road closures from June 19 –

21st, 2025 starting at 8:00 A.M. They would like Main Street closed for the parade on Saturday from 7:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. William Krock, Jr., made a motion to approve the closures with Julie's notes. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Duehmig, presented to the council a quote for a credit card machine for the Town Hall. Invoice Cloud (which was recommended by other communities) quoted \$450.00 per month. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve them to set up the Credit Machine in the Town Hall, and this includes the training. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Councilman, Philip Puckett, Jr., discussed briefly about the rate increases in the future for the purchase of power for the Town of Avilla by Wolverine Power. A rate study was completed by FSG/Wolverine which indicated these results. It was proposed that the town increase their electricity by 10% for the next five years. They increase the water by 34% (which is about the equivalent of \$10.00/month), and they increase the sewer by 10%. No vote was taken it will require three separate ordinances to be passed beforehand.

Ordinance 1680-5-25 for the regulation of vicious dogs in town was presented to the council for approval. Councilman, Philip Puckett, Jr. read the ordinance and what it applies to (see ordinance for specifics). William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1680-5-25 for the regulation of vicious dogs in the town 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 1680-5-25 for the regulation of vicious dogs in the town 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 763-5-25 for the control of large dangerous or vicious dogs in town was presented to the council for approval. The Ordinance establishes that a first offense will be a ticket for \$250.00, a second offense will cost \$500.00, a third offense will cost \$1000.00, and a fourth offense will cost the offender \$2500.00 per violation per day. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution 763-5-25. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was to open Autumn Hills Drive to through traffic again. There was a brief discussion about speeding on the newly paved road. There will need to be an ordinance in put place to re-open the road and it was not available at this meeting; it will be effective after the June Town council meeting. The town will be lowering the speed limit to twenty miles per hour. Town Marshall, Glen Wills, agreed to put extra patrols on the street. There will be a new speed limit sign on the street reflecting a 20 MPH speed limit. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to lower the speed limit to twenty miles per hour, and the road opening will be approved at the June 2025 meeting by ordinance. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion. Police Chief, Glen Wills, agreed to add more patrols to Autumn Hills Drive to help prevent speeding.

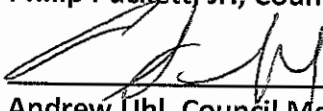
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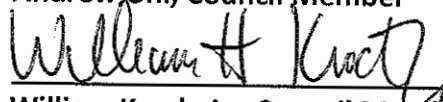
With no further business to discuss for the evening Andrew Uhl made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. William Krock, Jr., seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

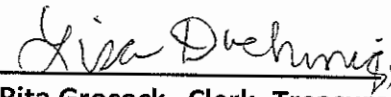
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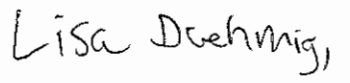

Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President


Andrew Uhl, Council Member


William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:


Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer


Lisa Dwehmig, Deputy Clerk