September 24, 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, Kierston Wright, Kevin Kelly, Brandon DePoy, Mike Hensinger, Robert Hardy, Lisa Duehmig, Adam Dunlap, Chris Arnett, Matt Getts, Brian Myers, Colin Harding, and Eric Lawson.

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 $761,190.82 were submitted to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. recommended that the town do not pay warrant number 26635. This is a claim from Carson LLP for Rita Grocock's attorney fees for representing her in a lawsuit levied against her by Adam Dunlap. That is a civil suit that does not involve the town. Total amount for that claim is $5119.80. William Krock, Jr. motioned to approve the claims with an amendment to remove warrant number 26635 that is from Carson LLP in the amount of $5119.80. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 - Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from August 20, 2025, was submitted to the council. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, with the exception of the vote on the splicing of fiber optic cable by Cam Splicing, not to exceed $3000. That vote was actually an aye from William Krock, Jr. and Philip Puckett, Jr., but a nay from Andrew Uhl. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 - Nays 0

Fire Chief, Casey Kintz, presented his report.

Town Manager, Adam Dunlap, discussed the Town Manager report that was sent to the council earlier in the week. There was a discussion of the Trick-or-Treat hours. The council agreed that the hours for that would be 5:30pm to 7:30pm on October 31, 2025.

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed the Superintendent report that was sent to the council earlier. Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed the need for work to be done on a ditch that goes into the WIRCO pond. It does carry some of the town's storm water. WIRCO is willing to split the cost with the town 50/50. The cost is $5800.00 for the pipe and $9500.00 for the rental of an excavator. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the $7650.00 expense for the pipe and the rental of the excavator with the contingency that a contract be written between us and WIRCO, Town Attorney Robert Hardy to look it over, and then signed by both parties. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 - Nays 0

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed fiber splicing that was approved last month at the fire station. The original contractor cannot perform the work. Brian contacted MWM LLC and their quote was $8975.00 for many fiber splicing projects throughout the town. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the quote of $8975.00 from MWM LLC for the fiber splicing work in town. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed that he would like to put primary power on the west side of North Main Street underground. Materials for this project would be around $1000 and the boring would be about $7500. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the work at $8500.00. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed replacing a large fiberglass ferrous tank at the wastewater plant with two smaller plastic ones. Town Manager, Adam Dunlap, suggested that this may be an appropriate project for the remaining ARPA funds. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the $20,546.00 tanks from Henry P. Thompson Company, to be taken from the remaining ARPA funds. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 - Nays 0

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed the need for generator repairs at the Water Plant, the McDonald's lift station, and the Wastewater Plant. The cost to repair all three is $18,200.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the quote for Evapar for $18,200.00 for the repair of the three generators. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed badge access controls on the Wastewater Plant, the Water Plant, Electric Building, and Shop doors. Benson Communications gave a quote of $3657.62. Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., asked that the Town Hall back door be included in on that quote. This matter was tabled until Benson Communications can include the Town Hall back door in on that quote and the fiber splicing to all buildings is completed.

Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll, discussed the proposed shooting range. Black and Ramer Insurance quoted $550.00 per year for insuring the range. It was decided that proper safety protocol was not yet in place, so the matter of insurance was tabled until it is.

Town Marshal, Glen Wills, presented his report. He discussed that Spillman has now been bought out by Motorola. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the cost of $3413.65 per year to Motorola, to be taken out of Unrestricted Opioid. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshal, Glen Wills, discussed the desire to use unrestricted opioid funds to assist the halfway house operated by Shawn Payton. Glen will present an itemized list and the costs for items needed there at the next meeting. Town Council stated that Glen could gather the costs.

Town Marshal, Glen Wills, discussed the hours for the new code enforcement officer.
Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve six hours per week for the new code enforcement officer, to be first taken out of what would have been paid to Bruce until the Deputy Clerk and Susan Alyea can find more money for that in his budget. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

There was no RDC report.

Town Attorney, Robert Hardy, presented his report.

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, was absent. Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Duehmig, requested that her and Petra Papai be allowed to attend training from Keystone on October 2-3. The council requested that Lisa check with Susan Alyea to see if she could work the office before making the decision to close the office for the two days. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the Keystone training October 2-3 for a total of $616.00. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Duehmig presented her report. Lisa discussed how a town credit card is on its way through Lake City Bank, along with a Sam's membership card.

Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Duehmig, discussed how she needs to be added onto the bank account as a signer. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to authorize Deputy Clerk, Lisa Duehming, as another authorized signer, in addition to the Clerk Treasurer, to all accounts with any and all banks. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 - Nays 0

PUBLIC HEARING:
Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., opened the public hearing at 7:06 P.M., and discussed the 2026 Avilla Town Budget. The total budget amount is $5,499,221.00. The public meeting was then closed at 7:08pm by Philip Puckett, Jr.

New Business:

2026 Avilla Town Budget vote. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

2026 Avilla Town Budget, first reading. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2026 Avilla Town Budget. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Resolution 764-9-25 Appropriation Transfer. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve Resolution 764-9-25. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Councilman, Andrew Uhl, stated that he believes that a camera is needed at the school crosswalk at Main Street. Many options were discussed. Town Marshal, Glen Wills, will look into this and present options at the next meeting.

Resident, Kevin Kelly, stated that there was a new business in Avilla named Groundworks. Ribbon-cutting will occur on October 22.

Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., stated that in the May meeting, it did not get recorded that the AEDs for the park were to be paid from Safety Lit, not the park budget. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve paying for park AEDs with Safety Lit. funds rather than park funds. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 - Nays 0

Open Discussion
Brian Myers, who is in charge of St. Mary's School maintenance, asked for clarification on the 2026 CCMG project. He wanted to know if it included new approach aprons and if he could get his made wider. Superintendent of Utilities, Brian Carroll stated that Brian should ask whatever contractor gets the contract for the CCMG project if they would do that extra work for him for a fee at that time.

With no further business to discuss for the evening, Andrew Uhl made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 - Nays 0

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Philip Puckett

Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President

Andrew Uhl, Council Member

William Krock

William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:

Lisa Duehmig

Lisa Duehmig, Deputy Clerk -Treasurer