

October 15, 2025

TOWN OF AVILLA

AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL

108 S MAIN ST, AVILLA, IN 46710

THOSE PRESENT: Phillip Puckett Jr., William Krock Jr., Andrew Uhl, Brian Carroll, Chris Arnett, Casey Kintz, Robert Hardy, Petra Papai, Lisa Duehmig, Kierston Wright, Kevin Kelly, Lisa Krock, Brandon DePoy, Michael Hensinger, Jerry Krock, Julie McBride, Matt Getts and Joe Kretler.

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 \$524,820.34 were submitted for approval. Claims were approved, vote passed 3-0.

Minutes from the 9/24/25 meeting were submitted for approval. Minutes were approved, vote passed 3-0.

There was no Town Manager report given.

Lisa Krock from the Avilla Chamber discussed that Groundworks, a new business in Avilla, is having a ribbon cutting ceremony on 10/22/25. Both the Senator and Governor have been invited and 21Alive News also. She would like Petra Papai and Lisa Duehmig to attend (if possible), and mentioned it would be nice to have a Town Council Member there also. Kevin Kelly also spoke and said that on Friday, 10/31/25, after trick or treating is done that they would hold a costume judging contest at the Avilla Community Center. Refreshments will be served. Also, 12/6/25 is the Avilla Christmas Tree Lighting and they would like to close Main Street like they normally do, starting around 5 p.m. This will be coordinated with Town Marshal, Glen Wills and/or Chris Arnett.

Brian Carroll gave his Superintendent of Utilities Report. The N Main St underground power project will start this week. Last month he stated the boring cost would be \$7500.00, but his measurement was off by about 200 ft., so the new cost for 800 ft is \$8800.00 with a possible \$1300 additional cost. These updated costs were voted on and approved, vote passed 3-0. The project should be completed in about 3 weeks. CCMG Grant Project will give us the final numbers the first of next week. There are over 2 million applying and there is only \$100 million available. We may not get anything this time, but we can apply again in March 2026. Town Hall was added along with Wastewater Plant, Water Plant, Electric Building and shop doors to have badge readers installed by Benson Communications.

Quote to install everything is \$4549.17, with a monthly reoccurring charge of \$29.95 for monitoring. Cost will be paid for out of all the utility funds equally. This issue was voted on and passed 3-0. Also, leaf pickup will begin next week.

There was no Town Marshal Report given since Glen Wills was on vacation. Chris Arnett said he would have the stats at the next meeting.

Casey Kintz gave the Fire Chief Report. He got called out on an emergency run but came back before the meeting ended. For the past 30 days, the Fire Dept had 29 runs with 20 of those being medical runs. Casey asked for approval for a repair to fix an air leak in an air compressor on Engine #32 in the amount of \$1299.23. First Response will do the repair. I brought this to your attention at a previous meeting but just wanted to bring it up again since it is over the \$1200 limit that I am allowed to approve. \$1299.23 was voted on and passed 3-0. It is to be paid out of Lit Public Safety Funds. Casey is still working on updated plans to add on to the fire station at some point. The gear room has been moved to the fitness area for now. Casey has a meeting with CME on 10/17/25, and a meeting with Haggerman's on 10/27/25. Leatherman has not responded for a third quote. Casey has hired 2 more employees. One of them has EMT training, the other one is completely green.

Jerry Krock gave the Park Department Report. He has the dome shaped monkey bar equipment assembled and placed at the playground that was approved previously. It is not in its permanent home yet. Jerry presented a quote from A.C.E. in the amount of \$13,912, for a Rainbow Clubhouse. If they will honor this price and still do the installation next spring (and store until then also), it can be ordered. \$13,912.00 was voted on and passed, 3-0.

RDC had nothing to report.

Attorney's Report – Bob Hardy he is still working on the burn ordinance with Casey Kintz.

Clerk/Treasurer Report was given by Lisa Duehmig, Deputy Clerk. Our new utility rates will go into effect January 1, 2026. Petra Papai, Billing Utility Clerk asked if we could close the office on December 26th. We are already closed on the 24th-25th for the Christmas Holiday, and we would like to remain closed and not have to come back for one day. Vacation time would be used for this extra day. The issue was voted on and passed 3-0.

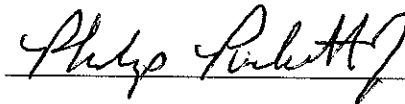
New Business: The 2026 Avilla Town Budget Ordinance 1688-10-25 was voted on and passed 3-0. Evaluations of all employees need to be done by the department heads. Town Council will discuss at November meeting.

Julie McBride spoke about the 2026 Avilla Freedom Festival. She needs a lot of help with fundraising this year. The festival lost 5K last year. They are trying to raise 60K total for 2026. It will be America's 250th birthday, so we want a big celebration. CSB has donated \$6K already. Festival T-shirts are on sale for \$25 ea., or 2 for \$40 for adults. Kids are \$18 ea., or 2 for \$35. Julie is trying to coordinate the Black Hawk to fly in either Friday or Saturday night of the festival. The theme for 2026 is "Let Freedom Ring", and all branches of the armed forces will be honored as the grand marshal.

Old Business: The Shooting Range is being tabled again for more planning and discussion.

With no further business to discuss for the evening, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Voted on and passed 3-0.

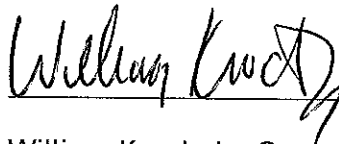
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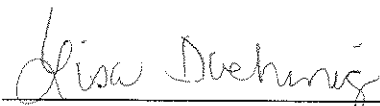


Andrew Uhl, Council Member



William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:



Lisa Duehmig, Deputy Clerk