

December 17, 2025

TOWN OF AVILLA

108 S MAIN ST, AVILLA, IN 46710

THOSE PRESENT: Philip Puckett Jr., William Krock Jr., Andrew Uhl, Robert Hardy, Brian Carroll, Glen Wills, Chris Arnett, Eric Lawson, Casey Kintz, Colin Harding, Lisa Duehmig, Kiersten Wright, Diane Lewis, Michael Hensinger, Brandon DePoy, Michael Baker, Shawn and Mikayla Payton, Katie Schaller, Kevin Kelly, and Matt Getts.

Town Council President Philip Puckett Jr., called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. At the beginning of the meeting Town Council President Philip Puckett Jr. expressed his frustration over the fact that our Clerk Treasurer has not been to work since June and she is home collecting a paycheck and free insurance on the tax payer's dime, while we are also paying a contracted individual to help in the office at the rate of \$55 per hour. This should outrage Avilla taxpayers. With all the stress this has caused, and the fact that our Town Manager, Adam Dunlap has resigned, it made it an easy decision for him to not seek another term as Town Council President, which he announced towards the end of the meeting. He encouraged anyone who would like to run to go to the courthouse between January 7<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> to file an application. The Primary election is May 5, 2026.

Claims in the amount of \$533,279.05 were approved for payment, vote passed 3-0.

Minutes from the November 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting, along with the normal meeting from November 19<sup>th</sup> and Special Meeting on 12/11/25 were approved, vote passed 3-0.

Salary Ordinance for 2026 was suspended for first and second readings and then passed on the third reading 3-0. Resolution 766-12-25 was approved 3-0 for Transfer of Appropriations along with Resolution 765-12-25 for Encumbrance of Funds.

Casey Kintz gave the Fire Chief's report: thirty-eight calls for the month, thirty of those were medical, eight were hazardous and three calls were missed. The total is 470 YTD which is almost one hundred above 2024. He is looking into replacing one of the fire engines. He is hoping to get another 5 yrs out of one of the trucks but looking at refurbishing vs. purchasing new due to cost being cheaper at \$150K to refurbish. Casey has a drawing but no quote yet for the fire station expansion.

Brian Carroll gave his Superintendent of Utilities report: Splicing work through MWM was approved for an additional \$4200, vote passed 3-0. Crossarm, copper and transformer

project was approved for \$90,000 per Frankart Power Line Services, LLC quote, vote passed 3-0. Pole project was approved for \$22,150 per Brownstone Electric Supply quote, vote passed 3-0. Wire/copper work project was approved for \$3900 per Brownstone Electric Supply quote, vote passed 3-0. Insulator work, etc., project was approved for \$11,871.23 per Brownstone Electric Supply quote, vote passed 3-0. Electrical engineering support throughout the year was approved for Entrust Solutions for \$10,000 per their contract, vote passed 3-0.

Glen Wills gave the Marshall report: Town Council had no questions. CSB will make a donation to pay for medical equipment. Spillman contract needs reviewed for additions/deletions. Our Attorney, Bob Hardy, is reviewing it. A quote for a fully outfitted new Dodge Durango from First Due Communications was approved for \$53,274.00 to come out of the 2026 Police vehicle budget. No Public Safety Lit money will be used unless it is for the cradle or computer. We are working on an ordinance with our code enforcement officer regarding dumping non-acceptable items at the recycle center. Glen presented a check for \$4943.43 to Shawn Payton for Farmhouse Recovery (as approved in the previous meeting) towards the end of the meeting.

There was no Town Manager's report, no Park report and no RDC report.

Bob Hardy gave the attorney's report: He advised that Casey does not need an ordinance for the full-time fire person, we just need to update our handbook and include him in the 2026 salary ordinance (Kris Bair). Bob is drafting a letter to the Clerk Treasurer notifying her of the move of Lisa Duehmig from being a Deputy Clerk to now being a Town Clerk which changes her duties. Bob also mentioned that when utilizing social media for Town purposes we need to make sure that comments are turned off and stay consistent with that.

Lisa Duehmig gave the Clerk Treasurer's report: We have advertised for our part-time office clerk and will begin interviewing soon. We are still on track with Invoice Cloud to go live in February. After that, the next focus will be on finding a time-clock system. Reminder of holiday closing for Christmas, 12/24-12/26. Gene Rowe's requested credit to his account for sewer portion of \$95.45 that was mentioned in last month's meeting was approved.

Katie Schaller from Restore Avilla attended on behalf of Visit Noble County. Way finding signs will be installed in the Spring. She would like to see a Tree Lighting Committee formed for next year. She is working on donations. Next meeting for Restore Avilla is 2/9/26 at the Avilla American Legion at 6 p.m. She is also working on a plan to revamp the Community Market.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL

Philip Puckett Jr.

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Andrew Uhl

Andrew Uhl, Council Member

William Krock Jr.

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ATTEST:

Lisa Drehmig, Town Clerk