

April 15, 2026

Minutes

TOWN OF AVILLA

108 S MAIN ST, AVILLA, IN 46710

THOSE PRESENT: Philip Puckett Jr., William Krock Jr., Andrew Uhl, Robert Hardy, Brian Carroll, Casey Kintz, Glen Wills, Chris Arnett, Jerry Krock, Lisa Duehmig, Don and Petra Papai, Kiersten Wright, Michael Hensinger, Brandon DePoy, Brandon Bryant, Matt Getts, Monique Anderson, Katie Schaller.

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 \$640,750.55 were approved for payment, vote passed 3-0.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as submitted, vote passed 3-0.

Town manager Report: Milton was absent for this meeting. He gave his reports to the Town Council ahead of the meeting (see attached). Milton, Casey, and CME discussed the conflict of interest for CME to design the plans and bid on the Fire Station project. Their proposal that was approved previously in the amount of \$48,800 needs rescinded. Voted on and passed, 3-0.

Brian Carroll gave the Superintendent's report: We have eight trans-closures in our electrical system that are on the ground, and one needs replaced due to being out in the open, making it unsafe. The cheapest quote was from Jerry's Electric for \$33,400. Voted on and passed, 3-0. Lead-time is 16-20 weeks out right now. We would like to purchase a new grinder pump to put in the lift station. The pump that was demonstrated to us and that we like best is the one from Gasvoda for a quote of \$26,211.00. Voted on and passed, 3-0. Brian will be posting camera footage on Facebook due to some illegal dumping by our patrons down at the recycle center to help identify the guilty parties.

Glen Wills gave the Town Marshal's report: PD had 529 calls for service in the month of April. The new PD vehicle that was previously approved is now getting outfitted with the additional equipment. Vice Blvd code violations are being worked on with the team effort of our Code Enforcement Officer, Town Manager and Town Attorney.

Casey Kintz gave the Fire Chief's report: There were forty-one calls for the month, with one call being missed. Regarding paging system problems, ERS says the antenna on the Water

Tower is not working properly after the tower got painted and antenna moved back. The cost to fix is between \$4-5K to replace and/or fix. We could switch to an 800 paging system that ERS will program for free and test for Noble County. There is a one-time charge of \$100 for programming. We would be the test pilot for the program. The new command vehicle has had the graphics installed. Regarding the new tornado siren – 2 quotes have been received, I am still waiting on the third one. \$39K is the estimated price. We would like to put one on the ball field.

Jerry Krock gave the Park report: I am getting quotes for all six of the dugouts. Treated materials should be used so they will last longer. I talked to Nucor about the wrapping. I also need to coordinate all this with the ball association. Signs are being made for the tennis courts and the two nets that were donated.

RDC: Annual report was submitted to Milton.

Robert Hardy gave the attorney's report: He is drafting the complaint for the Clerk Treasurer to be removed from office. He will have it ready by the end of the month. Then there will be another Executive Session that will need to be held.

The Clerk Treasurer was missing again. Philip Puckett voiced his frustration and spoke directly to her while livestreaming, hoping she was listening.

Lisa Duehmig and Petra Papai gave the Town Clerk's report: The new desk furniture will be delivered the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have the painting done before the furniture install. The best quote for painting was by BZW for \$11,856.00, voted on and passed 3-0. New phones will be working on Thursday or Friday of this week (16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>). Our part time person quit due to not being able to keep up with owning her own business and trying to work part-time here. She said it was just too much. She did not give a 2 weeks' notice, only an effective immediately resignation letter, but she did thank us for the opportunity. Due to being short-handed again, we are falling a little behind, so the timekeeping system has been put on the backburner for now. TRECS has been successful for us, we received our first payment of \$182.12 (Tracy and Brent Brown's account) and have two more in the works for an additional \$504.07 (Delaney Amerosa and Devin Stokes accounts).

New Business: Glen asked if he could have permission to hang blue ribbons and possibly a banner for Domestic Violence Awareness in October, voted on and passed 3-0.

Katie Schaller from Restore Avilla gave a report. Along with America turning 250 this year, Avilla is turning 150 this year. Our new business in town, Birdie Barn, might have a band to help celebrate in July. A reminder that summer farmer's market is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, starting in May and running through September, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Monique Anderson represented the Avilla Sports Foundation. She has also been working with Nucor to finalize specifics on the framing and roofs of the dugouts. This work needs done before the wraps can be completed. Jerry will coordinate with the fathers of ball players that might be willing to help do some of this work.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL

absent

Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President

William H. Krock, Jr.

William Krock, Jr., Council Member

Andrew Uhl

Andrew Uhl, Council Member

ATTEST:

Lisa Duermig, Town Clerk