

FEBRUARY 17, 2021
TOWN OF AVILLA
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL
108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710

THOSE PRESENT: Paul Shepherd, Bill Ley, Bill Krock, Glen Wills, Chad Geiger, Jessica Balyeat, Brian Carroll, Emily Hower, Cory Miller in person. Rita Grocock, Kevin Kelly, Dawn Kelly, Alex Hilt, Don Papai, Chad Rayle and Matt Getts by teleconference.

Town Council President, Paul Shepherd, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Claims in the amount of \$444,474.92 for the month were submitted for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2–Nays 0, 1-Absent

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting as submitted, Paul shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2–Nays 0, 1-Absent

Old Business:

Police Department speed sign quotes. William Ley, Town Manager presented 4 quotes to the council for a new Police Department speed sign. William Ley recommended the council use JaLarr for the purchase at a price of \$2612.50 plus \$149.00 for the mounting bracket for a total cost of \$2761.50. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of the new speed sign from JaLarr. This will be paid for out of Public Safety Funds. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

New Business:

First item on the agenda was an Engagement Letter from Bakertilly on options for an electric rate study. There were two options. The first option was for an across-the-board rate study, which would give customer a straight percentage to everyone. The cost of this option is \$20,000. The second option is a cost-of-service study, which would be based on customer class, this option will cost \$40,000. After much discussion William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the cost-of-service study for \$40,000. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Change Order #1 from Pulver Asphalt Paving for the 2020 Albion Street Improvements Project was presented to the council. The change in contract price is a decrease of \$8584.27. The new contract price is \$920,519.22. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Change Order #1, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

William Ley, Town Manager, reported to the council that during an analysis of the documentation that was submitted to the EDA for a Grant, it was discovered that the DNR has determined that the Town of Avilla needs to have a Reconnaissance Level Archaeological survey of the land at the East Industrial Park that is being developed. This needs to be completed before they will consider giving us the grant.

William received one bid to do the study from Larry Stillwell for \$4040. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to hire Larry Stillwell to complete the study. Paul shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

A proposal from Elevatus Architecture to study the Fire Departments option on the building was presented to the council. After much discussion it was decided to not do anything at this time and to look into it further at a later time.

Next item on the agenda was to accept the bid for the 2020-2 Community Crossings Grant Project. There were four bids received for the project. Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. came in with the low bid at \$497,668.20. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to accept the bid from Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0 1-Absent

Last item on the agenda was the Notice of Award for the 2020-2 Community Crossings Grant Project. The project includes Albion Street from Cherry Street to Haines street. Albion Street from 370' East of Progress Way to 240' West of State Road 3, and Mandatory Additive Alternate Bid. The Notice of Award goes to Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. for a total price of \$497,668.20. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the Notice of Award, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

William Ley, Town Manager, reported to the council of his upcoming plan to retire in the near future and told them they need to proceed with locating a replacement for him. He did not give an exact day of departure yet and said he would get with the three councilmen to discuss this further.

Resident, Donald Papai, praised the town utility employees on a great job of getting the roads plowed and cleaned up in a timely manner after this week's snowstorm. Don also indicated his concern for the sidewalks in town not getting shoveled properly or not at all. His biggest concern was the safety of our children that walk to school and are soaking wet upon arrival at school. He would like the sidewalk ordinance enforced so this is taken care of.

There being no further business to conduct William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

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Paul Shepherd, Council President

William Krock, Jr., Council Member

Philip Puckett, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:

Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer