

JANUARY 20, 2021
TOWN OF AVILLA
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL
108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710

THOSE PRESENT: Paul Shepherd, Bill Ley, Bill Krock, Philip Puckett, Jr., Glen Wills, Chad Geiger, Jessica Balyeat. Chad Rayle, Rita Grocock, Brian Carroll, Kevin Kelly 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 \$1,082,614.04 for the month were submitted for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3–Nays 0

Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting as submitted, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3–Nays 0

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 30, 2020 Special Meeting as submitted. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Old Business:

Sale of the 2006 Fire Department Command Truck to LaOtto Fire Department. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the sale for \$1.00. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

Utility Account adjustments for 2020 were presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the adjustments, Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Resolution 712-1-21 Encumbering Funds for 2020 was presented to the council. The encumbrance was for Pulver Asphalt Paving for \$438,059.29 for the Local Road & Bridge Project. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the encumbrance. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chief, Chad Geiger, reported to the council that the price of the new command truck exceeded the amount approved for the purchase by \$215.25 and was asking to spend the additional charge. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the additional expense, Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Change Order #1 from Gerig Contracting LLC for the Lift Station Project at the WWTP was presented to the council for approval. There was no increase/decrease in the price. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the change order. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was the Certificate of Substantial Completion from Gerig Contracting LLC for the Lift Station Project at the WWTP for December 17, 2020. There is a one-year warranty on all the equipment. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, reported to the council that he would like to attend a Less Lethal Training School on April 3-4, 2021 in Kentucky. The cost would be not to exceed \$1000.00. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve his request. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported to the council that he was looking into a speed sign for the town. He reported that he only got one quote and that the sign would be transferable to different locations if need be. The cost of the sign is \$6570.00. After some discussion William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table until next month. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, asked the council to consider giving all full-time employees hazard pay for working through the pandemic. He indicated that other towns and the county had approved this for their employees. He was asking for a one-time payment of \$750.00 for all full-time employees and the Fire Chief to be included to be paid out of General COVID relief fund. He also included an extension of COVID pay to employees out on quarantine until the end of February 2021. Councilman, Philip Puckett, Jr. said he was not going to vote for this until he had more time to investigate it with other communities. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the request, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Next item on the agenda was a Grant Application for a new dog park in Avilla. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Paul Shepherd to sign the paperwork for the grant. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Last item on the agenda was the Annual Appointment to the Avilla Plan Commission. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to appoint Bill Ley, Paul Shepherd and Philip Puckett Jr. to the Plan Commission for 2021. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote; Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, presented to the council a list of old outstanding warrants to receipted back in.

Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to appoint Paul Shepherd as the 2021 Town Council President; William Krock Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

There being no further business to conduct William Krock, Jr. made amotion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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Paul Shepherd, Council President

William Krock, Jr., Council Member

Philip Puckett, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:

Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer

