

March 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, John Bowman, Nate Hicks, Julie McBride, Josh Harper, Andy Uhl, Jerry Carrison, Kevin Kelly in person. Emily Hower, Cory Miller, Rita Grocock, Dawn Kelly, Attorney, Joe Carlin, 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 \$392,673.10 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 February 17, 2021 meeting as submitted, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2–Nays 0, 1-Absent

Old Business:

A proposal from Elevatus Architecture for the preliminary engineering on

Fire Department Addition was presented to the council. The cost for Phase I is \$7100. Which includes design floor plans, development program for space requirements, develop conceptual plans, conceptual budget, and presentation to the town. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve and authorize William Ley to sign the proposal. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

New Business:

Resolution 713-3-21 for a Tax Abatement for Indiana Phoenix was presented to the council. The Tax Abatement is for the purchase of new hardware and software to run their equipment. The cost of the software is \$178,622. William Ley read the Findings in Fact. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the SB-1 for a 10-year abatement and approve Resolution 713-3-21, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, presented to the council a Professional Consulting Service Agreement from Tanner Consulting LCC for Misc. on call services pertaining to the water, wastewater, and stormwater systems for a period of one year expiring on March 17, 2022.

The hourly rate is \$120.00/hour, not to exceed \$600.00/month. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to give Brian Carroll permission to sign the agreement, Paul shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Josh Harper, with the Town of Avilla Redevelopment Commission, was present to discuss the possibility of extending the TIF District. They are wanting to extend it on South Main St. from the Fire Station south to the Viaduct and on North Main Street from Lothamer Lane to the Cemetery. The RDC was just interested in knowing if the council is on board with this before they proceed any further. Council agreed and said they should

proceed.

The Contract for the 2021 Albion Street Improvements from Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. was presented to the council. The contract price is \$497,998.20. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the Contract; Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Next item on the agenda was the Notice to Proceed for Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. on the 2021 Albion Street Improvements. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Paul Shepherd to sign the Notice to Proceed; Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent+

A refund is due to the INDOT for the 2020-1 Albion Street Improvement Project due to the cost coming in lower than the original bid from Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. The refund amount is \$6763.44 which will be paid back as a non-appropriated expense. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the payment. Paul shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, presented to the council a proposal from Summit Sweeping Service, Inc. for the 2021 Street Sweeping. The Spring sweeping cost will be \$2925. and the Fall cost is \$2000. for a total yearly cost of \$4925. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to accept the proposal; Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

William Ley, Town Manager, presented to the council a Proposal from Engineering Resources for the 2021 East Industrial Park Infrastructure. The cost of the project is \$145,237.50. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the Proposal; Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Town Manager, William Ley, presented two proposals to the council for

soil boring testing at the East Industrial Park. One was from GME Testing for a cost of \$2300. And the second proposal was from Patriot Engineering & Environmental, Inc. for \$5000. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the GME Testing Proposal for a total cost of \$2300. Paul shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

William Ley, Manager, presented to the council two proposals for the wetland determinations at the east Industrial Park. The first proposal was from nulventa for \$3435. And the second proposal is from Patriot Engineering & Environmental, Inc. for \$6680. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to accept the proposal from nulventa for \$3435. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Next item on the agenda was to set the annual town clean-up day. We had two proposals this year. One from Washler, Inc. and Noble County Disposal. William Ley, Town Manager indicated that it was a little difficult to compare the prices with the extra charges for appliances, batteries, etc. He said Noble county Disposal did not change any prices from last year. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to hire Noble County Disposal this year to do the job on May 22, 2021.

Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Resolution 714-3-21 for an appropriation reduction form the Local Road & Bridge 2019 Fund was presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the reduction; Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Resolution 715-3-21 to transfer funds from fund 270 Local Road & Bridge

Grant Fund to the General Fund for \$5900.77 was presented to the council. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the transfer. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, presented to the council a quote from E.J. Prescott for a Water Meter Test Bench to test the Town's water meters. The cost of the bench is \$ 18,216.70. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Paul shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Town Marshall, Glen wills, reported to the council that he would like for them to extend the COVID pay to the end of March 2021 because there are still employees affected by it. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the extension to March 31, 2021. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, asked the council for permission to buy five new pagers for the Fire Department. The cost will be \$3877.50. He indicated the Fire Department was also purchasing another five pagers. He asked Rita Grocock, Clerk Treasurer, if the Fire Department could pay the Town directly by check for their five pages and then the Town pay the whole invoice. Rita said she would do that. William Krock, Jr made a motion to approve the purchase. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

There being no further business to conduct William Krock, Jr. made amotion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

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COUNCIL

Paul Shepherd, Council President

William Krock, Jr., Council Member

Philip Puckett, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:

Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer

