

**April 21, 2021**

**TOWN OF AVILLA  
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL**

**108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Paul Shepherd, Bill Ley, Bill Krock, Phil Puckett, Glen Wills, Chad Geiger, Brian Carroll, John Bowman, Andy Uhl, Kevin Kelly, Vincent Mangona, Scott Allen in person. Rita Grocock, Dawn Kelly, 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 \$533,849.30 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 March 17, 2021 meeting as submitted, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Old Business:

Avilla Festival Committee request for street closures for the annual festival in June was presented to the council for approval. There were several questions and Julie McBride was unavailable to answer the questions. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table until next months meeting. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

A & Z Engineering proposal for additional engineering on the 2020 Street Project was presented to the council for approval. The addition is for Ley Street. The project is from Albion street to Sammy Drive. See contract for complete list of work. The cost of the additional work is \$39,800. The total new contract amount with A & Z Engineering is \$134,400. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the new contract amount of \$134,400. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

William Ley, Town Manager, presented to the council a quote from API Construction Corp. for 2021 crack filling of the streets. The quote this year was for \$7,700.00 per day. William stated that in past years we approved with a not to exceed amount. He thought it should take approximately two days to complete. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the quote not to exceed \$15,400. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1623-4-21 to establish an ARP (American Rescue Plan) Fund was presented to the council on the 1st reading. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the fund on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading; William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Resolution 716-4-21 for transferring funds from MVH & MVH Restricted Funds to the CCG Fund, for the 2021 CCG Street Project. The total amount to be transferred is \$103,967.05. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the transfers. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council that the Chester Drive Lift Station need to be replaced. He was asking for permission to start working with Tanner Consulting to come up with a plan for the replacement. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to allow Brian to start working with Tanner Consulting to come up with a plan for this project. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was to discuss hiring Brinkerhoff Law Firm to help with the TIF Expansion on Main street. Town Attorney, Chad Rayle, gave a brief discussion about contacting the Law Firm out of Garrett, IN and asked if they would step in and help the Town of Avilla with the process while he is out on medical leave for a few more weeks. Brinkerhoff Law Firm agreed to the payment of \$150.00/Hr the same as we pay Tipton Law for their services. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to employ them for the TIF Expansion Project; Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

William Ley, Town Manager, reported to the council that Restore Avilla was in the process of trying to get a grant for the New Avilla Dog Park. The grant board asked if the town was any way involved with the project. William indicated that Restore Avilla would have a better chance at receiving grant money if they had backers, like the town or other businesses in town. The Town of Avilla already donated the land that it will be erected on. After some discussion Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve a \$2000. donation to be paid out of the General Fund to Restore Avilla. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Scott Allen, with the Noble County Trails Organization, was present to discuss extending the Noble Trail that already exists from Rome City to Kendallville, to Avilla as well. He indicated that most property owners were on board with the idea. He would like to start with the Avilla Park Property and extend it out to Hwy 3 as the initial start to the project. Council said he has their approval to proceed.

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, gave a demonstration of a wearable strobe light that he had on. He said he would like to purchase 24 of these for his employees and reserve officers. They can be used for many safety reasons including a Samaritan Helicopter landing. The cost of each strobe light is \$140.00. He asked permission to spend \$3400.00 out of Public Safety Funds to purchase these. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, reported to the council that a utility customer left their garden hose on and would like for the council allow an adjustment to the sewer portion of their utility bill.

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, verified that the water did not enter the sewer. The total adjustment is \$43.65. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the adjustment for \$43.65. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, asked the council for permission to have the streetlight that was damaged last Winter on East Albion Street for his yard at home. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to allow Brian to have the light. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

There being no further business to conduct William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0, 1-Absent

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**Paul Shepherd, Council President**

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**William Krock, Jr., Council Member**

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**Philip Puckett, Jr., Council Member**

**ATTEST:**

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**Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer**