

**January 19, 2022**  
**TOWN OF AVILLA**  
**AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING**  
108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710

**THOSE PRESENT:** Bill Krock, Phil Puckett, Rita Grocock, Tena Woenker, Denny Mast, Glen Wills in person. Seth Tipton, Joe McQueen, Paul Shepherd, Kevin Kelly, Brian Carroll, Chad Geiger, Dawn Kelly virtually.

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

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adopt State Statute IC-5-1-3-1 to hold a virtual meeting. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Claims in the amount of \$578,691.90 was submitted to the council for approval. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the claims 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 15, 2021, special meeting and the December 16, 2021, meetings as submitted, Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3–Nays 0

Town Managers Report, Tena Woenker, gave her report for the month.

Tena Woenker, Town Manager, reported to the council that the Liability Insurance from Black & Ramer Insurance Company had a decrease in the cost for the year 2022.

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, gave his report for the month.

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, gave his report for the month.

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported to the council the final invoice from Sweeny's Construction for the renovation of the police department had three additional items for approval. Framing and finishing a closet, upgraded floor trim and installing three tv's, for a total additional cost of \$3928.82. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the extra charges. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, reported to the council that there was an increase in the cost of the Axon Enterprise invoice for the next 5 years. He indicated it was due to new computers installed and the cost of storage had gone up as well. The charge is \$3498.68 annually. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the payment. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Glen Will, Town Marshall, reported to the council he is not going to purchase new blinds for the Police Department because the price had increased and were too expensive now. He explained that he is going to install one-way mirror tint instead for around \$1000.00.

Fire Chief, Chad Geiger, gave his report for the month.

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, reported to the council he is looking into replacing radios and getting quotes and he will bring back to the council later.

Park Report, no one present to give a report.

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, informed the council that her items were on the agenda.

Next was the election of officers for the year 2022. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to appoint Phillip Puckett, Jr. to Town Council President. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

First item on the agenda was to hire a New Electric Lineman. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to hire Kyle Herron starting on 1/24/2022 for an annual salary of \$75,000. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next, the council discussed raising Jason Piper's salary to \$75,000.00 to be equivalent with the new lineman's salary. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the increase in wages for Jason Pieper to \$75,000.00

Ordinance 1636-1-22 an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Avilla from Agriculture to Industrial at 717 E. Albion Street. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. William Krock, Jr. seconded the rules.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1636-1-22 an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Avilla from Agriculture to Industrial at 717 E. Albion Street was read on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1636-1-22 an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Avilla from Agriculture to Industrial at 717 E. Albion Street was read on the 2nd reading. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve on the 2nd reading. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was Community Crossing construction bids for the Ley Street Project. Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. was the low bid for the project at \$547,690.40. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to accept the bid for \$547,690.40, also the notice of award and the agreement between the owner and contractor. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Rita Grocock, Clerk Treasurer, presented to the council the annual utility write-offs for the year 2021. The total write-off amount is \$150.43. Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the write-off. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Last item on the agenda was the introduction of new timecards for the employees of the Town of Avilla. After an extensive amount of discussion William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table for now. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Open Discussion:

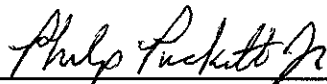
Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., addressed the council about being approached by the American Legion Auxiliary about installing Hometown Hero Banners on light poles around town. The banners are approximately 24"X 48". After some discussion Philip Puckett, Jr. made a motion to approve the installation of the banners with the input of Brian Carroll as to which poles, they can be installed on and help putting them up. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

**AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL**



Philip Puckett, Jr. Council President



Paul shepherd, Council Member



William Krock, Jr., Council Member

**ATTEST:**



Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer