

May 18, 2022

**TOWN OF AVILLA
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING**

108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710

THOSE PRESENT: Phil Puckett, William Krock, Jr., Rita Grocock, Paul Shepherd, Glen Wills, Seth Tipton, Rich Anderson, Kris Houser, Eric Lawson, Chris Arnett, Brian Carroll, Chad Geiger, Jessica Balyeat, Tena Woenker, Julie McBride, Andy Uhl.

Town Council President, Phillip Puckett, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Claims in the amount of \$769,166.26 was submitted to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Paul Shepherd made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2022, contingent on Rita reviewing and making sure that the supervisors at home call pay was not voted on, and the May 16, 2022, Executive meeting as submitted. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Managers Report – was given by Tena Woenker.

Superintendents Report – was given by Brian Carroll.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that the west side of pond #1 and the north side of ponds #1 & #2 that were filled last year need to be seeded. He received advice from Bob Parrish, and he said it would be around \$8000. Brian indicated that he could purchase the seed, rent the hydro seeder and complete the project for \$5000. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Brian and the employees to complete the project not to exceed \$5000. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote Ayes 3 -Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, mentioned that last month he brought up installing a fence around the sewer ponds. He received a couple quotes. The fence would be installed on the west side on pond #1 and the north side of ponds #1 & #2. Arrow Fence quoted \$47,500. and R & C Fence quoted \$43,875. This is for 1600 feet of fence and one rolling gate. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase from R & C Fence for \$43,875. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, informed the council that the fence around the lift station at Kautex needs to be repaired. He received two quotes for the repair. Arrow Fence quoted \$3275.00. and R & C Fence quoted \$1375.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the repair quote from R & C Fence for a total cost of \$1375.00. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council he is still waiting on a quote for the damage at the shop at 616 VanScoyoc, wall repairs. He indicated that to install a larger garage door, with the header, and cutting the siding to fit around it would be around \$4000. He also already ordered a new entry door for \$2480. because it takes 6-8 weeks to receive it. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of the garage door not to exceed \$4000. Nordon Construction will complete the work. This will be paid out of the three utilities. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, informed the council that that he would like to get pole testing done. He received a quote from Best Electric Service to complete this. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve Brian to get the testing done, not to exceed \$5000. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshalls Report - was given by Glen Wills.

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, informed the council that he needs to replace three computers in the patrol cars. He got a quote from Insight for a total of \$ 4713.11 for the three computers. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase to be paid out of LIT Public Safety. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, reported to the council that since the new handbook became effective one of his employees did not receive 16 hours pay that he would have under the old handbook. He was asking the council to pay Eric Lawson for the 16 hours. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve paying the 16 hours. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported to the council that according to FOP regulations the officers that work the 4-weeks 40- hour shift and the last week 32 hours shift are entitled to be paid their full wages for 40-hours, on the 32- hour week. All the council agreed to proceed with this policy.

Fire Chiefs Report – was given by Chad Geiger.

Park Board Report – was given by Jessica Balyeat.

Clerk Treasurer Report- Rita Grocock did not have anything to report this month.

Old Business:

Freedom Festival, Julie McBride was present to give an update on the festival and, also ask for road closures during the festival. She was asking to have West Albion Street closed from Main to Chestnut starting on Thursday 6/23/2022 at 8:00 A.M. and reopen on Sunday 6/26/2022 at 8:00 A.M. Cherry Street will remain open for travel to the Church and School. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the street closing during this time. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

The parade route will be from 4th street to Fischer Street. They would like this road closed in this area on Saturday 6/25/2022 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the road closure during this time for the parade. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Julie McBride, Freedom Festival President, reported to the council that if it rains during the Saturday Night Fireworks, they will be rescheduled to Sunday the 26th of June. Paul shepherd made a motion to approve the rain date. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Introduction of Ordinance 1640-5-22 an ordinance amending Ordinance 1542-2-14 regarding rates and charges for Sewer Utility Services. Process for unmetered waste. Council agreed to move forward with the ordinance.

Councilman, Philip Puckett, Jr. reported that after checking with the individuals that would be affected that he would like to change the Town Council Meetings starting in June 2022 to 6:00 P.M. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the change of time. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

Introduction of Ordinance 1641-5-22 an ordinance to Amend Ordinance 1441-03-05. This is for fixing the rates and charges to be collected by the Town of Avilla, from owners of property using the sewage works. Council agreed to move forward with this ordinance.

Introduction of Ordinance 1642-5-22 an ordinance Implementing a New Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Town of Avilla water utility services. Council agreed to move forward with this ordinance.

Next item on the agenda is the Introduction of Ordinance 1643-5-22 regarding the implementation of a New Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Town of Avilla Electric Utility Services. Council agreed to move forward with this ordinance.

An offer to purchase land in the New East Industrial Park was presented to the council. The buyer's name is Avind, LLC and they offered to purchase 55.02 acres of the land for \$550,000. The funds will be deposited into the CEDIT Fund. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the sale of the land. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda is the Speed Bumps on Autumn Hills Drive. Councilman, William Krock, Jr. reported that residents on Autumn Hills Drive would like the speed bumps reinstalled to keep the speeding down on the road. After some discussion, William Krock, Jr. made a motion to reinstall the speed bumps. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion. Paul Shepherd did not want them reinstalled.

Vote Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Town Manager, Tena Woenker, spoke about cars being parked on the curve on Prairie Cove. It is a hazard with cars trying to go around the curve and not being able to see what is coming. They will hold a public hearing on this at the next meeting to get input from the public. They will also be holding a public hearing on closing the road at the entrance to the trailer park at the south end of Autumn Hills Drive.

Last Item on the agenda is Ordinance 1644-5-22 amending the enacted code of ordinances pertaining to the regulation of traffic on the public streets in the Town of Avilla. Council decided that there will be public hearing on this at the June 2022 Town Council Meeting.

Open Discussion:

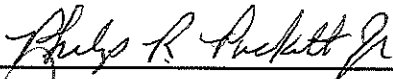
Superintendent, Brian Carroll spoke to the council about pay/comp time when he gets calls at home. He indicated that he should be paid to arrange for one of his employees to act on the

situation. After some discussion on the matter, Council Philip Puckett, Jr. told Brian it would be considered comp time. This would be after the forty normal working hours.

With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0 1 Absent


AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL


Philip Puckett, Jr. Council President


Paul shepherd, Council Member


William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:


Rita Grocock, Clerk -Treasurer
Barb Campbell - Deputy