

JUNE 15, 2022
TOWN OF AVILLA
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING

108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710

THOSE PRESENT: Philip Puckett Jr., Paul Shepherd, William Krock Jr., Seth Tipton, Brian Carroll, Chad Geiger, Tena Woenker, Barb Campbell, Glen Wills, Kevin Kelly, Bill Ley, Chris Hernly, Lynn Hernly, Octavius Harris, Melissa Bryant, Brandon Bryant, Lori Kobiela, Richard Hippenhammer, Andy Uhl, Nate Hicks, Dave Blazek, Kiersten Wright, Tina LaRowe, Phillip Duncan, Karl Lambright, Wesley Rhodes, Casey Repine, Casey Repine, Johana Miller, Dawn Castleman, Steve Castleman.

Town Council President, Phillip Puckett, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., opened the public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1644-5-22 An Ordinance Amending the Heretofore Enacted Code of Ordinances Pertaining to The Regulation of Traffic Upon the Public Streets of The Town of Avilla. One Resident spoke to no parking on Prairie Cove. Residents of the Town of Avilla along with the Council gave input both for and against closing of Autumn Hills Dr. Philip Puckett, Jr. closed the public hearing at 6:40 P.M.

William Krock, Jr. made a motion that no parking shall be permitted between signs around the curves on Prairie Cove. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to close Autumn Hills Dr. at the entrance to the mobile home park with a temporary barricade. Philip Puckett Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 - Nays 1

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., opened the public Hearing at 6:49 on Ordinance No. 1640-5-22 An Ordinance Amending 1542-2-14 an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Avilla, Indiana, Regarding Rates and Charges for Sewer Utility Services (Process for accepting unmetered domestic waste). After some discussion Philip Puckett Jr. closed the public hearing at 7:00 P.M.

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Ordinance 1640-5-22, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion, Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., opened the public Hearing at 7:01 P.M. on Ordinance No. 1641-5-22 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1441-03-05 Fixing the Scheduled Rates and Charges to be Collected by the Town of Avilla, Indiana from the Owners of Property Served by the Sewage Works of Said Town. Town Manager, Tena Woenker, explained the Sewer rate study giving an option of 9%, 10% or 20% increase. After some discussion, the Council agreed to the 10% increase option. Philip Puckett Jr. closed the public hearing at 7:10 P.M.

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to Suspend the Rules, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Ordinance 1641-5-22 on the first reading, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0.

Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve Ordinance 1641-5-22 on the second reading, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., opened the public Hearing at 7:12 P.M. on Ordinance No. 1642-5-22 An Ordinance of The Town Council of the Town of Avilla, Indiana Regarding Implementation of a New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water Utility Services. Philip Puckett Jr. closed the public hearing at 7:15 P.M.

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to Suspend the Rules, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve Ordinance 1642-5-22 on the first reading, William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0.

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1642-5-22 on the second reading, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion,

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., opened the public Hearing at 7:16 P.M. on Ordinance 1643-5-22 An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Avilla, Indiana, Regarding Implementation of a New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Electric Utility Services. There was some discussion that the decrease was not for all residents. Philip Puckett Jr. closed the public hearing at 7:25 P.M.

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to Suspend the Rules, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion,

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve Ordinance 1643-5-22 on the first reading, Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion,

Vote: Ayes 2- Nays 1

Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1643-5-22 on the second reading, Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2- Nays 1

Claims in the amount of \$739,171.01 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 May 18, 2022, meeting as submitted. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Town Managers Report – was given by Tena Woenker.

Tena Woenker, Town Manager, had a quote from American Legal for the codification of ordinance's that we do about every two years for \$2103. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve \$2103. to American Legal for codification of the Ordinance's William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Tena Woenker told Council that Restore Avilla and Avilla Parks would like to put up a permanent sign at the Eley Park about the Community market on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Restore Avilla would put up the sign. The Council had no problem with this.

Superintendents Report – was given by Brian Carroll.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, presented the council with a quote from Dixon Engineering to inspect one water tower for \$4800. or both for \$9000. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve \$9000. to Dixon Engineering to inspect both Water Towers William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent received the report back on the Industrial Substation Inspection from Utilities Instrumentation Service (UIS) that was completed in April. A few items need to be addressed. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve UIS to make the repairs not to exceed \$7500. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion,

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, told the Council he would like to purchase four more sections of racks from Shanks Welding at a cost of \$2400. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve \$2400. to Shanks Welding for racks. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, asked the council for permission to attend a Leadership Summit in Bloomington, IN on July 27th and 28th the cost would be around \$420. for the conference and hotel room. The Council did not have a problem with Brian attending the conference.

Town Marshalls Report - was given by Glen Wills.

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, presented the Council with the monthly calls report and the K-9 2021 report. Glen Wills told the Council the In Car Printers needed replaced, he presented a quote from Enterprise Technical Group for \$1641. He explained there are shortages of equipment right now and he might have trouble getting the equipment and might have to get it from several different suppliers. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the In Car Printers not to exceed \$1641. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion,

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, asked the Council for the Police to do Emergency no parking tow away zone along West Albion Street during the Avilla Freedom Festival. William Krock, Jr. made a motion for the Police to put up no parking tow away zone from 8 A.M. Wednesday June 22, 2022, to midnight Sunday June 26, 2022. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion,

Vote: Ayes 3- Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report – was given by Chad Geiger.

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, talked about moving the fireworks during the festival to make it safer. He asked the Council if it was OK to move them into the bean field that the Town owned west of the park between diamonds 1 & 2. He had already talked to the farmer, and they said it would be OK. The Council had no problem with them using town property to shoot off the fireworks.

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, showed the Council a map of the territory they covered right now when responding to emergencies. Avilla and LaOtto would like to have dual response to each other's territory. Where they would each be called out for all pages to Avilla or LaOtto. The Council did not have a problem with this.

Old Business:

Tena Woenker, Town Manager, gave the Council 3 quotes from A&Z Engineering for road projects, 1st Street cost \$48,990, 2nd Street cost \$21,926, and Autumn Hills Dr. cost \$33,081. For a total of \$103,997. She explained that if we got the engineering done now, we could apply for Community Crossing in January. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve 1st St. & 2nd St. engineering only.

Vote: Ayes 1- Nays 2.

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve 1st, 2nd & Autumn Hills Dr. Engineering, Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2- Nays 1

New Business:

Raising stipends for all members of Plan Commission & BZA from \$15 to \$25 per meeting. After discussion Council decided, they would like to raise the meeting fee to \$25. They would like an ordinance prepared to amend the salary ordinance reflecting the \$25 stipend.

Council asked that it be investigated for ways to compensate the Avilla representative to the Noble County Plan Commission.

Open Discussion:


Discussed ways of getting more community involvement.

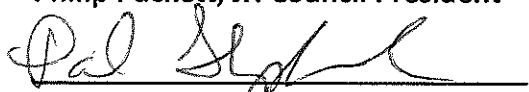
Discussed fire burning ordinances and ways of enforcing them.

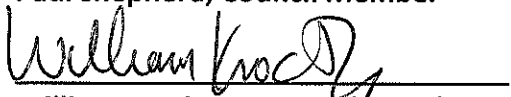
With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

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