

August 17, 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, Seth Tipton, Brian Carroll, Chad Geiger, Kevin Kelly, Joe McQueen, Tena Woenker, Josh Buhro, Gary Gatman, Dustin Warrix, Nate Hicks, Brandon Bryant, Chris Arnett, Glen Wills, Octavious Harris, Kiersten Wright.

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

Claims in the amount of \$790,833.99 was submitted to the council for approval. Paul Shepherd 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 July 20, 2022, meeting as submitted. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Managers Report – was given by Tena Woenker.

Tena Woenker, Town Manager, reported to the council that the Dog Park construction has begun, and she received a quote for liability insurance on the dog park. The quote was for \$100.00 a year.

Town Manager, Tena Woenker, informed the council that the A & Z Engineering quote she received was \$4000. higher than the approved amount at the June 15, 2022, meeting for the next CCMG Project consisting of 1st street, 2nd Street and Autumn Hills Drive. She would like the council to approve the additional \$4000. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the extra \$4000. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Tena Woenker, Town Manager, asked the council to approve her to go to a conference out town. This is the AIM Ideas Conference on November 2-4, 2022. The conference will be held in French Lick, IN. The cost of the conference for her to attend is \$345., plus three nights hotel at \$360. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve her to attend the conference. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendents Report – was given by Brian Carroll.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, informed the council that the power outage that occurred over this past weekend was due to primary wire failure. In conversation with the linemen, they decided that if they make repairs now it may divert a future failure for the same reason. The cost to install the primary wire would cost approximately \$2310. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve a boring company to come in at a cost not to exceed \$2500. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, conveyed to the council that he had to repair the overhead door on the electric barn, and purchased two new door openers. Michiana Door did the work for a total cost of \$2525. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the expense. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, asked the council for permission to advertise at concealed bid the old-line truck and the old dump truck. Council gave their permission to do so.

Town Marshalls Report - Glen Wills gave his report for the month.

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, informed the council that he would like to purchase four more helmets for his officers. The helmets would be ordered from Veterans Manufacturing, LLC for a cost of \$430.00 each. Council approved, no vote.

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, reported to the council that he would like to send two of his police officers to Duhamell Physical Tactics Training out of Auburn, IN. This class would certify the two Police Officers to be instructors for future training purposes within the department. The cost to receive a five-day, forty-hour, state certified basic course is \$775. Per person, for a total cost of \$1550. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve Glen to send the two officers to the training course. William Krock, Jr. second the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report – was given by Chad Geiger.

Park Board Report – Nate Hicks reported that the Park Board was looking into fixing the message board at the park. They had considered replacing it with a digital sign, but that would be too expensive at this time. He asked if Brian Carroll could assist in replacing the lights in the sign with LED lights. Brian said he could help.

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

Old Business:

Brandon & Melissa Bryant complaint. Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. spoke to Brandon Bryant and thanked him for attending the meeting tonight. He then said he would not be allowed to speak at the meeting tonight about the situation because of current litigation going on. Philip told him he was welcome to come to the meetings anytime.

New Business:

East Noble Transportation Director, Joshua Bohro, was present to discuss the current traffic problem with the Avilla School child pick-up and drop-off lines. This has been an ongoing issue for a couple of years because between the hours of 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. Monday – Friday the traffic gets backed up on Main Street where the parents line up to pick up their children after school. It is a traffic problem in the mornings too, but not as bad as the afternoon. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the town will install tow away zone signs/ no parking signs on the west side of South Main Street to Washington Street between the hours of 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. Monday – Friday. Until the new signs are received and installed, which will take approximately 30 days, the police will install emergency declaration signs. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the temporary closing signs. Paul shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Resolution 734-8-22 for a Personal Property Tax abatement for Onxx Tool was presented to the council. The tax abatement is to purchase a Tsugami Swiss Lathe for the company at a cost of \$325,000. They are asking for a 5-year abatement. Town Attorney, Seth Tipton, read the Findings of Facts to Dustin Warrix, with ONXX Tool. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the 5-year tax abatement. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda is Ordinance 1650-8-22 Amending Ordinance 1641-5-22 Fixing the Schedule of Rates and Charges by the Avilla Sewer Works. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1650-8-22 Amending Ordinance 1641-5-22 Fixing the Schedule of Rates and Charges by the Avilla Sewer Works was presented to the council on the first reading. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve Ordinance 1650-8-22 on the first reading. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1650-8-22 Amending Ordinance 1641-5-22 Fixing the Schedule of Rates and Charges by the Avilla Sewer Works was presented to the council on the second reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Ordinance 1650-8-22 on the second reading. Paul shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

The CCMG 2022-01 Ley Street Project Closeout was presented to the council for approval. Town Manager, Tena Woenker, reported that there were three change orders for the project. Change Order # 1 was for an additional charge of \$440., on the Water Main Project. Change Order #2 was for an additional charge of \$12,000., also for the Water Main Project. Change Order # 3 was for \$41,765.71, for additional milling and HMA Asphalt Base. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve all three change orders. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Resolution 735-8-22 READI Grant Application to help Granite Ridge Builders with infrastructure on two proposed subdivisions in Avilla was presented to the council for approval. The READI Grant application will be completed by the Town of Avilla. The invoices from Granite Ridge builders would be sent into the State by the Town for approval of payment. The money would then be reimbursed to Granite Ridge for the expense. The infrastructure funds will pay for the development of forty single-family homes in the Orchard Valley Subdivision and twelve single-family homes in the Watercrest Subdivision. The Town of Avilla will be required to contribute funds to the project as part of the grant application process. The town will install electric service and equipment to the Orchard Valley Subdivision up to \$80,000. To be paid out of the electric fund.

The Town will also install up to 550 linear feet of Westwind Trail, including construction costs of curbs, paving base, and asphalt not to exceed \$60,000. This will be paid out of MVH and CEDIT Funds. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve Resolution 735-8-22. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Last item on the agenda was the workweek schedule on all-call tracking of employees. After a brief discussion this was tabled until it can be further investigated.

Open Discussion:

Kevin Kelly inquired about listing the temporary road closures on Main Street on the Town's Web Page. Council approved and Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock said they will also put it on the Town's Facebook Page.

With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

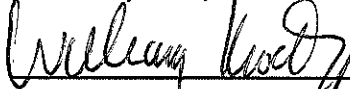
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ATTEST:



Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer