

October 19, 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, Chad Geiger, Kevin Kelly, Matt Getts, Tena Woenker, Chris Arnett, Glen Wills, Cindy Kretler, John Kretler, Neal Kirby, Daniel Boyd, Brandon Bryant, Melissa Bryant, Seth Tipton.

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

Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. opened the public hearing at 6:02 P.M. on Ordinance 1652-9-22, for the 2nd Reading Amending enacted Code of Ordinances pertaining to regulation of traffic upon public streets of the Town of Avilla. Specifically, South Main Street, west side only. Public Hearing was closed at 6:08 P.M.

Ordinance 1652-9-22, Amending Enacted Code of Ordinances pertaining to regulation of traffic upon public streets of the Town of Avilla was presented to the council on the 2nd reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the 2nd reading. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Claims in the amount of \$563,548.01 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 September 21, 2022, meeting and the September 21 and September 26 executive meetings 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, reported to the council that Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock needs permission in advance to cut a check to pay for the building being purchased at 126 E. Albion Street Avilla, IN at the closing of the sale. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the check to be cut at closing. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendents Report – Brian Carroll was absent.

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

Fire Chiefs Report – was given by Chad Geiger.

Chad Geiger, reported to the council, that he received the quote from DeKalb Door for the repairs needed for the overhead doors at the Fire Department. The total cost is \$1473.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the repairs from Dekalb Door. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chief, Chad Geiger, informed the council that he will be away on November 5-6 for training in Angola, IN.

Park Board Report – No one present to give a report.

Clerk Treasurer Report, Rita Grocock, reported to the council that resident Cheryl Ball at 420 Stewart Creek Run would like relief on the sewer portion of her utility bill for watering newly installed grass. She was asking for \$73.58 to be removed from her bill. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the write-off of \$73.58. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Old Business:

Ordinance 1649-8-22 for the 2023 Town of Avilla Budget was read on the 2nd reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the ordinance on the 2nd reading. Paul shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was to open the sealed bids for the 1982 Chevy Dump Truck and the 1988 Digger Derreck. High bid on the 1982 Chevy Dump Truck was \$3500.00 from Terry Hill. High bid for the Digger Derreck was \$5001.00 from Dave Kemmerly. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to sell the Dump Truck to Terry Hill for \$3500.00 and the Digger Derreck to Dave Kemmerly for \$5001.00. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

A Construction and inspection services agreement from Tanner Consulting for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades was presented to the council. Total cost of services is \$31,125.00. The total amount will be paid out of the sewer fund. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the agreement between Tanner Consulting and the Town of Avilla for \$31,125.00. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, received two quotes for the Annual Sewer CD renewal for \$353,519.10 due November 1, 2022. The first quote was from Campbell & Fetter Bank in Kendallville, IN for a rate of 2.0% for the 12- month CD. The second quote was from Community State Bank in Avilla, IN for a rate of 3.5% for the 12- month CD. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Community State Banks quote for the 3.5%. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was the employee wages for the year 2023. Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., stated that it was decided that the raise increase for 2023 would be 5% for everyone across the board. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the 5% increase across the board for everyone. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Last item under new business was the town manager's vacation. The Town Managers vacation was increased in their first year to three weeks (which is normally what an employee gets after five years of employment). This was only effective until the end of 2022. Paul shepherd made a motion for the town managers vacation to remain at three weeks for the years of 2023, 2024 and 2025. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

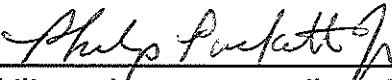
Open Discussion:

Business owner, John Kretler, informed the council that he has had numerous conversations with the town employee who does the mowing for the town and Brian Carroll about a part of the town's property not getting mowed on 4th Street by his business. He asked the council to please address the situation because he has been mowing the area and does not want to continue to mow it any longer.


With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 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