

November 16, 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, Glen Wills, Seth Tipton, Chris Arnett, Brian Carroll, Max Parrott, Brandon Bryant.

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

Claims in the amount of \$662,698.05 were 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

An amendment of the minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting for the Digger Derrick was required because when the bids were opened at the meeting the bid from Dave Kemerly was for both pieces of equipment, not just the Digger Derrick for \$5001. Therefore, he was not the high bid for that equipment. The high bid should go to Guy Pearson for \$3500. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the sale to Guy Pearson for \$3500. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 19, 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, advised the council that the BZA Board has three seats open, so they do not have a quorum. William Ley was willing to accept the position if the council agreed to appoint him. The vacancy was from the resignation of Josh Lash. Paul Shepherd made a motion to appoint William Ley to the BZA Board. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent's Report – Brian Carroll gave his report for the month.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, informed the council that one of the check valves at the Water Plant broke and needed to be replaced. He purchased a new one through E.J. Prescott, Inc. for \$1952.44. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council that the current uniform company that the town uses, Cintas, has had a 13.6 increase for the contract for next year. He did not get other quotes, stating that the competitors are usually within just a few dollars of each other. Paul Shepherd made a motion to continue to use Cintas with the 13.6 increase in price for 2023. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Fire Chiefs Report – was given by Chad Geiger.

Chad Geiger, Fire chief, reported to the council, that he had to make some repairs on the air compressor in the fill station that they use to fill oxygen bottles. Hoosier Fire Equipment did the repairs at a cost of \$1195.95 plus shipping. Paul shepherd made a motion to approve the expense William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chief, Chad Geiger, informed the council that he received a quote for ladder & hose testing which should be done annually. He also included that it had not been completed for a few years. The cost is \$6700. a year. No vote was taken.

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

Clerk Treasurer Report, Rita Grocock, reported to the council that resident Josh Koons at 108 Baum Street would like relief on the sewer portion of his utility bill for an outside water spigot that was left on at his residence. Employee Kyle Herron verified that the water did indeed run out on to the ground. Josh was asking for \$74.15 to be removed from his bill. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the write-off of \$74.15. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

Resolutions 736-11-22, 737-11-22 and 738-11-22 were on the agenda for Wick-Fab Inc. wanting tax abatements on three pieces of equipment. No one from Wick-Fab was present at the meeting so a motion was made by William Krock, Jr. to table until the December 2022 meeting. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Old Business:

Employee Salary for 2023 was the next item on the agenda. Councilman, Paul Shepherd, spoke 1st and he thought it should be a 5% increase across the board. Councilman, William Krock, Jr. spoke next and said with the town agreeing to continue to pay for employee insurance for another year, and that he has been reviewing the extra money some employees are receiving for call in bonuses in the amount of around a combined \$10,000. already this year. His suggestion was to give a 4% increase for everyone that was getting a call- in bonus and 6% increase for everyone else. Councilman, Philip Puckett, Jr. spoke last and said he had to agree with Paul Shepherd and that everyone should get a 5% increase. Paul Shepherd made a motion to give a 5% increase across the board. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Ordinance 1653-11-22 Salaries for the year 2023 was presented to the council. Paul Shepherd made a motion to suspend the rules. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Ordinance 1653-11-22 Salaries for the year 2023 was presented to the council on the 1st reading. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the ordinance on the 1st reading. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Ordinance 1653-11-22 Salaries for the year 2023 was presented to the council on the 2nd reading. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the ordinance on the 2nd reading. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.


Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Open Discussion:
No one spoke.


With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 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