

January 18, 2023
TOWN OF AVILLA
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710

THOSE PRESENT: Phil Puckett, Bill Krock, Rita Grocock, Paul Shepherd, Chad Geiger, Tena Woenker, Chris Arnett, Brian Carroll, Melissa Bryant, Paige Bryant, Ann Freeman, Chris Arnett, Matt Getts, Kevin Kelly, Jarrod Ramer, Josh Harper, Katherine Pierce, Andy Uhl, Jim Hoffelder, Jill Hoffelder, Ross Freeman, Katie Schaller, Lisa Krock, Bill Cain, Kurt Kline, Bill Ley, Kierston Wright, Todd Carteaux, Bill Freeman.

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

Claims in the amount of \$46,932.27 for December year end and \$476,097.36 for January 2023 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

Paul Shepherd made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2022, and January 5, 2023, meetings as submitted. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Managers Report – was given by Tena Woenker.

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

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that he requested three quotes to crush concrete that they have been saving from the wastewater ponds. After is crushed it will produce #53 gravel and #2 gravel. The material can then be used by the utility departments for various projects. He only received two quotes back. Clifford Aggregates quote was \$6.50 per ton for a total pf \$78,000. He also had a verbal quote from Powerscreen for \$7.50 per ton for a total of \$90,000. Simon Salter out of Nappanee never produced a quote for him. The estimated amount of concrete and asphalt together is 12,000 tons. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the quote from Clifford Aggregates not to exceed \$78,000. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carrol, informed the council he is getting quotes for new town work trucks from Max Platt Ford.

Town Marshalls Report – Glen Wills was absent. Chris Arnett gave the police report for the month.

Fire Chiefs Report – was given by Chad Geiger.

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, informed the council that is working on getting quotes to replace three doors at the fire department with card scan doors. They are old doors, and the volunteers of the fire Department will have easier accessibility to the building.

Park Board Report – was given by Ann Freeman. She reported that they now have a third board member, Lisa Krock. Ann also reported that they will be contacting the gentlemen from Ball State University that initially worked on their five-year plan to get updates.

Clerk Treasurer Report, Rita Grocock, presented to the council the annual cancellation of warrants that are outstanding over two years.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The first item on the agenda was the 2023 Election of Officers. William Krock, Jr. spoke and said he thought Philip Puckett, Jr. was doing an excellent job in the last year and made a motion to appoint Philip Puckett, Jr. to be president of the council again. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

The annual Town of Avilla insurance renewal was presented to the council for approval to renew the policy. Jarrod Ramer, with Black & Ramer Insurance, gave a brief explanation of the policy for the year. The rate did not have an increase, but the replacement value of our buildings was increased by \$3600. or about 3%. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve renewing the policy with Black & Ramer for another year for a total cost of \$99,309. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Manager, Tena Woenker, asked the council to be specific as to what her role is with the Avilla Redevelopment Commission. There previously were questions raised about Avilla Town Manager, Tena Woenker, concerning working with the Avilla RDC and if she was needed. After a short discussion the Town Council agreed that the Town Manager can and will continue helping the RDC including meetings, projects, etc.

Resolution 741-1-23 Transfer of funds from MVH, MVH Restricted and LRS into the Community Crossing Grant Program Fund. The match is 25% of town funds. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the transfers. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next Item on the agenda was live streaming town council meetings and installing security cameras at the Town Hall. After a brief discussion William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table this until the February 18, 2023, meeting. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

The last item on the agenda was to appoint a Town Council Member to the Plan Commission Board for the 2023 year. William Krock, Jr. previously was appointed for 2022, but he is too busy to attend the meetings. Paul Shepherd made a motion to appoint Philip Puckett, Jr. to the Plan Commission for 2023. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Open Discussion:


Resident, Katherine Pierce, was present to voice her questions/concerns about the barricades on Autumn Hills Drive. She said recently an ambulance was called for her because of a health issue and could not access the trailer park from Autumn Hills Drive and had to take an alternate route to get to her. She was upset that this could have been a matter of life-or-death situation and asked to have the barricades removed. Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. spoke about the reason for the barricade installation in the first place and as to why they should remain in place for now. Fire Chief, Chad Geiger, said he would contact the main dispatch at Parkview Fort Wayne, so in the future all ambulance drivers will know of the map of available

routes. Chad also indicated that in a level one medical emergency the Town of Avilla Fire Department should have been notified as a first responder, so he would investigate that.


With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0


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Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President



Paul Shepherd, Council Member



William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:



Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer