

February 15, 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, Brian Carroll, Ann Freeman, Matt Getts, Kevin Kelly, Katherine Pierce, Andy Uhl, Lisa Krock Kierston Wright, Glen Wills, Tena Woenker.

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

Councilman Philip Puckett, Jr. spoke about revising the minutes from the January 18, 2023, meeting. Paul Shepherd made a motion to table this until the March meeting; William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Claims in the amount of \$456,687.01 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

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 he has contacted three companies to get quotes on changing out bad electric poles. Only one company has responded. Brian indicated that it would be difficult to get a price for completing this and it will probably be a time and materials job.

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

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported to the council that he received quotes for filling the newly installed gas tank at the police department. Schaffer Oil in Huntertown IN. was the low price.

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, informed the council that he has purchased 5 defibrillators from Cardiac Science that the Police Officer's carry in their vehicles for emergency use. The cost of each one will be \$895.00. He indicated that he would like to purchase 3 more to cover all the patrol cars. The total cost for 8 defibrillators is \$7160. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report – was given by Chad Geiger.

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, presented the council with two quotes for hose and ladder testing. Previously, this had been completed by the Volunteer Firefighters. He no longer has enough manpower to complete this. FireCatt's proposal was \$4510. for the hose testing and \$634.25 for the ladder testing. National Hose Testing Specialties, Inc. proposal was \$4599. for hose testing, and \$710.50 for ladder testing. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the Fire Chief to hire FireCatt to complete the work for one year only. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Park Board Report – Park Board President, Lisa Krock, spoke briefly to Town Marshall, Glen Wills, about having more police patrols in the park to help curtail vandalism in the park. Marshall Wills, said he would have his officers check the park in the evenings. Lisa also indicated that there was a light out on the back side of the park. Brian Carroll said that he would have someone look into fixing that.

Park Board Member, Ann Freeman, inquired about having an open hydrant time for kids to run through the water, in the park, on July 1, 2023. The Council did not see a problem with this.

Clerk Treasurers Report, Rita Grocock, presented to the council the annual utility adjustments for 2022. The Council approved and signed the document.

Rita Grocock, Clerk Treasurer, informed that council that resident Alice Myers had a water leak at her residence due to a rusty water heater. The town verified that the water did not go down into the sewer. Alice was asking for a sewer write-off on her utility bill of \$5.26. Paul shepherd made a motion to approve the \$5.26 write -off of her utility bill. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Old Business:

Live Streaming and Security Cameras at the Avilla Town Hall was back on the agenda this month. After some discussion it was decided that Superintendent, Brian Carroll, would look into this further for a cost.

A new member appointment to the Redevelopment Commission was the next item on the agenda for the evening. Coltyn Fish has been appointed as the new member of the board.

New Business:

Resolution 742-2-23 Write-offs of uncollectable utility accounts were presented to the council. The total write-offs for 2022 was \$593.71. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the resolution. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was to accept the bid for the 2022-2 Community Crossings Grant. Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. was the lowest bid at \$552,751.45. The bids come in significantly lower than the engineers anticipated. They would like to spend \$44,139. to put in new sidewalks that are not covered under the CCG Grant on 1st and 2nd Streets. This price was also quoted by Pulver Asphalt. The total cost of the project would then be \$596,890.45. Paul Shepherd made a motion to hire Pulver Asphalt Paving Inc. for a total combined cost of \$596,890.45. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – 1 Abstained

Final item on the agenda was the Notice to Award – 2022-2 Community Crossings Grant Project. A motion was made by Paul Shepherd to award Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc. the 2022-2 project. Philipp Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – 1 Abstained

Resident, Katherine Pierce, was present to follow-up from last month's meeting on the emergency vehicle situation on Autumn Hills Drive. Fire Chief, Chad Geiger, assured her he had contacted the proper authorities and the matter was taken care of.

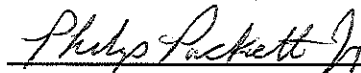
Superintendent, Brian Carroll, spoke about being approached by his employees about supplying town cell phones for the utility workers or paying them more of monthly stipend. Currently they are receiving \$25.00/ month, payable quarterly. Brian indicated that only one of his employees asked for a town supplied phone. Council instructed Brian to gather more information and they will approach it again at the March 15, 2023 meeting.

Resident, and Park Board Member, Ann Freeman, asked the council if they were going to install sidewalks in the Orchard Valley Subdivision in the near future. The council said there are not any funds available right now to complete the work but would check into it at another time.

With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

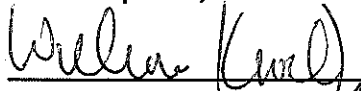
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Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President



Paul Shepherd, Council Member



William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:



Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer