

April 19, 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, Matt Getts, Kevin Kelly, Andy Uhl, Kierston Wright, Glen Wills, Chad Rayle, Brian Carroll, Diane Lewis, Lisa Krock, Michael Hensinger, Julie McBride, Ann Freeman, Jackie Bushong, Chris Arnett, Bill Freeman, Tena Woenker.

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

Claims in the amount of \$534,249.06 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 March 15, 2023, meeting 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, received two quotes for materials for the electric pole change out project. He previously received a quote for the installation of the poles from Gaylor Electric, but this did not include the materials to complete the work. The lowest quote was from Brownstown Electric for \$27,589.12. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to accept the quote from Brownstown Electric. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, received a quote from Evapar for the annual generator inspection of nine generators. The price was \$4100., last year the price was \$3900. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve hiring Evapar to perform the inspections for \$4100. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council that during the power outage back in February it took out one of the pumps and controls at the McDonalds Lift Station.

Brian had Kester's repair the pump for a cost of \$6911. He got a quote from Water's Electric for the control repair which is going to be \$4130. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchases from both. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, obtained a quote for the 2023 Town Street Sweeping from Summit City Sweeping. The Spring Street sweeping cost is \$3600. and the Fall Street Sweeping cost is \$2500. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve hiring Summit City Sweeping to complete both projects. 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 has obtained four quotes for replacing the entry doors at the Fire Department. He is still waiting on others and will bring this back to the council at the next meeting.

Fire Chief, Chad Geiger, conveyed to the council that he will be purchasing fifteen pairs of new boots for the firefighters. He will also be purchasing new gloves and protective hoods as well. The cost is approximately \$13,000. The Fire Department is paying for part of this out of the Alberta Koons Firefighting Fund, he is also checking to see if the Trustee will pay for part of the cost. The balance due to pay is \$5255. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the expense contingent on whether the Trustees office will help with the cost. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, informed the council that there will be an upgrade to the Indiana Emergency Radio Tower and the radios that our firefighters currently use are twenty years old, and they will not work, because they are not Phase II compatible. In the future he will need to purchase four new radios at a cost of \$6664.78 each.

Park Board Report – Park Board President, Lisa Krock, reported that the Park Board has scheduled a park clean -up day on April 22, 2023. If anyone is interested in helping clean the park, please contact one of the board members for more information.

Lisa Krock, Park Board President, informed the council that there is a broken fence at the park that they are in the process of getting quotes on repairing it. Also, the lock on the Community Center Building is not working correctly and they are checking into getting that looked at.

Clerk Treasurers Report, Rita Grocock, presented a new contract form New Focus HR for the annual charge for updating the Town's Employee Handbook. The original cost was \$125.00 and they raised it to \$150.00 annually. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the \$150.00 charge. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

Resolution 743-4-23 Wick Fab request for tax abatement on personal property of an F180 Hoist Forklift for a cost of \$32,150. was presented to the council. Town Attorney, Chad Rayle, read the findings in fact. They are requesting a 3-year tax abatement on the equipment. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the resolution. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Julie McBride, with the Avilla Freedom Festival was present to discuss the days of the festival, road closures for the festival and the parade. The 2023 Festival will be held this year on June 22-24, 2023. The main location is The Avilla Park. The roads they would like to close for the event are Chestnut Street to Albion Street, Lewis Street from the school to Albion Street and Haynes Street to Albion Street. The festival committee would like the roads to be closed from 8:00 A.M. Thursday June 22, 2023, through Sunday June 24, 2023, at 2:00 A.M. They are also requesting the parade route, close Main Street from 4th Street to Fischer Street from 2:00-4:00 P.M. on June 24, 2023, for the parade.

William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the road closures for the festival. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was Changes to the Nuisance Ordinance process. After a brief discussion, the changes will be added to an ordinance and brought back to the May 2023 meeting.

The annual Spectrum Engineering Contract was presented to the council for approval. The cost is not to exceed \$10,000 for services as needed throughout the year. A breakdown of the individual charges is listed in the contract. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the new annual contract not to exceed \$10,000. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Last item on the agenda for the evening was NIPSCO contract with the Avilla Redevelopment Commission. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table for now. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Old Business:

Spring Clean-Up-day tag fees. Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, informed the council that in past years the town has covered the cost of disposal items that Washler Inc. is now charging us for. The town can help cover the disposal costs that would otherwise be passed on to our residents. The town has appropriated \$8000 this year for the clean-up-day. The only items that will need a prepaid tag are all tires and batteries.

Open Discussion:

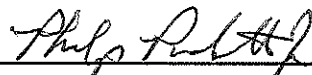
Jackie Bushing, the President of Cranberry Reserve Association was present to introduce herself.

Resident, Diane Lewis, asked the council about the money being spent on 126 E. Albion Street. She inquired about how much it was going to cost to fix the old building downtown. The council Philip Puckett, Jr. told her she would need to attend the next Redevelopment meeting for the answers.

With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

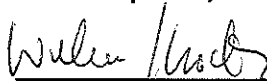
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Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President



Paul Shepherd, Council Member



William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:



~~Rita Grocock~~ Clerk - Treasurer

Barb Campbell - Deputy