

**July 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, Kevin Kelly, Andy Uhl, Kierston Wright, Glen Wills, Chad Rayle, Brian Carroll, Lisa Krock, Ethan Huff, Julia Dunlap, Adam Dunlap, Ann Koons, Ron Mayes, Robbie Mayes, Michael Hensinger.

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

Claims in the amount of \$642,248.11 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 June 21 & 23, 2023 meetings as submitted. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Managers Report – no town manager.

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

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, Gaylor Electric submitted a quote to finish the Electric Pole Change-Out Project. The quote includes labor and equipment for a conductor replacement and trimming trees for the project. The quote was \$131,076.00 and will take approximately three weeks to complete. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the additional charges from Gaylor Electric. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council that with the increase of costs for cell phones he was asking the council to approve an increase to \$50.00/month for town employees who use their personal cell phones. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve new payment.

William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, asked the council for permission to purchase a new 12- inch bucket for the excavator at a total cost of \$1405.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, presented to the council a quote for a new 40" Flail Mower for the excavator. He indicated this equipment can be used to mow around the wastewater ponds, ditch banks, alleys and easements and hard to reach areas. The cost of the mower is \$12,598.00. and can be paid out of the three utilities. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the purchase. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, asked the council for permission to purchase Cloud Defensive MCH Flashlights for his officers. The cost is \$239.99/ea. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed \$6000.00. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, presented a quote to the council for the equipment installation for the new 2011 police vehicle he just purchased. The quote was from First Due Communications for a total cost of \$8395.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the expense for the equipment to be paid ½ out of public safety and ½ out of police general fund. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, submitted a quote from Osborn Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase of a used 2011 Polaris Sportsman four-wheeler. He indicated since they are allowing four wheelers on public roads now the police would need this now to keep up with them. The cost of the equipment is \$5233.96. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the purchase and to be paid for out of public safety funds. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, reported to the council that with the increase in calls about apprehending individuals he needs to have another cage installed in the unmarked Charger Police Vehicle, to be kept at the Police Department. The cost of the cage and installation is \$975.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report – Fire Chief Chad Geiger gave his report for the month.

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, reported to the council that he needs to add another \$1941.95 and could be more for labor, to the old quote from PMC Computers for the door installation access control kits at the Fire Department. William Krock, Jr. made a motion not to exceed \$2500.00. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Park Board Report – Park Board President, Lisa Krock gave her report.

New Business:

Ordinance 1661-7-23 Amending the Zoning Map for the Town of Avilla was presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1661-7-23 Amending the Zoning Map for the Town of Avilla was presented to the council on the 1st reading. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the ordinance on the 1st reading. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1661-7-23 Amending the Zoning Map for the Town of Avilla was presented to the council 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

Ordinance 1662-7-23 Establishing a Local Road & Bridge Fund for 2024 was presented to the council for approval. Paul Shepherd made a motion to suspend the rules. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1662-7-23 Establishing a Local Road & Bridge Fund for 2024 was presented to the council on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1662-7-23 Establishing a Local Road & Bridge Fund for 2024 was presented to the council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the ordinance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was a contract form A&Z Engineering to complete the work for the 2024 CCMG projects. The cost of the contract was \$25,890.00. After some discussion as to what work will be performed next year for the project, William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve A&Z Engineering contract for \$25,890.00 Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion,

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Town Resident, Ann Koons, was present to inform the council that she would like to install a privacy fence on her property. There is a town easement on her property in which she can purchase the property from town or the town keep the property and have access to the property if need be. Town Attorney, Chad Rayle said he would need time to investigate this and so William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table until the August meeting. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Last item on agenda was to hire a new Town Manager. Adam Dunlap has accepted the position with a starting salary of \$65,000. annually. His start date will be August 3, 2023. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to hire Adam Dunlap, Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

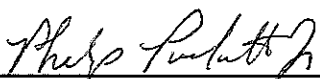
Open Discussion:

Residents Ron & Robbie Mays were present to voice their concern about fireworks still being shot off at all hours of the night in Cranberry Acres where they live. The council suggested they go to the home-owners association as well and see if they can get any satisfaction.


With no further business to conduct for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 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