

NOVEMBER 15, 2023
TOWN OF AVILLA
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL
108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710

THOSE PRESENT: Philip Puckett Jr., William Krock Jr., Paul Shepherd, Brian Carroll, Rita Grocock, Adam Dunlap, Anita Hess, Steve Hagen, Andy Uhl, Matt Getts, Kierston Wright, Chris Arnett, Glen Wills, Kevin Kelly, Chad Rayle, Mike Hensinger, Sherry Williams, Melissa Bryant, Brandon Bryant, Eric Heshner, Jeanne Pankop, Mark Pankop.

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Claims in the amount of \$1,216,155.61 were submitted to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the claims for the month. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from the October 18, 2023, October 30, 2023, meetings and the 11/2/2023 Executive Session was submitted to the council. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the minutes of all three meetings. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Mangers Report – Adam Dunlap gave his report for the month.

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

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, presented quotes to the council for cleaning power lines. The first quote was from Tree Servants for a total cost of \$125,000.85. The second quote was from Asplundh for a total cost of \$51,750. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the quote from Asplundh for \$51,750. contingent on receiving a formal quote. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council that when Pulver Asphalt was in town doing work on the street project he had them complete extra sewer and drain work for the town. The cost of the extra work was \$9000. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the extra charges of \$9000. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that the amount of money the council approved at the October meeting to pay Millstone Concrete for curb replacements was not enough money and he needs \$4842.50 to complete the project. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the amount and not to exceed \$5000. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that the Sycamore Lift Station needs the rails and pumps repaired for a total cost of \$2190. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the repairs. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, conveyed to the council that the town has a lift station that needs to be repaired, and one that needs to be replaced. The cost to repair is \$4516. and the one that needs to be replaced is \$10,783.50 from Kester's Electric, for a total cost of \$15,299.50.

Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the repair and purchase. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall's Report - was given by Glen Wills.

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, reported to the council that his department needs to replace tasers. He also indicated that he has a credit of \$3000. with Axon Enterprise, Inc. The total cost to replace 7 tasers is \$3435.10 and with the \$3000. credit he needs an additional \$435.10 to complete the purchase. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the purchase. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, asked the council for permission to hire a part time police officer as a crime scene technician. He indicated it was only a part time job and would only need a few times a year. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to allow Officer Wills to hire another part time police officer to cover this position. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, requested permission to purchase a portable speed limit trailer from Kustom Signals, Inc. for a total cost of \$6679. This trailer can be moved to various locations in town to help keep down on patrons exceeding the speed limits in town. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the purchase for \$6679. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported to the council that the invoice from First Communications came in higher than \$8395. he was approved to spend at the last meeting. The total cost of the invoice was \$9130.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve an additional not to exceed \$2000. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chiefs Report- was given by Chad Geiger.

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, reported to the council that there are a few surrounding towns, Kendallville, Albion, LaOtto that are hiring Fire House to apply for grants for their towns to help purchase air packs. He would also like to use the company to apply for a grant to help purchase our air packs. The total cost is \$3400. Paul shepherd made a motion to allow Chief Geiger to move forward with the process of the grant application. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chief, Chad Geiger, reported to the council that the Fire Department heater located in the SW corner of the fire station sits too low for the new fire truck to fit in. The heater is also not working correctly and needs to be repaired. The repair cost is \$1107. from Mike Hensinger. To purchase a new heater is going to cost \$4616.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the Fire Department to purchase the new heater at a cost not to exceed \$5000. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Park Board Report – new park board member Mike Hensinger spoke briefly about the upcoming Christmas program for the kids at the pocket park up town on December 2, 2023, at 5:00 P.M.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Rita Grocock said she did not have anything for the month.

New Business:

Shelly Williams, Noble County Republican Chairperson from Noble County, was at the meeting to present Paul Shepherd with a plaque for his years of service.

Resolution 746-11-23 for a tax abatement for Renewable Properties LLC was presented to the council for approval. The tax abatement for \$150,000. / Ten years. Town Attorney, Chad Rayle read the findings of facts to Mr. Heshner. Paul Shepherd made a motion to approve the tax abatement for 10 years; Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 1

Ordinance 1665-11-23 Amending the parking on Prairie Cove was presented to the council on the 1st reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the ordinance on the 1st reading. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was the approval of the final payment to Pulver Asphalt Paving for the 2023 road project in the amount of \$596,890.45. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the final payment. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

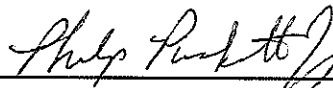
The last item on the agenda was to block the streets for the upcoming Christmas in the Park on December 2, 2023. The request was for blocking Albion Street from Main St. to Vice Blvd. and the parking lot in front of the mural from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Open Discussion:

Matt Getts, reporter, with the Kendallville News Sun questioned about the Redevelopment Commission's loss of participating members recently. Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. reported that several people had resigned, but the commission was in the process of replacing them soon.

With no further business to discuss for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn 7:22 P.M. Paul Shepherd seconded the motion Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

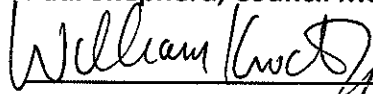
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ATTEST:



Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer