

MARCH 20, 2024

**TOWN OF AVILLA
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL
108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710**

THOSE PRESENT: Philip Puckett Jr., William Krock Jr., Andy Uhl, Brian Carroll, Rita Grocock, Adam Dunlap, Kierston Wright, Kevin Kelly, Mike Hensinger, Glen Wills, Bob Hardy, Brandon Depoy, Kyle Herron, Chris Arnett, Royce Thacker, Owen Thacker, Shane Hurt, Matt Getts, Chad Geiger, Sam Hogge.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr., announced that he was going to switch things up a bit to allow Sam Hogge, with Wolverine Power Company, time to explain a future power increase in the cost of the power that the Town of Avilla purchases from their company. The increase will not occur until 2030, but it is around a fifty percent increase and the Town will need to prepare for this as soon as possible.

Claims in the amount of \$781,818.87 were submitted to the council for approval. William Krock Jr. made a motion to approve the claims for the month. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from February 21, 2024, was submitted to the council. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Adam Dunlap, Town Manager, reported that the town car repairs from last month were more substantial than he initially thought. So, he chose just to have the battery replaced, clean the cable ends, and replace the battery at that time. However, Adam indicated that it needs more repairs, and he did not have them completed because the cost was going to be an additional \$1300. He was asking for an additional \$500. To complete all the repairs. Andrew made a motion to allow Adam to spend an additional \$500, but not to exceed \$2000. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that the town's lawnmower that they use to mow the town's properties was 12 years old now. He presented a quote from Weaver's for three different lawnmowers. The Grasshopper was the lowest priced one at \$12,922.75. which includes the trade amount of \$3500. He indicated it would be paid for through wastewater, water, electric and MVH. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council that April 11th and 12th the Avilla School was having a career day for the kids, and he would like to attend, to give them a demonstration

on how the town's utilities work. He was also asking for permission to purchase handouts for the kids. The electric handouts would cost \$900. and the wastewater handouts were \$600. Andrew Uhl made a motion for Brian to attend and purchase the supplies with a cost not to exceed \$1500. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported to the council that Officer Kris Houser's patrol vehicle had 142,000 miles on it, and he would like to take a trip out West to look at a different vehicle he found for him. The council denied this. Councilman, Andrew Uhl, told Glen he needed to prepare for this a head of time.

Fire Chiefs Report- was given by Chad Geiger.

Park Board Report – they did not have anything to report at this time.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Rita Grocock, reported she had her items on the agenda.

New Business:

Resolution 751-3-24 for the annual uncollectable accounts for 2023 was presented to the council for approval to write-off the balances on these accounts. The total write-off is \$580.19. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the write-offs for \$580.19. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, reported to the council that she has completed the annual TIF report for the year.

Rita Grocock, Clerk treasurer, presented to the council the annual Town Attorney's Contract for the year 2024. Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. signed the agreement.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent of Utilities, asked the council for permission to start taking resumes for the open utility position the town now has. They agreed to allow this.

Next item on the agenda was discussing installing GPS systems on all town vehicles. After some discussion William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve installing them on all the police vehicles to start with, for a cost of not to exceed \$15,000. to be paid out of Public Safety. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Councilman, Andrew Uhl, reported that he would like to have a working session in July for all the department heads to prepare for next year's budget process.

The Town of Avilla Electric Department employees have requested items to make their jobs easier and more accurate. They are asking for laptop computers or ipads so they can locate power outages when they occur, instead of waiting for a customer to call and say they have no power. This would be more pro-active for the town.


Next item on the agenda was whether to close the town hall for the upcoming eclipse on April 8, 2024. After a short discussion it was agreed that they would close at 12:00 P.M. so the employees can enjoy the eclipse.

Last Item on the agenda was the appointment to the Redevelopment Commission. Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. appointed Brandon Depoy to the position.


Old Business:
None

With no further business to discuss for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 P.M. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President


Andrew Uhl, Council Member


William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:


Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer