

APRIL 17, 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, Chris Arnett, Melanie Kellogg, Kim Davidson, Candice Holbrook, Chad Geiger, Mark Sible, Katie Ross, Brooke Bentley, Janice Bradley, Amanda Uhl, Skyler Bradley, Matt Getts, Melissa Bryant, Brandon Bryant, Katie Schaller, Nancy Bodeker, Vincent Mangone, Jeremy James, Mike Yoder.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Claims in the amount of \$618,945.86 were submitted to the council for approval. William Krock Jr. made a motion to approve the claims as submitted, Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from March 20, 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.

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

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that the town had a power outage last month after a boring crew hit a primary electric line. Brian had the Premier Directional Boring bore a new line instead of splicing the old line. The cost was \$2317.00. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the payment to them. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council that at the last the meeting he informed the council that the Industrial Substation took a lighting strike, and he had Utilities Instrumentation Service (UIS) came in and do an emergency test on it. The cost for this test was \$ 17,620.08. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the payment of \$17,620.08. William Krock, Jr. second the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, told the council that he had to use the town's spare 500KVA transformer last month. He received two quotes to replace the spare transformer. Sunbelt Solomon's quote was \$29,890. With a 50-52-week delivery status. The other Quote was from T & R Electric for \$28,818. With a 68-70-week delivery schedule. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase from T & R Electric. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Fire Chiefs Report- was given by Chad Geiger.

Chad Geiger, Fire Chief, presented two quotes to the council for replacement jumbo ball intake valves. These are used to fill the trucks with water. His request was to purchase three at this time. Two of them for replacements, and the third one for a back-up. The first quote was from Dingesfire Company for \$6867.66 for three, and the second quote was from Hoosier Fire Equipment for \$2,231.30 each for a total cost of \$6,693.90. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the purchase from Hoosier Fire Equipment. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Fire Chief, Chad Geiger, presented to the council a quote from HAAS Alert for GPS systems to be installed and monitored by their company. The cost of this is \$6,162.65 per year with a five-year signed contract. After a brief discussion William Krock, Jr. made a motion to table for now. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Park Board Report – was given by Michael Hensinger.

Attorney Report – was given by Bob Hardy. He is checking into setting a day for both golf carts and side-by-sides to have the same renewal date each year. Bob is also getting all the Ordinances up to date on codification.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Rita Grocock, reported she did not have anything this month.

New Business:

The first item on the agenda was representative Candice Holbrook, with Oak Farm School was here to give a presentation on the new proposed sports complex they are installing at their school. She presented slides as to what it would look like and said it would be open to the public for use when the school students were not using it.

Next item on the agenda was a discussion on the school drop off-line for the children. It now lines up on Main Street and it was discussed to move it to Railroad Street or Haines Street to make it safer for the traffic flow. There will be a follow-up on this after more investigation on it.

Council member, William Krock, Jr., brought up that he thought the town needs to have more uniform speed limits in town instead of having all different speed limits on various streets. The council will investigate this later.

Next item on the agenda was a tax abatement for Pandemonium Enterprises, LLP. Resolution 752-4-24 a waiver for non-compliance was presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the resolution. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Abstain 1

Resolution 753-4-24 for a ten year \$110,000. tax abatement was presented to the council for approval. Philip Puckett, Jr. read the Finding of Facts. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the resolution with a ten-year tax abatement. Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.
Vote: Ayes 3 – Abstain 1

Old Business:

Town Manager, Adam Dunlap, presented to the council a packet of information containing a comparison of receipts between Hires and Jiffy Lube. He was comparing which would be the best way to go expense wise for automotive repairs for the town. This will be investigated further.


Open Discussion:

Attorney, Mike Yoder, was present for an easement he is working on for the properties of Mark Sible and Rick Ross. The easement has not been used for numerous years and is working on turning over the property to the two homeowners listed above.

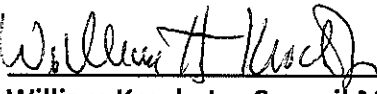
Janice Bradley, with the Perfect 10 Salon, spoke to the council about a damaged mailbox created by construction workers from Pulver Construction, Inc. when they were working on the East Albion Street Project. Pulver Construction will be contacted about repairing/replacing her mailbox.

With no further business to discuss for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 P.M. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL


Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President


Andrew Uhl, Council Member


William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:


Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer