

**MAY 15, 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, Matt Getts, Melissa Bryant, Brandon Bryant, Nancy Bodeker, Josh Detro, Thad Bay, Brandon Depoy, Bob Hardy, Bill Cain, Julie McBride, Rick Yarian.

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 \$579,178.35 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 April 17, 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 Crestview Subdivision needs to have electricity installed and the weather has not been good to complete this. He indicated to save time he would like to bore the electric lines in behind the Harper Funeral Home, Clark Street and Westwind Trail. The total cost to complete this is \$4300. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Brian to complete this. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that the Industrial Substation needs service done to it, and the batteries need to be replaced. He received a quote from Utilities Instrumentation Service to complete the work for \$55,255. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve Brian to hire them to complete the work. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, told the council that well #4 is due to receive an overhaul since it had not been done for 17 years. He received a quote from Peerless Midwest Inc. for \$21,960. to complete the work unless other components need to be repaired, then the cost would be \$32,665. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Midwest to complete the work, but not to exceed a price of \$32,665. 00. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported to the council that last month he brought up that the north water tower needs to be repainted, but it was put on hold until we knew what the Water Main Project was going to cost. He informed them that he was going to get quotes to get this completed. The budgetary quote was \$312,000. When he gets the quotes, this will be paid out of TIF.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, asked the council for permission to purchase a new Brushcat to help with the mowing of larger more difficult areas of the town. He received a quote from Bobcat of Fort Wayne for \$7422.20. After a brief discussion, William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase to be paid out of electric, water, sewer and MVH. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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

Glen Wills, Town Marshall, reported that he is trying to obtain quotes to get the Police department's parking lot sealed and was having trouble finding anyone to complete the work.

Town Marshall, Glen Wills, conveyed to the council that the emergency trailer needed repaired, and he was working on completing that.

Fire Chiefs Report- was given by Bill Cain.

Park Board Report – Board member, Michael Hensinger, said they did not have anything to report this month.

Attorney Report – was given by Bob Hardy. Reported back that he has completed the ordinance on setting a day for both golf carts and side-by-sides to have the same renewal date each year.

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

New Business:

The first item on the agenda was road closures for the Avilla Festival on June 20-22nd. Julie McBride was present and informed the council, superintendent, and town council members with a map of closures she would like for the festival days. See map for streets. Road closures will be from Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 8:00 A.M. through Sunday at 12:00 P.M. The parade line-up will start at 2:00 P.M. and the parade will start at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday June 22, 2024.

Next item on the agenda was the appointment of Andrew Uhl to the Plan Commission. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to appoint him to the Plan Commission, Philip Puckett, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 2 – Nays 0 (1 abstain)

Town council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. gave a brief discussion of what was expected for the upcoming Town Inventory which is due by August 30, 2024.

The Fire Department needs to replace their Air Tank Fill Station and compressor. Temporary Fire chief, Bill Cain, gave a brief explanation about the system and what was needed. He obtained two quotes. MES quoted \$67,252.85 and Hoosier Fire Equipment quoted \$55,164.00. Willim Krock, Jr. made a motion not to exceed \$68,000, contingent the equipment supplied matches our equipment after an in house visit by MES at the Fire Station on 5/16/2024. If MES is not compatible, then they can use Hoosier Fire Equipment for a total cost of \$56,500. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item under new business was the hiring of two part-time employees for the Fire Department. Bill Cain and Clark Wakeman will be hired to work 12 hours a week each as of 4/22/2024 with retro pay to that date of at \$17.27/hour. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the new hires and pay. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1669-5-24 an ordinance repealing Ordinance 299, 1150,1170 for weight limits on certain town streets was presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1669-5-24 an ordinance repealing Ordinance 299, 1150,1170 for weight limits on certain town streets was presented to the council for approval on the first reading. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1669-5-24 an ordinance repealing Ordinance 299, 1150,1170 for weight limits on certain town streets was presented to the council for approval on the second reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve on the second reading. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1670-5-24, an ordinance to unify all off-road vehicle ordinances, was presented to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to suspend the rules. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

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Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Ordinance 1670-5-24 an ordinance to unify all off-road vehicle ordinances, was presented to the council for approval on the 2nd reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve on the 2nd reading. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Manager, Adam Dunlap, reported to the council that the town received three bids for the 2024 Community Crossing Matching Grant project for the year. There were three bids for the project with Pulver Asphalt Paving producing the low bid at \$1,247,223.16. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve hiring Pulver Asphalt Paving to complete the project. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Attorney, Bob Hardy, spoke briefly about the Wolverine Power upcoming increase and said he will be investigating this further and then will bring it back to the council, once he receives and reads the letter from them.

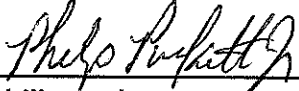
Old Business:

Councilman, William Krock, Jr. asked Police Chief, Glen Wills, how he was doing on the installation of GPS systems in the police vehicles. Chief Wills, reply was that all five full-time officer's vehicles were complete at this time. After a brief discussion, councilman, Andrew Uhl asked Glen why only two of them had been wired and the other three were just run through the cigarette lighter. Glen indicated that the cars were too old, and it would drain the battery on the vehicle if they were run directly and not unplugged when not in use. Councilman, Andrew Uhl then reported that he had contacted several police agencies about this and that was not true about draining the batteries. Councilman Uhl, then instructed Officer Wills to get all of them hooked up correctly.

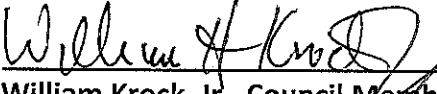
Open Discussion:

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