

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY APRIL 23, 2018**

A special meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday April 23, 2018 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Dale Haukap, Village Administrator Mike Buscher, Village Treasurer Steve Goestenkers, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Larry Harper, Mike Kampwerth, Randy Peek, Gary Litteken, Kurt Schmitz and Kevin Eversgerd.

1. GUESTS:

No guests present.

2. AMENDED BUDGET:

Steve Goestenkers reviewed the amended budget with the Board. A motion to approve was made by Larry Harper, second by Kurt Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

L. Harper – aye	G. Litteken – aye
M. Kampwerth – aye	K. Schmitz – aye
R. Peek – aye	K. Eversgerd – aye.

3. SUMMER HELP:

The Employee Committee met prior to the Special Meeting to review applicants for both summer help and grass cutter. The Committee recommended the hiring of Max Kampwerth, Jacob Sudholt and Noah Hollenkamp. Gary will notify each of them to find out if they will accept the job offer. The Board also stated they will pay \$8.25/hour no matter if they are 18 years of age or not. A motion to hire these three applicants was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Randy Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

4. GRASS CUTTER:

The Employee Committee met prior to the Special Meeting to review all applicants. The Board decided to hire Dennis Lohman as to fill this position. The Board stated no more than 32 hours in a week should be worked and the hourly pay will be \$9.50/hr. A motion to hire Dennis Lohman was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Randy Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

5. TIF CONTRACTS:

Mike Buscher reported that the TIF contract with Dollar General has been signed and the Clinton County Garage Door contract is complete.

Mike heard back from Rhuanna Stump regarding the sidewalk project along Old Rt. 50. There are 11 more items to do before the IDOT will approve the sidewalk project.

Mike stated he is getting a price quote on the Elm Street project to report back to Gina Markus and Matt Ratermann along with the Village Board.

Mike reported on the electric being put in at Frontier Park. Mike said that electric will be run to Jeff first, then to Thole's property.

Mike said 5 property maintenance letters went out this past month. Only one response as been given and that was from Kues Brothers.

6. TOWN CLEAN-UP:

Larry Harper reviewed an article in the Breese Journal regarding a town clean up in Damiansville and asked if this is something Aviston should consider. The Board thought it was a good idea and will try to get more community organizations on Board in the near future.

7. AT & T COMPARISON:

Jenny passed out a comparison charge of AT & T versus Charter for phone service and internet. After much review a motion to transfer services to Charter was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Randy Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Dale reviewed the ground lease the Village has with Gerald Huelsmann. The Board stated that since there is no signed lease agreement that next year the Village would like to go out for bids on this.

The Village Board went into executive session. Further minutes were taken by a Board member.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk