

Village of Aviston  
Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President, Dale Haukap; Village Administrator Mike Buscher; trustees Larry Harper, Mike Kampwerth, Randy Peek, Gary Litteken, Kurt Schmitz and Kevin Eversgerd. Also in attendance were Public Works Director, Gary Rakers, Police Chief, Mark Taylor and Treasurer, Steve Goesten Kors. Guests included three Central High students from Mr. Peters's class, Jacob Toennies, Lukas Keene and Madison Holtgrave, Jeff Woltering, Nancy Woltering and Glen Toennies. Absent was Village Clerk, Jennifer Jansen.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved after a motion by Randy Peek, seconded by Larry Harper, motion carried 6-0. The board was presented with the meeting dates for 2019. There were no objections made.

Steve Goesten Kors gave the Treasurer's Report. He recommended that a sewer rate increase was very needed. He recommended that rates be raised from \$15.70 to \$18.00, which is about a 20% increase. The board asked about the possibility of borrowing from the water fund for the present time. No action was taken. Steve also presented the Tax Levy Ordinance which showed a 4.9% increase over last year. A motion was made by Gary Litteken and seconded by Kevin Eversgerd, to approve the Treasurer's Report and to pay all bills. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Kurt Schmitz, seconded by Larry Harper to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance, Ordinance 2018-12-1 Motion carried 6-0.

Mark Taylor gave the Police Report. He reported that he has been talking to Tami Kampwerth, Aviston Elementary School Superintendent about Dare classes taught by new office Ryan Weh. He also reported that the new police car is nearing being ready with all equipment. Board members asked Chief Taylor to make a courtesy call to a neighbor of the Vintage Hall about equipment in the alley right-of-way.

A motion was made by Kurt Schmitz, seconded by Mike Kampwerth to hire Stephen Frederich as a new part-time patrolman. Motion carried, 6-0.

Park District – Dale Haukap reported that the Park Board is currently taking orders for new benches. A discussion was also held on some of the Christmas Lights going out at the park.

Vintage Hall – New items that were discussed that are being put in at the Vintage Hall.

Ordinance 2018-12-2 was introduced. This is the Second Street and Cleveland Stop Sign Ordinance. A motion was made by Larry Harper seconded by Mike Kampwerth to place a 4-way stop sign at the Intersection of East Second and South Cleveland. Motion carried, 6-0.

Ordinance 2018-12-3 was introduced. This is the second attempt to sell the old water tower ground which did not reach the required 75% approval at the last meeting. A motion was made by Larry Harper, seconded by Randy Peek for the Village to officially sell this property to All Smiles Daycare. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Larry Harper – yes	Gary Litteken - yes
Mike Kampwerth – abstain	Kurt Schmitz - yes
Randy Peek – yes	Kevin Eversgerd – yes

Motion carried, 5 –yes, 0- no and `1 abstain. The 83% approval is over the required 75%.

Building Blocks TIF - Mike Buscher reported that all bills for the project have still not been received. The final contract will be signed when the amount the Village will pay in TIF money and the amount the Holtmann Group, owner of Building Blocks, is determined.

Dollar General – No date has as of yet been scheduled for the grand opening. The store did open for their “soft” opening on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Business Recruitment – Mike Buscher reported on three different individuals looking to build a business in Frontier Park or along the Old Route 50 Corridor.

Frontier Park – Nothing new to report as the two above reports and Jeff Woltering being in the Zoning Section take care of all current subjects in Frontier Park.

Possible Well # 4 - The board discussed the need for a fourth well now that number 1 has been shut down and filled in. They asked Mike Buscher to prepare a full proposal for the bringing of the future Well # 4 into our water system. This will include what steps to take; what locations to identify as possible well locations; what companies could be used to take these steps; what are possible costs of the project; and what kind of timeline are we looking at.

Old Route 50 Sidewalks – All is completed including the signs designating the crosswalks. Mike Buscher will get the potential costs if installing warning lights for the two crosswalks on Old Route 50 and the one on the Aviston-Albers Road.

New Route 50 ---Trustee Larry Harper has drafted a letter which can be adjusted to be sent to both IDOT’s Joe Monroe and Representative Charlie Meier. This letter will thank them for their finding extra funds to help repave New Route 50. The letter will also express out continued desire to see the current road surface completely replaced as soon as is possible using their current time table.

Subdivisions – The final plat for the Albert Middeke # 10 subdivision was presented. It will be sent to Zoning for final approval and then back to the Village Board. In conversation of the next day, it was determined that both Zoning and the Village Board have already approved the final plat and all that is needed are signatures.

Five ordinances were presented on annexations of single lots.

Ordinance 2018-12-4, which annexed the property of Craig and Tammy Isaak, at 702 East Fourth Street was introduced. A motion was made by Kurt Schmitz, seconded by Larry Harper to approve this ordinance and annex this property effective on January 1, 2019. Motion Carried, 6-0.

Ordinance 2018-12-5, which annexed the property of Kurt and Heather Huelsmann at 5600 Old Highway 50 was introduced. A motion was made by Gary Litteken, seconded by Kurt Schmitz to approve this ordinance and annex this property effective on January 1, 2019. Motion carried, 6-0.

Ordinance 2018-12-6, which annexed the property of Ronald and Terri Ottensmeier, at 752 East Fourth Street was introduced. A motion was made by Kevin Eversgerd, seconded by Larry Harper to approve this ordinance and annex this property effective on January 1, 2019. Motion Carried, 6-0.

Ordinance 2018-12-7, which annexed the property of William and Christy Parkin, at 13900 Locust Lane was introduced. A motion was made by Kevin Eversgerd, seconded by Mike Kampwerth to approve this ordinance and annex this property effective on January 1, 2019. Motion Carried, 5-1, with Kurt Schmitz voting no.

Ordinance 2018-12-8, which annexed the property of David and Catherine Schroeder, at 14496 Russland Road was introduced. A motion was made by Gary Litteken, seconded by Kevin Eversgerd to approve this ordinance and annex this property effective on January 1, 2019. Motion Carried, 6-0.

Property Maintenance – The only letter that is outstanding was for the apartments on South Clinton. A question was also raised about the Gentz property on Harrison ( Old Route 50).

Self-Storage Buildings – Randy Peek explained that the committee had gone through potential items for a new ordinance governing self-storage units. The second point is that the category of Conditional Use will have to be added to the Zoning rules. A sample ordinance will be sent out during the month for discussion. It is possible that the new ordinance could be approved at the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting.

CSX – No report as CSX has not given us a date for movement of the train cars.

Potential Solar Ordinance. – The board members will receive other sample ordinances to look at. In the interim, it was recommended to approve a temporary ordinance which does not allow solar panels on the ground, but only on the roof of buildings.

RLF Grant – There is still some uncertainty on who will administer the businesses with outstanding balances. Work continues on the grant which will be for sidewalks.

Governors Hometown Award – Final results were reviewed and an effort may be made to get another sign.

Susan Toennies Replacement of Trailer - A motion was made by Kurt Schmitz and seconded by Larry Harper to grant a special use permit to allow Susan Toennies to replace her existing trailer with a newer and larger model. She has agreed to center the trailer on the lot to bring her residence into compliance with setback requirements. Motion carried – 6-0.

Jared Kues Variance – No action. Zoning Board will consider this at the next meeting.

JW Welding – Jeff and Nancy Woltering were in attendance to discuss their application for a building Permit. A motion was made by Larry Harper, seconded by Mike Kampwerth to approve the application of Jeff for a building permit. Motion carried, 6-0.

Christmas Party – It is believed that it will be at the Legion. A date needs to be chosen in January.

Christmas Light Donation. –Since the Park Board has given \$1500 to the Christmas Lights group, the Village will not need to at this time.

Mobile Home Ordinance – The board discussed eliminating the Mobile Home District in the Village. No action was taken at this time as it will need to be determined if this is legal.

A motion was made by Randy Peek, seconded by Kurt Schmitz to accept the bid of UHC for a plan called BH-VB for employee health insurance. Motion carried, 6-0.

Larry Harper will be discussing with Imming Insurance the current general liability that the Village has in reference to a recent claim.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Eversgerd, seconded by Randy Peek to adjourn. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mike Buscher  
Village Administrator