

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY MAY 6, 2019**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday May 6, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Dale Haukap, Village Administrator Mike Buscher, Village Treasurer Steve Goesten Kors, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Larry Harper, Mike Kampwerth, Randy Peek, Gary Litteken, and Kurt Schmitz. Employees present included Gary Rakers, Mark Taylor, Village Engineer Pat Netemeyer and Village Attorney Henry Bergmann. Guests included Charity & Roger Fuehne, Cambrin McAllister, Alexis McAllister, Jeff & Nancy Woltering, Rylee Foppe, Mary Rakers, Al Billhartz, Mark & Stacy Hinrichs and Ken Haselhorst.

1. GUESTS:

Ken Haselhorst was present to discuss drainage issues along Old State Road from his residence to the east. Dale stated he and Gary Rakers will review this as soon as Gary returns to work.

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS:

Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen swore in the returning Trustees Kurt Schmitz, Gary Litteken and Mike Kampwerth. Village President Dale Haukap then reappointed the following: Steve Goesten Kors as Treasurer, Jennifer Jansen as Clerk, Pat Netemeyer as Engineer and Henry Bergmann as Attorney.

3. MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meetings were available for all to review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Randy Peek. Motion carried 5-0.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Steve Goesten Kors reviewed the monthly financial report. Steve stated the Village collected \$126K and disbursed \$122K for the month of April. Overall review of the fiscal year shows we collected and disbursed \$1.9 million. Steve reviewed the fiscal year activity for all.

GF – normal monthly activity. Steve will look further into the street maintenance account and analyze. All taxes received from the State have increased. Income Tax receipts were lower due to only getting 12 disbursements versus 14 the year before.

WF - normal monthly receipts. Year to date there is a \$138K surplus. Next budget will include the water tower loan which drives our payments up about \$8K. Steve will also look at the allocation that the General Fund charges the Water Fund for administration costs and he will review at the next meeting.

SF – normal monthly receipts. Steve will be doing an analysis of the expense account to see where expenses are rising. Final debt payment is this year so the Village will see a nice increase next year with this loan payoff.

PF – noted a deficit for this year with the purchase of the new mower.

MFT – Intentional deficit as we try to draw down this fund.

RLF – Steve will get this bid packet together for next month.

TIF I – noted \$161K left in this account. 2024 is the final year for TIF I.

Steve will begin working on the new budget and if things need to be added he asks that the Board please share with Steve.

A motion to approve the report and to pay all bills was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 5-0.

5. POLICE REPORT:

Mark Taylor stated a copy of the monthly police report is in everyone's packet this evening. Mark said the new laptop has arrived and they will get this online as soon as possible.

6. PARK DISTRICT:

Gary Litteken said that he attended the Park District meeting and that they will get started on projects when the weather allows. They are currently holding on the playground equipment to arrive. The Park District is still accepting orders for park benches.

7. CURENT PROJECTS:

-ACIC Liquor License – Mike Buscher said that the ACIC is no longer going to pursue this at this time.

-Vintage Hall – No report.

-Rt. 50 & Russland Rd Intersection – Dale said he spoke with Joe Monroe with IDOT regarding this area. Dale also delivered the bids on this for Joe to review. Dale has requested Joe to come to the site for review.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

-Frontier Park – Mike stated there are 5 local individuals interested in lots here.

-Middeke Business Park – Work will begin when weather permits.

-RT. 50 Crosswalk – Final pay request was in the bills to be paid this evening and the crosswalk lights have been ordered.

Ranz Road Subdivision – No report.

Solar Ordinance – No report.

Banners – Mike stated he discussed taking all the current banners down and then getting info together on new banners and installation. Mike will have more information next month.

Property Maintenance – Dale stated Kues Bros. will be getting siding on their apartments in the near future. The Gentz property already has a lean on it and would like to follow through with cleaning up the property along Old Rt. 50. Henry will further review the ordinance and Mark will check for a good address for Cambryn Baker. Randy will check on getting a contractor to get rid of the tree.

ORV Stickers – Jenny presented proposals for sticker purchase for all to review. It was stated to purchase the stickers through Recognitions this year and purchase through Dawn Heimann-Nuemann next year. Jenny will get these ordered and get the application and ordinance put online as well as in the newsletter.

-Tri Township Water District – Mike stated that in speaking with Ann Schroeder that her attorney will be sending a letter to Tri-Township.

IMRF – Mike mentioned IMRF and it was suggested to take this to the Employee Committee for further review.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Zoning Board minutes were available for all to review.

The Zoning Board recommended approving the rezoning classification for Kurt Huelsmann at their public hearing. A motion to accept the Zoning Board recommendation was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Randy Peek. Motion carried as followed:

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

The Zoning Board recommendation for the Fuehne Hills variance request was to ask the Village Board to attend the next Township meeting. After much discussion a motion was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Larry Harper to have the Street Committee further review this.

Motion carried as follows:

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

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Generator – Mike Kampwerth stated that the work for the generator will begin soon.

D. Richter Shed – The Board discussed the sewer tap that Dale Richter wants put in for his shed. It was state to tap at the main and pay the appropriate fee.

Bowers ditch – Jenny stated that Greg Bowers asked about the ditch behind his house and the sink holes that are showing up. Mike Kampwerth stated to have Mr. Bowers speak with him.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance Book Updates – Jenny stated that updates are being made and is waiting on a little more direction on where to insert a few ordinances.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

-The Legion Queen of Hearts will begin on May 4th. We will request the rules from the Legion for our records.

Jenny will get with an IMRF Representative to get info to pass along to the Employee Committee for retirees.

-Jeff Woltering asked the Board and Pat about the engineering for Kurt Huelsmann and if it is a conflict of interest for Pat to be working on this. In the meantime, Mike Buscher will look for the plat of the Dollar General one lot subdivision for the Board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Randy Peek, second by Larry Harper. Motion carried 5-0.
Time was 8:46pm

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk