

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY JUNE 1, 2020**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday June 1, 2020 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Dale Haukap, Village Administrator Mike Buscher (via conference call), Village Treasurer Steve Goestenkers, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Larry Harper, Mike Kampwerth, Randy Peek, Gary Litteken, Kurt Schmitz and Kevin Eversgerd. Employees present included Gary Rakers, Mike Kuhl and Village Attorney Henry Bergmann (via conference call) and Ben Netemeyer. Guests included Joe Berry, Pat Kuhl, Brendan Kuhl, Grace McIntyre, Tanner Kuhl, Manfred Driesner, Linda Driesner, Kristina Kuhl, Scott Von Bokel, Joe Rickhoff, John Feldmann and Greg Jasper.

Dale Haukap rose to swear in Mike Kuhl as the new Police Chief.

1. MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Randy Peek, second by Mike Kampwerth. Motion carried 6-0.

Jenny presented a copy of the Prevailing Wage Ordinance for passage. This ordinance is required by law to be passed yearly. A motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance (2020-6-1) was made by Gary Litteken, second by Mike Kampwerth. 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.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Steve Goestenkers reviewed the financial report. Steve stated that the Village collected \$173K and disbursed about \$104K. The only high noted expense is related to paying semi annual Village Board and Zoning Board payroll.

GF – Collected \$62K and disbursed \$60K. Steve noted that Sales and Use taxes were slightly higher than last year with Income Tax being slightly lower. Again, the only noted higher expense was semi-annual payroll for Village and Zoning Boards.

WF – Normal monthly receipts noted and a surplus of \$33K.

SF – Normal month was noted in this fund. An \$8K surplus was also noted.

PF – Steve noted that all rent is up to date.

MFT – The Village collected an extra \$21K in this fund due to rebuild Illinois.

TIF & DRUG FUNDS – Interest was collected in all funds.

A motion to pay to approve the financial report was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to pay all bills was made by Mike Kampwerth, second by Kurt Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0.

3. GUESTS:

Jasper, Rickhoff and Feldmann were present to discuss drainage issues and what could be done between Logan and Elm Streets. Gary Rakers and a couple of Board members will go out and review the area and see what can be done.

4. POLICE REPORT:

Mike Kuhl reviewed the police report as well as a few things that came up during the month.

5. PARK DISTRICT:

The Park District minutes were in everyone's packet for review. The Park District will hold their next meeting on Thursday June 11th. The Park has reopened per the new executive order.

6. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-Vintage Hall – Jenny is to get a dumpster ordered as the building is now able to be used again with limitations. Gary stated that the little water tower is now backup in front of the building. Jenny is to get an acknowledgement in the newsletter regarding the donated time and work on this tower.

-Infiltration/Inflow – Kurt reviewed the updated quote he received from Pedrotti regarding the manhole monitors. Randy questioned the cost versus the previous quotes. A motion to approve the purchase of 3 monitors was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Randy Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

-Village Hall Repairs – Randy stated doors and windows have been ordered. Randy will also get quotes on the concrete work in the front of the building.

-Metro Fiber – Kevin reviewed the information he researched on Metro Fiber. This is a contract awarded through a grant process for schools. The Village Board advised Dale to sign the agreement.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

-RLF Grant – Mike Buscher stated that we have about \$62K coming for sidewalks in the TIF area. Mike will take this up to Springfield by July 1. Public Hearing date is set for June 22nd at 7pm.

-Nursing Home Drainage – Mike said there is no word yet on if this project will even proceed. Estimates were provided in packets for all to review.

-WW#4 – Mike advised that the Frohn family currently has the agreement.

-Drainage Issues – Ben reviewed the plan for the Aviston Lumber area with Board. Ben will get drainage calculations for the July meeting as well as cost estimates. The Board also reviewed drainage issues regarding R. Wood. Henry stated he has been included in all email traffic. The Board advised a letter be sent to Ms. Wood regarding the drainage issue.

-TIF I Extension – Mike updated the Board that all taxing bodies would need to sign for approval on this. This must also be approved by the State. Mike Buscher and Mike Kampwerth will set up a meeting with Dr. Foutch at Central High School to go over the Village's plan. Mike said Sharon Jarvis picked up a TIF application.

-Annexations – Mike said the paperwork for annexations are ready, just holding on property owners to review and sign.

-Property Maintenance – Kevin reviewed the complaints on the Gentz property on Logan Street. Kevin discussed the issues of the property and reviewed the ordinance pertaining to the complaints. Kevin stated he will get with Dave and get a letter prepared for mailing.

-APEX – Mike Buscher stated that the project has been delayed but an estimated start time is September/October.

-Frontier Park – Henry and Kurt are working on a letter. This will be reviewed and mailed.

-MFT – MFT Resolution is for \$48K and has been submitted to IDOT.

-Electric Aggregation – Mike and Dale will meet with Philip Carr of Good Energy via Zoom.

8. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No Zoning Board meeting was held in the month of May.

9. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

-Meter Reading Update – Randy stated that he, Kurt Schmitz, Gary Rakers and Jenny met with Sensus to discuss options on meter replacements/equipment, etc. Kurt and Randy gave an overview on the meeting and stated they will continue to meet with other companies to compare all information and meters. This meter company does have a meter that can restrict flow, if need be. Kurt stated the next step is to visit Mt. Vernon to see the equipment in place.

Gary Rakers reviewed a new plan with First Net and the plan is less than previous. These phones will also take priority in case of any disaster.

Summer help is all working and doing well.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

-Eagle Inn – Scott Von Bokel updated the Board on the overdoses that have happened on the premises. The Village Board asked Scott about the people renting the rooms and what is going on with this. Scott advised he is currently putting in 2 more rooms. Scott stated he did receive the letters from Henry but never did reply but will do so before the July meeting. The Village did offer Scott to utilize background checks before renting out rooms. Scott asked the Village Board to express what extended stay is for him.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

-Meeting Change – Dale stated the Board would like to change the meeting start time to 7pm going forward.

-AED – Dale asked about getting an AED at the Village Hall and the maintenance building. Mike Kuhl will look into this and get prices.

-Fire Department Billing – The Village Board discussed billing the fire department for water and sewer usage. A motion to approve starting to bill the fire department was made by Randy Peek, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 6-0.

-Curbing Project – Craig Timmermann is asking to put curbing at his daughter's house along Cleveland Street. Craig will fill out a drainage permit to get this started. A copy of a previous agreement was available for all to review. Mike Kampwerth will make the changes to the agreement and get presented to Craig Timmermann. The Village Board needs to meet with Pat to go over a plan for the drainage and curbing permit.

-Business Openings – Dale stated they had a meeting with the Restaurant and Bar owners as well as the salons to update them on all the rules. No bands and a midnight closing time.

Dale asked if we can get some summer help to paint the fence around the dumpsters at the park.

Dale discussed various properties that need to be mowed and stated that the last street in Ann Schroeder's subdivision has been oiled twice.

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss employee issues was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kurt Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 9:34pm.

The Board discussed the recent hiring and transition of the new police chief and the extent to which the interim chief pay should continue for Sgt. Kyle Markus to accommodate the transition.

A motion to exit closed session was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kurt Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 9:51pm.

A motion to extend the interim pay increase for Sgt. Markus through June 12th was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Mike Kampwerth. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion to adjourn was made by Randy Peek, second by Kurt Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 9:53pm.

Minutes of closed session were taken by a Board member as well as the regular session minutes after closed session.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk