

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday February 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Treasurer Steve Goestenkers, Trustees Gary Litteken, Kurt Schmitz, Kevin Eversgerd, Matt Kohlen, Curt Albers and Kim Peek. Employees present included Gary Rakers, Mike Kuhl and Village Attorney Chad Leitch. Guests present included Dale Haukap, Rick Zobrist, Tim Albers, Brandon Sudholt, Breonna Sudholt, John Feldmann and Phil Hamil.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

1. GUESTS:

Tim Albers was present to give an overview of the water services and wastewater services, operational assistance and lab services he offers. Tim presented a proposal for the Board to review.

Rick Zobrist and John Feldmann were present to review property maintenance concerns within the Village. A packet of pictures was passed out for all to review. Zobrist reviewed different ideas on how approach this. Mike Kampwerth suggested Zobrist and Feldmann meet with the Health & Safety Committee to address these concerns.

Phil Hamil was present to inform the Board that the Elementary School is planning to expand and this will include a Tax Referendum. Hamil passed out informational sheets for all to review.

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the January meeting and closed session minutes were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Curt Albers, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 6-0. Closed session minutes were available for review. A motion to approve these minutes and keep closed was made by Matt Kohlen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Steve Goestenkers stated the Village collected \$180K and disbursed \$122K. Total in all funds just over \$2.1 million.

The monthly financial report notes are as follows:

– General Fund:

- 1) Income Tax collected over \$34K and \$290K YTD. Substantial amount over budget.
- 2) Sales Tax and Use Tax over budget.
- 3) Surplus of \$170K
- 4) Insurance is the largest expenditure noted.

-Water Fund

- 1) Revenue on pace to hit \$553K, slightly under budget.
- 2) Repairs and maintenance are slightly over budget.
- 3) Surplus of \$10K noted.

-Sewer Fund

- 1) Revenue is on pace to hit \$274K.
- 2) Noted \$74K in surplus funds YTD.

-MFT

- 1) Normal receipts.
- 2) On pace to hit \$88K from the State of Illinois.

-TIF Funds

- 1) Collected interest is the only account activity.

A motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills, except the Brodtke Well and Pump invoice, was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

4. POLICE REPORT:

Property Maintenance – No report.

New Police Car – A quote (\$55,940) for a new police vehicle was present for review. The current wait time on a new vehicle is 15 – 18 months. Kuhl stated the Village of Beckemeyer is possibly interested in the old SUV.

Radar Signs – Signs were installed. Kuhl will try to pull a 30-day data report.

Countywide CAD – training this week. LeCroy will be attending.

Kuhl discussed an SSA for the Ambulance service.

Amended Nuisance Ordinance (2023-2-1) – A motion to approve this was made by Curt Albers, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

G. Litteken – aye	M. Kohnen – aye
K. Schmitz – aye	C. Albers – aye
K. Eversgerd – aye	K. Peek – aye.

A copy of the monthly report is in everyone's packet for review.

5. PARK DISTRICT:

Park District meeting minutes were be available for review. Matt Kohnen reported on Park District info. Doggie yoga will be in the park in July to support the Metro Humane Society. The Bledsoe donation was received for diamond updates. No update on the OSLAD grant as of yet. Athletic Field Lease – Mike Kampwerth updated the Board on the status. Currently it is still working through legal and from there should go to the bishop's desk for approval.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

A copy of the report was available in everyone's packet for review.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

-Drainage Easement Map – Holding on feedback from HMG to get things moving. Once this is received a committee meeting will be the next step.

-Municipal Software – Kurt reported that no communities surveyed have an IT support.

-Clearwave – No update. Yard repairs will be in the spring.

-Elm Street CILA – Vista Care purchased this facility.

-TIF – Kurt did get a TIF application from Peter Ratermann who is possibly interested in building a fitness center.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-Aviston Lumber – Mike Kampwerth received an email from Jason Richter regarding the certified payroll.

-SURSEE Letter – Board stated they will not sign letter that was present.

-Vintage Hall Updates – Maintenance has been started. Kurt and Tom are working on the west wall as well as trimming out the windows.

-Koerkenmeier Garage Update – Mike Kampwerth updated the Board on the current status. Legal is reviewing to move forward.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Minutes of the previous meeting were in everyone's packet for review. There was one public hearing on a fence but they are waiting on more information before this can be approved.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

-Tractor – Gary got a bid on a new Kubota for \$28,730. This will be reviewed with the upcoming budget.

-Water/sewer Consulting – Gary reviewed the contract with Albers Water Services. As of now it is recommended to use as needed, not on a contract basis. The Board will review this with Dave and move forward as needed.

-Summer Help – Jenny will get this in the newsletter and ready for review at the March meeting.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

-Sales Tax Exemption – Chad presented the revised letter for review. A motion to approve was made by Kim Peek, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 9pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk