

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

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday March 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Gary Litteken, Kurt Schmitz, Kevin Eversgerd, Matt Kohlen, Curt Albers and Kim Peek. Employees present included Gary Rakers, Mike Kuhl, Dave Trame and Village Attorney Chad Leitch. Guests present included Dale Haukap, Rick Zobrist, Mike Engel, Tom Koerkenmeier and Jerry Koerkenmeier.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

1. GUESTS:

Jerry and Tom Koerkenmeier were present to review the EPA information they have received on the old Koerkenmeier garage and the Highway Authority Agreement as well as ask for a resolution from the Village to rezone the property from Residential to Business/Commercial. A motion to forward to Zoning Board for a rezone public hearing was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 6-0. Dave Trame and Mike Engel will work together to get the public hearing notice out.

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the January meeting were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Curt Albers. Motion carried 6-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Steve Goesten Kors was absent but did leave notes for the Board to review. Collected \$173K and disbursed \$154K.

The monthly financial report notes are as follows:

– General Fund:

- 1) Surplus of \$187K YTD
- 2) Normal monthly receipts in February
- 3) Income Tax has already exceeded budget for the year.
- 4) Sales Tax on pace to hit \$268K
- 5) Only large expense noted was for the marquee, \$30K
- 6) Remaining budget for purchase of capital items is \$50K

-Water Fund

- 1) YTD profit of \$13K
- 2) Water revenue slightly under budget for the year. On pace to hit \$543K
- 3) Normal monthly expenses for March.
- 4) Repairs and maintenance as well as chemicals over budget with 2 months remaining in the year.

-Sewer Fund

- 1) YTD surplus of \$74K
- 2) Revenue on pace to hit budget
- 3) Operating expense and repair and maintenance under budget for the year.

-MFT

- 1) Normal receipts noted.
- 2) State and Rebuild Illinois installments received.
- 3) On pace to hit \$88K

-TIF Funds

- 1) Collected interest income

-Park Fund

- 1) Fund balance of \$27K
- 2) Rent due from Park District. Should receive this month.

A motion to accept the financial report and to pay all bills was made by Kim Peek, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 6-0.

4. POLICE REPORT:

Property Maintenance – No report.

RPIP – 2 new inspections this month.

Countywide CAD – This is in the works to be released in late March/early April.

Grants – Kuhl stated they are applying for a grant for body cameras. The grant would be a 50/50 grant.

LeCroy and Kuhl attended a Chief's meeting in Effingham.

Eagle Inn – Kuhl stated there were extra hours over the last week or so with issues at the Eagle Inn.

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

5. PARK DISTRICT:

Park District meeting minutes were available for all to review. Matt Kohnen reported that the OSLAD grant was not received and the Park District will try again next year. Softball diamond updates are still in progress.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

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

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

-Drainage Easement Map – Agreement was signed and returned to HMG. Kurt Schmitz reviewed a storm water management handout.

-TIF – Kurt reviewed the TIF application for Aviston Fitness. The Board was in support of a \$45K contract agreement.

-Dumping Ordinance – The Dumping Ordinance was up for review. A motion to approve this ordinance as written, was made by Kim Peek, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

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

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

- Committee Reports – No report.
- Aviston Lumber – Mike Kampwerth stated we are still waiting on certified payroll.
- SURSEE Letter – Info was present regarding this project. As of current, it looks like no final approval has been completed.
- Aviston Family Restaurant – Mike Kampwerth gave a brief overview of a conference call that was held with as well a meeting that was held. A draft letter to be sent to the Restaurant was available for all to review. It was stated to move forward with the letter and to cc in the Restaurant attorney as well.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Minutes of the previous meeting were in everyone’s packet for review. It was stated there will be 2 public hearing at the March meeting.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Tractor – Gary got a bid on a new Kubota for \$28K at Mascoutah Equipment. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 6-0.
- Summer Help – The Employee Committee met prior to the Board meeting to review all applications received. A motion to hire Myles Kampwerth, Kale Albers and Reid Spaeth was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.
- Chlorine Analyzer – Gary discussed the need for an analyzer at the water plant. There hasn’t been a working one in the plant for some time and Pedrotti has one for \$6,900. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 6-0.
- Water/sewer Consulting – It was stated this will stay as an as needed basis, no contract for work.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- Page St/Steel Bridge – No update.
- Marquee Update – The final payment was received. A discussion was held as to landscape ideas around the sign as well as taking down the old “Welcome to Aviston” signs.
- IT – Matt passed out information for Solve Your System regarding IT work. A motion to approve the cost of the IT work for \$3840 was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Curt Albers. Motion carried 6-0.
- Property Maintenance – Rick Zobrist was present to review a page he would like inserted in the newsletter urging residents to clean up their property. Jenny will get this in the newsletter for March.
- Athletic Field Lease – This is currently in the hands of the Bishop.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 6-0.
Time was 9:17pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk