

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
WEDNESDAY MAY 3, 2023**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 7:17pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Treasurer Steve Goestenkers, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Kevin Eversgerd, Curt Albers, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer and Kyle Markus. Employees present included Gary Rakers, Dave Trame and Village Attorney Chad Leitch. Guests present included Mike Engel with the Zoning Board, Doug Ratermann with HMG, Dale Haukap, Jared Kues, Kurt Schmitz, Gary Litteken and high school students.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

1. GUESTS:

All present were for observation.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Steve Goestenkers reviewed the audit engagement letter and asked for approval to sign. The new fee is \$8,800. Approval to sign was granted.

3. POLICE REPORT:

Chief Kuhl was absent but did leave the police report for all to review.

Mike Kampwerth noted that Chief Kuhl received the Negotiator of the Year award.

4. PARK DISTRICT:

Park District meeting minutes were available for all to review. Matt Kohnen reviewed a few highlights for the Board. Kohnen stated that Nathan Kreke resigned from the Park Board and that Neal Richter will be filling his position.

5. VILLAGE CLERK:

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

6. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Kurt Schmitz reviewed the Ordinance info regarding the Administrator position. Kurt informed the Board of the update with Restaurant and stated he has not received any reply.

Koerkenmeier Property – This is in the hands of the EPA currently.

7. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-Aviston Lumber – No update.

-Aviston Lumber/Cleveland Street Project – A motion to get Netemeyer Engineering to start reviewing plans was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Curt Albers. Motion carried 6-0.

-SURSEE Letter – It was stated the preferred route as of now is going towards Trenton.

-Drainage Plan/Map – HMG is working with the County to get all streets and easements on the map at this time.

8. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Mike Engel stated that Jan Kapp has resigned from the Zoning Board and that he does have a couple potential residents interested in filling the position. Mike also reviewed the information from the Restaurant and stated that information was relayed to the Restaurant owners of what is needed, i.e., land survey, sealed drawings, variance request, etc.

Mike reviewed the changes to the zoning code and asked if the Village Board would like to comment or change anything before advertising for a public hearing. The Village Board stated to move forward as is.

9. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Gary reviewed information regarding the Raco dialer renewal. A one-year renewal would be \$1350 with a two-year renewal being \$2475. A motion to approve the two-year renewal was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

-May EPA data – Dave Trame reviewed new data required by the EPA and Matt Kohnen stated he would like to involve Dawn Heimann-Neumann to help merge data into the spreadsheets as it is collected. Discussion was also held regarding how to go about getting the data required.

-MFT – Doug Ratermann with HMG was present to review the bid letting data. Lowest bidder for oil was Illiana Construction with Beilmann being the lowest bidder on rock. A motion to accept the lowest bids was made by Curt Albers, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 6-0.

Gary Rakers stated oil dates are set for August 2nd & 4th.

Kevin Eversgerd asked if Clearwave is set to come back into town and repair damages. Last update was that Clearwave will be here this spring/summer to complete the project.

Gary informed the Board that the road closure all call is due to water lines being installed in the new subdivision.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

-IT – Matt Kohnen reviewed the IT suggestions of getting Charter installed at the maintenance building for better service. The Board stated to move forward with Charter.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

-W Second Street Crosswalk – Matt Kohnen stated that there has been a request for a cross walk at W Second Street and Aviston/Albers Road. Jared Kues stated one of his renters was hit in this intersection and is asking the Board to consider this effort. A motion to proceed with an email to get this process started was made by Curt Albers, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

-Committee Reports – Kevin Eversgerd stated that offer letters were sent to both Adam Detmer and Joe Haselhorst, with Adam accepting and Joe declining.

Dale Haukap spoke regarding a meeting he attended regarding 161 near Bartelso/Germantown. Mention was made that Russland Road between New and Old Rt 50 has numerous potholes that could use attention.

Gary informed the Board the State will be installing a new culvert at N Cleveland and Old Rt 50.

-Kopff Park Update – Mike Kampwerth reviewed a camera quote from Garrick Krebs for Kopff Park. This quote will be in next month's packet for further review.

A motion to enter into closes session to review employee information was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0. Tim was 8:17pm

Discussed employee issues.

A motion to exit closed session was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 8:38pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 8:39pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk