

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
WEDNESDAY JULY 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday July 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Treasurer Steve Goestenkers, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Kevin Eversgerd, Matt Kohlen, Curt Albers, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer, and Kyle Markus. Employees present included Gary Rakers, Mike Kuhl, Dave Trame, Village Administrator Kurt Schmitz, and Village Attorney Chad Leitch. Guests present included Mike Engel with the Zoning Board, John & Jolene McDonald, and Jared Kues.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

1. GUESTS:

John & Jolene McDonald were present for the review and recommendation of their public hearing request. Mike Engel reviewed the plans presented and stated that there was no public comment at the public hearing. The public hearing was for a variance request to relax the setbacks for a new residential building. A motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board was made by Curt Albers, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0.

Jared Kues was present to discuss the Second Street crosswalk. Gary Rakers stated he received a letter from the County addressing the crosswalk. Matt Kohlen asked if he could proceed with discussions with either HMG or Netemeyer Engineering to get some more information. The Board stated to move forward with that.

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the June meetings were available for review. A motion to approve the June 5th minutes was made by Curt Albers, second by Matt Kohlen. Motion carried 6-0. A motion to approve the June 28th minutes was made by Kyle Markus, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Steve Goestenkers reviewed the monthly financial report. The Village collected \$179K and disbursed \$244K. The water tower loan and MFT invoices were the main cause of the large disbursements.

The monthly financial report notes are as follows:

– General Fund:

- 1) Monthly deficit of \$9,400
- 2) Surplus of \$26K in the General Fund YTD
- 3) Large expenses included 3 pay periods and summer help

-Water Fund

- 1) Normal receipts were noted with the largest disbursement being the IEPA water tower loan

-Sewer Fund

- 1) Surplus of \$3,500 noted for the month
- 2) Large expense noted was to GL Downs and RACO

-MFT

- 1) Normal receipts noted with one MFT payment being the expense item

-TIF Funds

- 1) Misc. interest income

-Park Fund

- 1) Normal receipts noted

Steve reviewed the 2023/2024 Budget (Ord# 2023-7-1) with all. A motion to approve the budget was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

K. Eversgerd – aye

K. Peek - aye

M. Kohnen – aye

M. Netemeyer – aye

C. Albers – aye

K. Markus – aye.

A motion to approve the financial report and to pay all bills, including those normal monthly bills not yet received, was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 6-0.

4. POLICE REPORT:

-CILA Update – Mike stated that one resident has moved out and another preparing to move.

Vista Care is also working on a fence permit for the property.

-Church Picnic – Police are asking for no extra hours to be given out to the bars this year due to the activities that happened the last couple of years.

-Horse Manure – there have been several complaints regarding horse manure on the roadways. The department is working on an ordinance and fine assessment.

-Training – There will be active shooter training in July with both Kuhl & LeCroy attending.

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. Kyle Markus attended the meeting and reported that there was some vandalism at the west pavilion.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

A copy of the report was available in everyone's packet for review. Discussed Clearwave wanting to come into the Village again to solicit. They are requesting a special fee schedule as previously used. The Board stated to deny any further solicitor requests from Clearwave until all property remediation has been taken care of.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Admin report was available for all to review. Kurt mentioned he attended the Plummer meeting in St. Jacob. Kurt reported he met with a possible TIF applicant to purchase some ground on the north side of Old Rt. 50.

-Vintage Hall – Kurt had some locks replaced as some were not working.
-Amended Ordinance of 6-4-2, Speed Limits – A motion to approve the amended ordinance regarding speed limits was made by Curt Albers, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

K. Eversgerd – aye	K. Peek - aye
M. Kohnen – aye	M. Netemeyer – aye
C. Albers – aye	K. Markus – aye.

Kurt asked for input on naming the road going to the sewer plant, Brefeld Lane, as a tribute to the Brefeld family. The Board suggested moving forward with this.
Matt Kohnen made contact with the Railroad and HMG regarding north drainage areas and MFT information.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-Aviston Lumber – No update.
-Aviston Lumber/Cleveland Street Project – This project has been completed. Mike Kampwerth stated there is a small section near 1st Street that needs to be completed yet.
-Aviston Family Restaurant – The dumpster has been removed and the police department will monitor the property for nuisances.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Minutes of the Zoning Board meeting were in everyone's packet for review. Mike Engel stated there was a public hearing for the zoning code changes.
Dave stated the roads for the new subdivision should begin by the end of this month.
Discussed retention pond as well as the concerns from Chris Schlautmann regarding this subdivision.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Gary discussed the standing water near the nursing home and how it needs to be fixed as soon as possible. He'll get pictures and documentation for proof of what needs to be done moving forward. It was stated that the waterlines have been installed in Willow Rae subdivision and storm sewers are in the process of being installed now.
Mike Engel stated he had a discussion with Ann Schroeder about the electric supply to the subdivision after the latest power outage.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- Trick or Treat – The park district does not want to partake in the planning of anything with this anymore and asked the Village to decide on when to hold this. A motion to have trick or treat on October 31st was made by Curt Albers, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-1 with Kevin Eversgerd voting nay.
-Copier Lease – Jenny reviewed the new copier lease with the Board. A motion to approve the new lease was made by Kim Peek, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0.
-An Ordinance Amending 2014-14-3, Clinton County Enterprise Zone – The Board reviewed the amendments to the ordinance. A motion to approve the amended ordinance was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

K. Eversgerd – aye	K. Peek - aye
M. Kohnen – aye	M. Netemeyer – aye

C. Albers – aye

K. Markus – aye.

-Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between Aviston and Clinton County – A motion to approve the agreement was made by Kyle Markus, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

K. Eversgerd – aye

K. Peek - aye

M. Kohnen – aye

M. Netemeyer – aye

C. Albers – aye

K. Markus – aye.

-Application Certification – A motion to approve signing the application certification as made by Kyle Markus, second by Kim Peek Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

K. Eversgerd – aye

K. Peek - aye

M. Kohnen – aye

M. Netemeyer – aye

C. Albers – aye

K. Markus – aye.

-Matt Kohnen reviewed an invoice from Solve Your Systems regarding a system back up for the maintenance building for \$320. A motion to approve this purchase as made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 8:30pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk