

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY JULY 1, 2024**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday July 1, 2024, 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 Kohnen, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer, and Kyle Markus. Employees present included Mike Kuhl, Jon LeCroy, Dave Trame, and Village Attorney Chad Leitch. Guests present included Dale Haukap, Clint Flowers Paul Irby with Dimension RE, and Magnum Fletcher with Marloum Economics.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. GUESTS:

Dale Haukap was present to convey his concerns regarding adults holding babies/small children while driving/riding ORVs. Dale also voiced concerns about business construction on Steel Bridge while the street is still incomplete. Mike Kampwerth informed Dale that appreciates the concern but that the Board feels they are in a much better position these days as things are progressing in the business park.

Clint Flowers was present and updated the Board on the progress of the restaurant/bar. He discussed drainage questions, water/sewer tap fees, zoning permits for a fence, etc. Flowers gave a completed TIF application to Kevin.

Paul Irby with Dimension RE was present to review the Lampe Solar Farm project with the Village Board. He presented an overview of the project as well as the economic impact on the Village. All Village Board members collectively and individually voiced concerns with the location and stated they would like to stay with the current Comprehensive Plan on file.

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meetings were available for all to review. A motion to approve the special meeting minutes of June 3rd was made by Kim Peek, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 3rd was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to approve the special meeting minutes of June 11th was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to approve the special meeting minutes from June 17th was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 5-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Steve Goestenkers reviewed the 2024-2025 Budget. A motion to approve the budget, as presented, was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

K. Eversgerd – aye
M. Kohnen – aye
C. Albers – absent

K. Peek – aye
M. Netemeyer – aye
K. Markus – aye.

The Village collected \$179K and disbursed \$238K.

The monthly financial report notes are as follows:

– General Fund:

- 1) Slight deficit of \$3,400 for June. HMG Engineering fee of \$10K in streets and sidewalk maintenance for the Elm Street Project.

-Water Fund

- 1) Noted a deficit this month due to the water tower loan payment of \$55K.

-Sewer Fund

- 1) \$25K in surplus funds YTD

-MFT

- 1) Just under pace to from the budget

-TIF Funds

- 1) Interest only

A motion to approve the financial report and to pay all bills, including those normal monthly bills not yet received, was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0.

4. POLICE REPORT:

Police report was present for all to review.

-Squad Car –Lettering on the K9 SUV is done. No further update on the other unit.

-Cameras – all up and operational.

-RPIP – 3 new inspections and 2 re-inspections this month.

-Amended Ord 9-1-8, Disturbing the Peace – A draft was presented for review and a first reading

-Amended Ord 9-1-7, Disorderly Conduct – A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

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

-Amended Ord 8-5, Nuisances Garbage/Debris – A draft was presented for the first read.

Discussed Clearwave soliciting in town without a permit. A citation was issued in the amount of \$750.

-Crimestoppers – Camera bills need to be submitted for this.

-Police Interview/Hire – Matt Kohnen stated Brennen Little and DJ Markus are both employable at this time. A motion to extend an offer to Little for part time work was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to extend an officer to Markus for part time work was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 5-0. Matt will prepare all documents for both.

5. PARK DISTRICT:

Park District minutes are in the packet for all to review. Currently there are minor repairs being completed. Ben Netemeyer presented options for closing in the large ditch that runs east/west. Kyle will take the information back to the Park District for review.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

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

-Amended Ord 11-2-8, Service Shut-offs, Reconnect Charges – A motion to approve the amended ordinance as presented was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

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

-Trustee Pay Comparison – A list of other local municipalities salaries was available for review.

-Jenny reviewed that the yearly audit has been completed.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

It was stated that the new bank will have a grant opening on July 19th and a ribbon cutting at noon. All trustees are invited to attend.

-McAllister ditch – It was stated NTE \$1,000 on the project. Matt Markus will get this started as soon as possible.

-TIF I Extension – Kevin will get in touch with the new owners of Moran Economic Development to complete the redistricting map.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-Elm Street – Doug Ratermann is finalizing plans for this project.

-Drainage – Matt Netemeyer sent letters for the Board to review.

-Kalmer Subdivision Drainage – Mike Kampwerth suggested all Board members review this area.

-Employee Committee – Mike Kampwerth stated he and Matt Kohnen met with the police employees to review progress as well as expectations. A meeting will also be held with the maintenance department as there has been a big change in each department.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Minutes of the Zoning Board meeting were in everyone's packet for review. The Board discussed the solar farm and would like to start preparing a letter for the County Board. Aviston Fitness is progressing and is hoping for a late August opening.

The next meeting will consist of a public hearing for ground-mounted solar for the new bank.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Dave reported that hydrant flushing has been completed. Street oiling has also been completed and street sweeping will be done in September. The new truck has been ordered and should arrive in late August. Other tasks in progress include sidewalk replacement with the County, property lines in the new subdivision are done, dirt work at the new well is almost finished and the Koerkenmeier garage is in progress.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

-Home Inspections – It was advised to get zoning applications from Trenton and Breese for review and discussion going forward. The Utilities Committee will meet to get this prepared.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Dale Haukap and Bryan Sudholt are our Sugar Creek Township representatives.

Jenny will order 3 more laptops for Board members.

IRWA Conference – Jenny will attend.

Discussed sewer infrastructure and possibly contacting Charlie Meier and Jason Plummer for assistance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 9:10pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk