

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:  
MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2024**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday October 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President ProTem Kevin Eversgerd, Village President Mike Kampwerth via conference call, Village Treasurer Steve Goestenkors, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Matt Kohnen, Curt Albers, Kim Peek, and Matt Netemeyer. Employees present included Angela Garson, Dave Trame, and Village Attorney Chad Leitch. Guests present included Ken Leach, Shanelle Palmer, Jonathan Palmer, Kelly Prange, Jeff & Nancy Woltering, Amelia Morgan, Talia Morgan, Jane Ransloff, Mike Engel with Aviston Zoning Board, John Kues, Lou Keil and Doug Ratermann with HMG.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. GUESTS:**

Kelly Prange was present to discuss the Eastbrook drainage. Kevin stated he replied in a late email today to her as well as gave a brief overview of the current status. Several high school kids were present to listen in as a requirement for government class.

**2. MINUTES:**

Minutes of the previous meetings were available for all to review. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 3<sup>rd</sup> was made by Curt Albers, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 4-0. A motion to approve the special meeting minutes of September 25<sup>th</sup> was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Curt Albers. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Steve reviewed the financial report for September. Collected \$435K and disbursed \$175K. Steve stated the first installment of real estate taxes have been received.

The monthly financial report notes are as follows:

– General Fund:

- 1) YTD collected above the anticipated budget amount. Large expense noted was the purchase of the new truck, truck bed, etc. as well as the Koerkenmeier property.

-Water Fund

- 1) Currently YTD the Village collected \$275K. Large expense was for IMRF for Gary's retirement.

-Sewer Fund

- 1) Revenue of \$124K, on pace with the budget of \$297K. Large expense noted was to Pedrotti for sewer dialers.

-MFT

- 1) Monthly income received. Collected \$44K.

-TIF Funds

1) Collected the first half of the real estate taxes.

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's Report that will be published in the Breese Journal before the end of October.

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 Kim Peek. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **4. POLICE REPORT:**

Police report was present for all to review. Angela stated that she is working on a crash reporting system with LexisNexis.

-Eagle Inn – No report.

-AEDs – The Village has acquired 3, however they still need batteries and new pads.

-2024-10-1 – Property Sale Ordinance – A motion to approve this ordinance to sell a protective vest, helmet and thermal imager to Jon LeCroy was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 3-1 by roll call vote as follows:

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

Angela stated that she had made contact with several kids on electric scooters and bikes. She will be reviewing the statute as well as contacting legal to see what the Village can do to keep these under control.

Reminder that the K-9 Frank Fundraiser is on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. PARK DISTRICT:**

Park District minutes are in the packet for all to review. It was stated that Dennis Lohman will be retiring as of November 1, 2024.

#### **6. VILLAGE CLERK:**

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

-Amended Compensation Ordinance – A motion to increase meeting compensation was made by Curt Albers, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote as follows:

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

#### **7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

-TIF – Information for The County is still needed.

#### **8. CURRENT PROJECTS:**

-Elm Street – HMG will be potholing this week. Ameren has been contacted.

-Russland Road – Murphy Excavating has completed the project. Dave Trame was also present, and the final seeding will be done by the Village.

-Eastbrook Drainage – Kevin Eversgerd updated the public on the progress of this at the beginning of the meeting. A motion to assign HMG to the drainage plan was made by Curt Albers, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 4-0.

- Liquor License Review – Matt Netemeyer stated that in speaking with Alli Santel the language suggested would not suffice for her case.
- Kalmer Drainage – no update.

### **9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

Minutes of the Zoning Board meeting were in everyone's packet for review. Mike Engel spoke regarding the public hearing for The County to relax the setbacks to allow the fence to come further forward than the rear of the property. A motion to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to allow the relaxed setback was made by Kim Peek, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 4-0.

### **10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Monthly report was present for all to review.

Discussed the condition and width of N Cleveland Street and the possibility of making it a one-way street from Old Rt 50 to Logan.

-Jeff Woltering was present and stated that the concrete street is finished past the Snap-On building. Still waiting on drop boxes to be delivered and installed and core samples to be completed by Quality Testing. Jeff stated the ditch is not as deep as IDOT expected.

-Koerkenmeier Property – Dave updated everyone on the current status of the building.

Dave discussed the draining issue Brian Beckmann is having at the duplex he is building. There is currently no good way to run a sump pump line without disrupting other property in the area. Dave will speak with Brian, and they can talk with the property owners in the area to see if they can come to an agreement.

Dave also mentioned that C & C Pump is having a training in October and he, Adam and Marcis would like to attend.

### **11. OLD BUSINESS:**

No report.

### **12. NEW BUSINESS:**

-Marquee – Matt Kohnen stated he would like to start sending out letters to businesses for the year 2025.

-Employee Committee – Matt Kohnen stated they help interviews for police chief.

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss interviews was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 8:06pm.

Matt, Curt and Kim reviewed the interviews with the Board, highlighting the pros and cons of each applicant.

A motion to exit closed session was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 8:58pm.

A special meeting is set for October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm to further discuss the Chief position.

A motion to adjourn was made by Curt Albers, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 9:01pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk