

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday November 4, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Matt Kohnen, Curt Albers, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer and Kyle Markus. Employees present included Angela Garson, Dave Trame, and Village Attorney Chad Leitch. Guests present included Mike Engel with Aviston Zoning Board, Tony Falconio, Kylie Rakers, Kurt Rakers, Heather Falconio and family, Joe Berry, Kelly Prange, Bret Prange, Ken Leach, Nancy Woltering, Jeff Woltering, Carl Beer, Kim Clark, Samuel Clark, Lou Keil and Paul Irby with Dimension Energy.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. GUESTS:**

Carl Beer was present to ask and discuss drainage issues in his section of town. High school students and parents were present to observe.

**2. MINUTES:**

Minutes of the previous meetings were available for all to review. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 7<sup>th</sup> was made by Curt Albers, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to approve the closed session minutes of October 7<sup>th</sup> and to keep them open was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting from October 15<sup>th</sup> was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Steve Goestenkers was unavailable to attend the meeting tonight but did leave notes for all to review, as well as the financial report and a list of all bills. Overall the Village collected \$342K and disbursed \$159K. All fund balances increased in the month of October. The second installment of real estate taxes were received from the County for GF, TIF #I, II and III. Year to date active, the Village collected \$1.573 million and disbursed \$1.226 million. Total cash of all funds is \$3,070,991.40.

The monthly financial report notes are as follows:

– General Fund:

- 1) YTD surplus of nearly \$94K noted.
- 2) Income tax pace = \$437K vs budget of \$383K
- 3) Sales tax pace = \$294K vs budget of \$285K
- 4) Use tax pace = \$83K vs budget of \$90K
- 5) Large expenses noted include:
  - a. new truck purchase of \$68K
  - b. police equipment of \$63K vs budget of \$55K
    - i. camera expense
    - ii. global tech systems

- iii. ID networks
  - iv. Axon Enterprises
- c. street and sidewalk maintenance well under budget.

-Water Fund

- 1) YTD surplus of \$34K
- 2) Revenue on pace = \$665K vs budget of \$635K
- 3) Water tower payment of \$55K due next month

-Sewer Fund

- 1) YTD surplus of \$61K
- 2) Sewer income on pace for \$298K vs budget of \$315K
- 3) All expenses in line.

-Park Fund

- 1) Park fund is breakeven YTD
- 2) Park District invoice of \$3,250 mailed today

-MFT

- 1) Normal receipt from State of Illinois
- 2) On pace to hit \$106K vs budget of \$103K

-TIF Funds

- 1) Collected 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of real estate taxes in all three TIF funds.

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

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

Jenny swore in Tony Falconio as the new police chief.

Police report was present for all to review. Angela stated that she is working on the new reporting system. It is in place however it is not working properly.

-Body Cameras – Purchased, received and in use. Angela asked everyone to please review the policy regarding the cameras as well as the K9 policy. Both have been sent to Tony Falconio for review as well.

-FT/PT officers – this posting is still in place.

-Approved Police Training – Board asked Tony to update as training is needed.

-Eagle Inn – The Board needs to get Tony up to speed on the Fire Marshall report.

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

Park District minutes are in the packet for all to review. Mike Kampwerth discussed the Park updates.

The Village will work with the Park District on the soccer field upgrades as needed.

The swale at the ditch is finished and seeded.

Dennis Lohman retired as of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **6. VILLAGE CLERK:**

A copy of the report was available in everyone's packet for review. Kevin Eversgerd entered the meeting. Time was 7:14pm.

-Chapter 17 Amended – A motion to amend the Chapter 17 ordinance to include the fee schedule was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

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

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

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

-TIF – Kevin updated on the Flowers TIF application.

## **8. CURRENT PROJECTS:**

-Health & Safety Committee – Committee will work on getting Tony updated.

-Russland Road – Matt Netemeyer updated the project is in the finishing stages.

-Eastbrook Drainage – Eastbrook residents were present to check on any updates as well as discuss a flood plain near them.

-Kues Property Drainage Easement – Curt Albers discussed survey and retention pond for this area. Curt will reach out to Doug at HMG.

-Employee Committee – Matt Kohnen stated they are planning end of year employee discussions. All police applications will be forwarded to Tony Falconio going forward.

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

Minutes of the Zoning Board meeting were in everyone's packet for review.

-Solar Farm – Paul Irby was present to discuss the Lampe Solar Farm project and speak to the Board about their decision. Paul also wanted to discuss a possible new site which is still within a mile and a half of Aviston, between new and old Rt 50 by Linden Grove Road. This information will go to the Zoning Board at their next regular meeting.

Mike Engel stated the Zoning Board is reviewing a fee schedule pertaining to special use and variance requests.

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

Monthly report was present for all to review.

Dave presented a quote of \$37,873 for a hydro excavator. Dave discussed the demo they watched and stated it would come in handy for many things. A motion to purchase this was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Curt Albers. Motion carried 6-0. The Board did ask Dave to check into a possible warranty for this.

-Koerkenmeier Property – exterior is looking good. Electric will be installed next.

-Signs – Discussed installing a sign at E First Street and Schumacher Road (T-sign) and a one-way sign for N. Cleveland Street. Jenny will prepare the ordinances for the December meeting.

## **11. OLD BUSINESS:**

No report.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

-Health Insurance Renewal – Matt Kohnen and the employee committee will get the information from Kris and review for a recommendation.

-Property Insurance Renewal – This is all due to be renewed.

-Marquee – Four payments have been submitted to date.

-Server/Network/NAS – Matt Kohnen proposed a lockable storage cabinet to clean up the area. The quote for this is \$400. A motion to purchase was made by Curt Albers, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 6-0.

-Remote NAS – 3 year/1 license is up to \$170.

-Public Safety Officer – Mike Kampwerth suggested this as a possible way to help review ordinance violations and keep the Village looking presentable.

-ACIC Christmas kick-off – This will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jeff and Nancy were present and asked about the Kues ditch and the timeline associated with it. Curt and Mike will continue to work on this and Dave will look into this as well and get back with Jeff.

Jeff also addressed the letter from Terry. He stated he received the letter and questioned the flow line. Jeff will check with IDOT.

Carl Beer asked about drainage in the old part of town. Carl stated the road by his house at Maple and Clement floods.

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss property purchase was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 8:12pm.

The Board discussed the possibility of a potential property purchase.

A motion to exit closed session was made by Curt Albers, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 8:20pm.

A motion to purchase property in the center of town, with a not to exceed \$75K plus fees, was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

K. Eversgerd – aye

M. Kohnen – aye

C. Albers – aye

K. Peek – aye

M. Netemeyer – aye

K. Markus – aye

Jenny will get all details needed for the contract if the purchase moves forward.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 8:31pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk