

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON:
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2024
6:30 PM**

A special meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday November 20, 2024, at 6:30pm at Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Kevin Eversgerd, Matt Kohnen, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer and Kyle Markus. Employees present included Attorney Chad Lietch. Guests included Eric Timmermann.

1. Guests:

Eric Timmermann was present to discuss the condition of Russland Road. Eric stated he would like to see the Village widen the road as there are more residential homes along this road and a lot of walkers/bike riders now and the shoulder of the road is unsafe. The Village stated they would speak with Dave Trame to see what could be done with this.

2. Health Insurance Rate Increase:

Matt Kohnen updated the Board on the health insurance rates and suggested plan options for Village employees. Matt stated that he spoke with all covered employees about the plan options and details before preparing a recommendation for the Board. The Board discussed and reviewed the suggested plans and chose option G530BCE 2025. A motion to approve this option for the 2025 calendar year was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Police Officer Pay:

Matt Kohnen and Kim Peek reviewed a meeting they had with Officer Garson in October where Officer Garson requested a pay increase. The Board discussed the duties performed as well as the wage requested. A motion to approve an increase to \$28/hour, retroactive to November 2, was made by Kyle Markus, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Park Ditch Invoices:

Mike Kampwerth reviewed the spreadsheet presented regarding the park ditch expenses. Mike stated the Energy Culvert invoice is technically the Village's invoice to pay as the Village decided to make the improvement to get to our lift station.

Mike also discussed some invoices at Aviston Lumber that will be paid by the Village and then billed to the Park District. The invoices were for concrete forms.

5. Ord. Amended the Aviston Tax Increment Financing I Redevelopment Project Area, Removing Certain parcels from Said Project Area:

Kevin Eversgerd reviewed the background on these documents and the need for these to be completed. This is the first reading of the ordinance. The second reading will be at the December 2nd meeting.

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss property purchase was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 7:09pm.

Mike Kampwerth reviewed potential property purchase with the Board.

A motion to exit closed session was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 7:14pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 7:15pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk