

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday February 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Kevin Eversgerd, Matt Kohnen, Curt Albers, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer and Kyle Markus. Employees present included Tony Falconio. Guests present included Mike Engel with Aviston Zoning Board, John Kues, Brendan Miller, Jacob Timmermann, Virginia Ratermann, Doug Ratermann, Cletus Ratermann, Deb Ratermann, Scott Ratermann, Chuck Peek, Rick Peek, Rick Zobrist, Larry Jansen, Marlene Jansen, Paul Irby with Dimension Energy, Mark Brady, Lou Keil, Sarah Kohnen, Jeff & Nancy Woltering, Ken Leach, Gary Lewis, and Rachel Rehkemper.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. GUESTS:

Mike Engel with the Aviston Zoning Board stated the Zoning Board stands by their previous decision to not veer from the Village Comprehensive Plan. Paul Irby with Dimension Energy was present to review the proposed Keil solar farm along Old Rt 50 and Linden Grove Road. Several area residents were present to voice concerns regarding this proposed solar farm. Kevin Eversgerd reviewed the new Clinton County Ordinance regarding solar farms. A motion to follow the previous recommendation of the zoning board to remain consistent with our Comprehensive Plan was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 6-0.

Gary Lewis was present to request more signage/parking paint along Aviston Albers Road & W Third Street as the visibility at the intersection is low. He also asked about a crosswalk from Kopff Park to the sidewalk on the west side of Aviston Albers Road. Kyle Markus stated he would speak with Dan Behrens regarding this.

2. NEW TREASURER:

Village President Mike Kampwerth introduced Jacob Timmermann as the new Village Treasurer. Jennifer Jansen swore in Jacob.

3. MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meetings were available for all to review. A motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 6th was made by Kyle Markus, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0. A motion to approve the special meeting minutes from January 21st, was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jacob Timmermann reviewed the financial report as he and Steve prepared.

January marks the 3/4 point (75%) of the fiscal year.

- 1) Collected \$206K and disbursed \$147K
- 2) No major expenses for the month.
- 3) All funds except TIF #2 had a surplus for the month.

Page 2a – Year-to-date activity

- 1) Collected \$2.161 million and disbursed \$1.815 million
- 2) Total cash of all funds is \$3,068,776

Page 4 – General Fund

- 1) YTD surplus of nearly \$86K in the General Fund
- 2) Income tax pace = \$411K vs budget of \$383K
- 3) Sales tax pace = \$294K vs budget of \$285K
- 4) Use tax pace = \$80K vs budget of \$90K
- 5) Expenses
 - a. Other maintenance Items of \$8,266.89 includes \$5K to Kirchner Building Center (Aviston Lumber) that needs broken out.
 - b. Public property all Koerkenmeier for gutters, Aviston Lumber, and Clinton County Garage Door.
 - c. Village Hall other expense of \$6,223.75 includes Da-Com for \$3K.

Page 5 – Water Fund

- 1) YTD surplus of \$20K. (Good result considering loan payment just made in Dec.)
- 2) Revenue on pace = \$652K vs budget of \$635K

Page 6 – Sewer Fund

- 1) YTD surplus of \$95K in the Sewer Fund
- 2) Sewer Income on pace for \$297K vs budget of \$315K.
- 3) All expenses in line.

Page 7 – Park Fund

- 1) No Activity.

Page 7 -MFT

- 1) Normal receipt from state
- 2) On pace to hit \$107K in MFT receipts for the year vs. \$103K.

Pages 8, 9, and 10 – TIF Funds, etc.

- 1) Interest income and payment out of TIF 2 for The County of \$8K.

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

4. POLICE REPORT:

The police report was present for all to review.

Tony introduced the new full-time officer, Brendan Miller. Tony also stated that grant money from ICRMT for the body cameras has been received.

Angela will be hosting K9 training at the old grade school March 4th.

Tony stated he would like to hire Brian Salvi as a new part-time officer. A motion to approve this new hire was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0.

Tony will be in training the first 2 weeks in March. The employee committee discussed who appropriate pay would be for Tony while in training. A motion to pay Tony double his wage for the first pay period in March was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0.

5. PARK DISTRICT:

The Park District report was available for all to review. Dennis Rakers will be stepping down as the president. A motion to hire Dennis as part time park maintenance was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Curt Albers. Motion carried 6-0.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

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

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

-TIF, The County – This TIF contract was approved and payment went out. Kevin stated that he needed to amend the agreement regarding payment terms.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-SIMPAC Meeting – This meeting is being held at the Carlyle library. Jenny will attend.

-Elm Street Drainage – This design has been put together however the hold-up is still with Clearwave.

-Russland Road – Blair Bone has an issue with the drainage.

-Eastbrook Drainage – HMG has a few more days of field work to do. Jenny will get in contact with Tom/Tonya Frohn to see if it's okay that HMG is on their ground.

-Kues Property Drainage Easement – Discussed the ditch easement and the possibility of a box culvert.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

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

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

-Summer Help – Advertise in the February newsletter that applications will be accepted until March 15.

-Mower – There were three bids present for review. A motion to approve the bid from Bluff Equipment for \$16,132.00 was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Curt Albers. Motion carried 6-0.

-Koerkenmeier Building – the bathroom is the current project. Currently this building is being used for light storage.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

-Solve Your System – Matt Kohnen reviewed the current plan hours and new proposed plan hours. A motion to stay with the platinum plan was made by Curt Albers, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Eversgerd, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 8:33pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk