

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY MAY 5, 2025**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday May 5, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Treasurer Jacob Timmermann, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Kevin Eversgerd, Matt Kohnen, Curt Albers, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer and Kyle Markus. Employees present included Dave Trame, and Village Attorney Chad Lietch. Guests present included Kathleen Rakers, Kaitlyn Rakers, Jake Rakers, Meagan Kohnen, April Kohnen, Aubrey Rakers, Koey Kuhl, Mary Lee Jansen, Dale Haukap, Jeff & Nancy Woltering, Kim Emig, Kelly Kampwerth, Lucas & Ashley Hollenkamp, John Kues, Sarah Kohnen, Bradley Huelsmann, John Kues, and Doug Ratermann with HMG.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. GUESTS:

High school students were present to listen as a requirement for their government class.

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the April meetings were available for all to review. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 7th was made by Kyle Markus, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0. A motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 24th was made by Curt Albers, second by Kevin Eversgerd. Motion carried 6-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jacob Timmermann reviewed the financial report for the month of April. The cash position of the Village is \$3.181 million and collected \$231K and disbursed \$245K in the month of April. All funds except the General Fund have a surplus.

General Fund

- 1) YTD surplus of \$68K
- 2) The large expense noted was the purchase of the Feldmann property

Water Fund

- 1) YTD surplus of \$84K
- 2) Currently \$20K over budget
- 3) Under budget on expenses

Sewer Fund

- 1) YTD surplus of \$128K

Park Fund

- 1) Employee wages are up and noted a loss of \$1,300

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- 1) Normal receipt from State and on pace with the budget.
- 2) Noted a loss of \$20K YTD

TIF Funds, etc.

- 1) Interest income noted and the only expense was for engineering fees.

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 Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0. Village President Mike Kampwerth presented outgoing Trustees Kevin Eversgerd and Curt Albers with plaques of appreciation.

4. ELECTION RESULTS:

Jennifer Jansen read the 2025 Consolidated Election results as follows:

Mike Kampwerth, Village President,
Matt Kohnen, Gary Rakers and Ken Leach, Trustees.

5. OATH OF OFFICE:

Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen gave the oath of office to the Village President, then the new Trustees. All Trustees were seated respectively.

Mike Kampwerth reappointed the Village Treasurer, Clerk, engineers and attorneys.

6. POLICE REPORT:

The police report was present for all to review.

7. PARK DISTRICT:

The Park District report was available for all to review.

8. VILLAGE CLERK:

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

9. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time. Kevin Eversgerd will be available to share TIF information in the near future.

10. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-New committee assignments were announced.

-Elm Street Project – Doug was present to discuss the progress of the project. As of now, HMG is still waiting on Clearwave to move their line. All of Charter's lines have been moved. HMG will stake the area again when all utilities are moved. Seth with Netemeyer Engineering is reviewing the plans.

-Eastbrook – The large drainage model is complete, and HMG is now double-checking tributaries and calculations. Progress is being made.

-Kalmer Subdivision – No report.

- Russland Road – Mike Kampwerth and Dave Trame met with Blair Bone. Mike stated minor attention is needed when it dries out more.
- Kues Easement – Doug stated this ties in with the Eastbrook drainage model. Jeff Woltering stated his retention pond works as designed but it is currently only holding about 50% of what it should be due to overflow.
- Drainage – Oak Street – Several residents of W Oak Street were present to discuss the drainage issue.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

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

Jeff Woltering presented a draft of a storefront plaza he anticipates building. The current plan is not yet to scale. Discussed water meters and parking situations. The Zoning Board will issue a change of use permit once sealed plans are presented.

Jeff stated Marsha the new culvert design to IDOT for approval.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

-Summer workers start at the end of May. Aviston-Albers Road resurfacing begins in June and Dave stated he and the guys are working with storm sewers along this stretch of road.

-Dave stated he gave gift certificates to homeowners that have collected lead and copper samples for him for the last 6 months.

-Sewer aerators have shipped and will hopefully arrive and be installed next week.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

-Feldmann Property – The Feldmann property was purchased in April. One the building is cleaned out it was suggested to let the fire department use it for training. Anyone entering the building must sign a release waiver.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

-Abate Proclamation – Mike Kampwerth reviewed the Abate Proclamation and signed. Jenny will get a copy back to ABATE.

-Roofing Permit – Reviewed creating a roofing permit and suggestions on this idea.

Matt Netemeyer suggested a committee meeting for the Village to review signage and ordinance for enforcement.

Dale Haukap inquired about property maintenance within the Village limits.

Matt Netmeyer will look more into the drainage opus for follow-up and for the committee meeting to be held on May 22nd.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 8:19pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk