

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:  
MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2025**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday August 4, 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 Matt Kohlen, Matt Netemeyer, Kyle Markus, Gary Rakers and Ken Leach. Employees present included Tony Falconio, Dave Trame, Village Attorney Chad Lietch and law clerk Kendra, and Brandon Ratermann with HMG. Guests present included Madison Miller and Bill Higgins.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. GUESTS:**

Guests present were on the agenda.

**2. MINUTES:**

Minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and the special meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> were available for all to review. A motion to approve the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was made by Matt Kohlen, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to approve the July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Jacob Timmermann reviewed the financial report for the month of July. The cash position of the Village is \$3.66 million and collected \$207K and disbursed \$100K in the month of July. Talked with auditor and they are finishing up the audit and should have it wrapped up this week.

Page 4 – General Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$57K in the General Fund.
- 2) Expenses
  - a. \$1,500 invoice to Da-Com
  - b. \$2.3K taxes in Public Prop. For Feldmann house

Page 5 – Water Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$27K.
- 2) Expenses in line

Page 6 – Sewer Fund

- 1) Surplus of about \$15K in the Sewer Fund
- 2) Other expense - \$2.5K EPA permit fees

Page 7 – Park Fund

- 1) Net loss \$3.4K
- 2) No major expenses

Page 7 -MFT

- 1) Net surplus of \$8.9K
- 2) Normal receipt from the state.
- 3) No expenses

Pages 8, 9, and 10 – TIF Funds, etc.

Interest income

A motion to accept the financial report and to pay the monthly bills was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 5-0.

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

The police report was present for all to review. Tony stated that the vest grant has been released.

- Squad Car – The K9 vehicle needs to be checked as the heat alarm continues to go off.
- Training – Officer Garson will be attending training at the end of August.
- Fundraiser – Officer Garson asked if the Village would donate the Vintage Hall for the fundraiser in September. A motion to approve that donation was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 5-0.
- Ebikes & Scooters – Legal advises to follow the statute and use discretion.
- Firearms Quotes – Tony presented quotes from Kiesler and JDRA. The Board recommended purchasing the firearms from JDRA. Motion to proceed with the purchase was made by Gary Rakers, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0.
- Crimestopper Tourney – The Village will sponsor a team to attend the event.
- Flock Cameras – Tony stated that Crimestoppers will pay for the first year and installation (\$6K for 4 cameras for our jurisdiction). Tony will meet with the Health & Services committee for further review.
- New Officer – Jenny swore in new full-time officer Brad Higgins.

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

Minutes of the June meeting were available for review.

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

The Clerk's report was available for review.

-Ordinance Amending Solar Ordinance to Include Commercial Energy (14-3-13) – The Board reviewed the amended ordinance for the second time. A motion to approve the ordinance as presented was made by Gary Rakers, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

M. Kohnen – aye	K. Markus – aye
K. Peek – absent	G. Rakers – aye
M. Netemeyer – aye	K. Leach – aye.

-Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan (2022-11-1) – The Board reviewed the amended ordinance for the second time. A motion to approve the amended ordinance was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

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

G. Rakers – aye  
K. Leach – aye.

-Ordinance to transfer funds from TIF I to TIF II – A motion to approve the transfer of TIF I funds to TIF II in the amount of \$200K was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

M. Kohnen – aye	K. Markus – aye
K. Peek – absent	G. Rakers – aye
M. Netemeyer – aye	K. Leach – aye.

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

Matt Kohnen reviewed the amended TIF agreement with Aviston Auto Body. Jenny will get to Ryan Voss this week for signature.

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

-Kues Easement – Doug Ratermann with HMG reviewed the project and stated it is ready for IDOT approval. The contract between the Village and John Kues has been signed. A motion to approve this and pay the agreed upon amount was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kenny Leach. Motion carried 5-0.

-Elm Street Project – It was stated that the project will begin tomorrow. HMG will do morning and afternoon check-ins. A pay estimate for TEK for \$29,915.78 was submitted. A motion to approve the payment was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 5-0.

-Eastbrook – Currently waiting on a reply from TWM for the review and CSX is waiting on our reply with options as to what to do next.

-Kalmer Subdivision – No report.

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

Minutes of the Zoning Board meeting were in everyone's packet for review. The Zoning Board is reviewing the swimming pool ordinance for clarification.

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

Dave's report was available for all to review. All street oiling projects are completed for the year. Adam will be golfing next Friday with the IRW tournament.

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

No report.

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

-Vacant/Dilapidated Houses – The Board stated to start the process by notifying property owners.

The Utilities Committee will reconvene this month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 8:38pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk