

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:  
MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2025**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday October 6, 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 Kohnen, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer, and Ken Leach. Employees present included Tony Falconio, Village Attorney Chad Lietch, Zoning Board President Mike Engel and Brandon Ratermann with HMG. Guests present included Carl Beer, Lily Barackman, Mark Barackman, Anna (last name not legible), Dale & Kim Haukap, and Curt Albers

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. GUESTS:**

Several high school students were present to fulfill a class requirement.

Dale and Kim Hauklap were present to discuss the parking issues at the park, near softball and baseball diamonds. Dale mentioned the low visibility in the area and asked if the Board would consider curbing the south side of E First Street as well as diagonal parking at the circle drive. Kim presented pictures of what this could look like.

**2. MINUTES:**

Minutes of the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were available for review. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes of the special meeting of September 10<sup>th</sup> were also present. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Jacob Timmermann reviewed the financial report for the month of September.

September marks the 5th month of the fiscal year.

Page 2 – Overall Cash Position

- 1) Collected \$197K and disbursed \$408K.
- 2) Sitting at \$3.162M total cash.

Page 4 – General Fund

- 1) Net loss of \$67k in the General Fund.
- 2) Expenses
  - a. About \$86k in vehicle purchases.
  - b. All other expenses in line

Page 5 – Water Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$29K.
- 2) Expenses in line

Page 6 – Sewer Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$20kk in the Sewer Fund
- 2) Not much activity on expense side. Low expenses for this month

Page 7 – Park Fund

- 1) Net loss \$2.4k
- 2) Invoiced the park for their rent payment

Page 7 -MFT

- 1) Net surplus of \$6k
- 2) \$3.5k maintenance expense

Pages 8, 9, and 10 – TIF Funds, etc.

1. TIF 1 we had our Elm street expense hit for \$175k and \$5k to HMG.
2. TIF 2 paid out \$16k in business grants.

Jacob reviewed the Treasurer's Report that will be published in the Breese Journal.

Audit copies were available for all to review.

TEK Construction invoice was listed in the bills to be paid. Carl Beer stated there is a possible grade issue with the ditch near the culverts on this project. A motion to pay \$100K of the TEK Construction invoice was made by Gary Rakers, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

The police report was present for all to review.

-Vest Grant – Patiently waiting on this grant to open.

-Squad Cars – Decals are being removed from the 2015 Explorer as well as all equipment.

Discussed lettering both trucks. A motion to approve the lettering on the black Ford truck, hold off on the Silver, was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 5-0.

Training – All state mandated reporting has been completed.

-Flock Cameras – Garrick Krebs and Tony spoke w/Flock regarding integrating into the system with our current cameras at our cost. Tony stated we could use 3 open Wisper drops and utilize them for the Wi-Fi at the soccer park.

-Axon – Tony stated that the department needs an additional body camera for himself. The quote for this is \$2,340.90 (prorated) and will be integrated into our current contract.

-Computers – New laptops have been ordered.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were available for review.

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

The Clerk's report was available for review.

Vintage Hall rental information was reviewed and will be again at the October meeting. It was stated to leave the rental fee the same for 2026.

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

Jeff Woltering is in the process of completing a TIF application.

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

-Elm Street Project – discussed earlier in the meeting. The Village will only pay \$100K of the invoice from TEK.

-Kalmer Subdivision – No report.

-Eastbrook – Doug stated this is in the final report stage, being reviewed in office now and will be ready for the Village to review soon.

-Access Permit for Steelbridge – Mike Milton with IDOT is in charge of this now. Project is moving forward.

-Committee reports – Ken Leach stated the Utilities committee will meet to review the occupancy permit information. Kim Peek stated that applications have been received and interviews are being scheduled.

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

Minutes of the Zoning Board meeting were in everyone's packet for review. The Zoning Board reviewed the swimming pool ordinance and with more in-depth research, recommended amending the ordinance as long as the legal team reviews and approves.

The Clinton County Zoning sent information to the Village regarding a request to split property on Ranz Road and Rakers Drive for a subdivision. At this time, this is information only.

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

An ordinance to sell the F350 on sealed bid was reviewed. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Markus Excavating is doing the swale between Aviston Auto Body and Apex.

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

-Property Maintenance – Matt Netemeyer reported that Blair Bone's property should be completed this week. Mike reported that he approved an extension for Betty Von Bokel until the end of 2025 for remediation of her property. Ken Leach met with Keith Markus regarding his property on S Spring Street. Markus will get the honeybees removed and will close off all other access points to secure the property.

-Stop sign at Lanter Inn – This has been resolved.

-Carwash Parking Lot – Curt Albers was present to discuss the use of his property during the Elm Street project. Curt will get some information together for the Village, HMG and TEK for review before a final invoice is paid out.

-Emergency Work Pay – Gary reported that Dave called a few local municipalities however he doesn't know the outcome. Dave will report at the November meeting.

-2026 Marquee Renewal – Matt Kohnen just wanted to remind everyone that he will be sending out letters regarding this.

-S Hull Street Parking – Gary Rakers asked if the police would address parking issues near the school.

Carl Beer asked about the Board minutes being available to the public and if the Village follows and rule of order.

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss personnel issues was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 8:38pm.

Personnel issues were discussed.

A motion to exit closed session was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Time was 8:54pm.

A motion to enter into regular session was made by Gary Rakers, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Time was 8:54pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Leach, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 8:56pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk