

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY JULY 7, 2025**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday July 7, 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, Gary Rakers and Ken Leach. Employees present included Village Attorney Chad Lietch and Doug Ratermann with HMG. Guests present included Jeff Ambuehl.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. GUESTS:

Jeff Ambuehl was present to ask about removing some curbing in front of his house to extend his driveway. Ambuehl stated that he would do this to Village specifications and at no cost to the Village. He would like to get this completed around September of this year.

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the June meeting were available for all to review. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes was made by Kim Peek, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 5-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jacob Timmermann reviewed the financial report for the month of June. The cash position of the Village is \$3.229 million and collected \$205K and disbursed \$235K in the month of June.

Page 4 – General Fund

- 1) Net loss of \$2.8K in the General Fund.
- 2) Expenses
 - a. About \$34K was expenses related to the Eastbrook drainage project

Page 5 – Water Fund

- 1) Net loss of \$27K.
- 2) \$55K was for IEPA loan payment. All other expenses we in line

Page 6 – Sewer Fund

- 1) Surplus of about \$15K in the Sewer Fund
- 2) No major expenses everything; seemed to be pretty typical.

Page 7 – Park Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$500.
- 2) Received our quarterly payment from the Park District.
- 3) No major expenses

Page 7 -MFT

- 1) Net loss of \$15K.
- 2) Normal receipt from the state.
- 3) Had about \$20K in street maintenance.

Pages 8, 9, and 10 – TIF Funds, etc.

- 1) Nothing major from any of the TIF funds. Had 1 HMG invoice out of TIF 1.

Jacob spoke with the auditor and he mentioned that everything is going good with the audit at this point and he doesn't see any major issues with anything this year.

A motion to approve the financial report and to pay the monthly bills was made by Kim Peek, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 5-0. Kyle Markus entered the meeting. Time was 7:29pm.

2025-2026 Budget – Jacob reviewed the budget. The Board stated a change needs to be made to the budget to allocate for Eastbrook drainage project. A motion to approve the budget, with the change to the Eastbrook drainage project, was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

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

4. POLICE REPORT:

The police report was present for all to review. There were no firearms quotes present to review. Jenny will contact Tony and follow up with getting the quotes to the Board. The Board reviewed the Village liability regarding ebikes/scooters for underage kids. Chad and Terry will research and get back with the Village.

5. PARK DISTRICT:

Minutes of the June meeting were available for review. Kyle reviewed the soccer park estimate Dennis provided showing the Park District is approximately \$40K short. Matt Netemeyer spoke with Dennis and stated that he would ask the Village to earmark \$50K for the District. Jeff Woltering has Kopff Field repairs on his schedule for repairs. Jenny is to pull water usage for the park and email to the Board for further discussion.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

The Clerk's report was available for review. Jenny discussed the current status of electrical and plumbing inspections, when to collect, and how to remedy the process. The Utility Committee will meet to review the current zoning application along with the inspection sheets, solar inspections and occupancy permits. Jenny will follow up with emailing out all the information before the meeting.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Village President Mike Kampwerth said he would like to appoint Matt Kohnen as the new Administrator if Matt will accept the position. Jenny will get a contract prepared and email for review.

Matt Kohnen review the TIF application submitted from Aviston Auto Body for a parking lot. Matt suggested the Village consider option 1 with a maximum reimbursement of \$24,000.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-Elm Street Project – Doug with HMG sated that Charter will move their equipment at no cost but provided no timeline. It was stated to inform the contractor to move forward. Kohnen Concrete is to start the production on culverts.

-Eastbrook – Matt Kohnen and Matt Netemeyer will prepare and email to the Eastbrook residents on the current status of the project.

-Kalmer Subdivision – No report.

-Kues Easement – Matt Netemeyer and Mike Kampwerth will meet with John to discuss the retention need to be drained. Jeff & Nancy Woltering will be moving forward with the proposed project.

-5 year plan – Mike Kampwerth presented a 5-year wish list he put together for all to review.

-Kopff Park – equipment will be delivered this week but installation is on hold.

-Feldmann House – Jenny is to contact Ameren to get the wires disconnected from the residence.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Minutes of the Zoning Board meeting were in everyone's packet for review. It was suggested to amend the swimming pool ordinance with the suggestion of legal counsel. The Board also asked legal counsel to review the information on solar ordinance.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Dave's report was available for all to review.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

-Vacant/Dilapidated Houses – The Board discussed 2 homes on South Spring Street that are empty and need attention. Matt Kohnen will review the ordinance.

-Ditches/Drainage – Table for now.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

Time was 8:45pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk