

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday September 2, 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, Kyle Markus, and Ken Leach. Employees present included Tony Falconio, Dave Trame, Village Attorney Chad Lietch. and Brandon Ratermann with HMG. Guests present included Garrick Krebs, Tori & Jared Brown, Keith Markus, Bryce Wieter, Nate Behrman, Carson Markwell, Logan Haselhorst, Brian Kehrer, Nikki Mitchell, Jeff & Nancy Woltering, and Kelsey Thomsen.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. GUESTS:**

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

Kelsey Thomsen, Tori & Jared Brown and Brian Kehrer were present to discuss 149 W Oak Street tenants and ask how the Village can assist with the current status of activity at the premises. Chief Falconio stated officers are doing everything possible to keep things under control.

Nikki Mitchell was present to discuss the Eagle Inn and ask how the Village intends to proceed with the issues from the Fire Marshall report in 2023.

Keith Markus discussed the letter he received from the Village addressing property maintenance and what the Village is expecting from him at this time. Keith stated he will allow Ken Leach on his property to review and report back to the Village Board.

**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 Kohnen, 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.

**August marks the 4th month of the fiscal year.**

Page 2 – Overall Cash Position

- 1) Collected \$392K and disbursed \$355K.
- 2) Sitting at \$3.373M total cash.
- 3) Renewed our CD's to end in Dec.

Page 4 – General Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$52k in the General Fund.
- 2) Expenses
  - a. \$15k for Kues agreement. \$11k HMG expense related to Eastbrook project
  - b. \$4.4k Onsolve code red invoice
  - c. ½ of our real estate tax came from the county. Should get our next payment next month

Page 5 – Water Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$20K.
- 2) Expenses in line

Page 6 – Sewer Fund

- 1) Net loss of \$4.5k in the Sewer Fund
- 2) Nothing major to report on. Had a couple larger invoices hit operating expense which caused the slight net loss.

Page 7 – Park Fund

- 1) Net loss \$2.6k
- 2) No major expenses

Page 7 -MFT

- 1) Net loss of \$69k
- 2) Normal receipt from the state.
- 3) \$79k in street maintenance expense

Pages 8, 9, and 10 – TIF Funds, etc.

1. TIF 1 receive our real estate tax from the county of 55k. Paid out 10.4k in grant payments. \$29k maintenance expense.
2. TIF 2 received our real estate tax from county of 42k. paid out 32k in business grants.
3. TIF 3 received out real estate tax from county of 19k and paid out 4k in grants.

Other notes:

Jacob reviewed audit notes with the Board.

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

**4. POLICE REPORT:**

The police report was present for all to review.

-Squad Cars – The K9 unit is in getting worked on now. The 3<sup>rd</sup> squad is experiencing electrical issues and has a dead battery.

-Training – Officer Higgins goes to the full-time academy next week.

-Firearms Quotes – Quotes for firearm accessories were presented. It was recommended to purchase the accessories from Ray O'Herron. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Kyle Markus, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0.

-Flock Cameras – The quote was reviewed with the committee. Tony asked Crimestoppers about donation. Still holding on information at this time.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were available for review. It was stated that the lights have been on too long and asked that police please monitor this.

#### **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.

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

Nathan Richter work authorization letter has been signed. Jeff Woltering is in the process of completing a TIF application.

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

-Elm Street Project – pouring curb tomorrow and discussed the sidewalk width. It was suggested that the width be 6' along both Page and Elm. A motion to approve this was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0.

-Eastbrook – looking into round steel culvers vs box culverts. It was stated there needs to be water detention on the north end. CSX is currently very amicable in reviewing this.

-Kues Easement – This is ready to go to IDOT for review.

-Kalmer Subdivision – No report.

-Albers Carwash Parking Lot – The contractor on the Elm Street project has been using the parking lot as a drop site. The Board discussed the repairs to the lot after the project is completed.

#### **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 will be sweeping streets on September 17 & 18.

The 2 red pick-ups are 20 years old. Discussed the older F350 going in for repairs. Dave will get some options for new vehicles for the committee to review.

Dave and Adam will be going to training for JULIE, as required.

-Discussed emergency worker pay. Dave will contact neighboring communities to compare. Jeff Woltering was present to discuss the new construction. The ditch is draining and looks good. A motion by Matt Netemeyer, second by Ken Leach was made for the Village to pay for the clean up. Motion carried 5-0.

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

No report.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Property Maintenance – Matt Netemeyer reported on this item. It was suggested that the police, Village Board, employees, etc report back to the police department for issuance of red tags. Kyle Markus asked about the Russland Road ditch area. Matt Netemeyer stated that there is still some work to be done on Blair Bone’s property but that all other property owners should be maintaining the ditch areas.
- Carol McKinney – Mike Kampwerth informed the Board that the tree in the front of the property is dead. The Village will take care of getting this down.
- Feldmann Property – Mike stated there is in fact asbestos in the roofing and that more information is needed.
- McKown Property – The Village will have the legal team get a letter together and send. It was suggested that the neighbors may call regarding this as well.
- Stop sign at Lanter Inn – The north and south stop signs are being run regularly. Dave will review this.
- Vintage Hall Parking – It was stated that there is double parking in the alley and that this needs to be addressed.
- Office Position – Reviewed the information presented and decided review and post in the newspaper for 2 weeks.

Dave stated the new subdivision has been oiled and chipped and is officially part of the Village.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 9:07pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk