

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY DECEMBER 1, 2025**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday December 1, 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, Gary Rakers and Ken Leach. Employees present included Tony Falconio, Dave Trame, and Village Attorney Chad Lietch, Zoning Board President Mike Engel and Doug Ratermann with HMG. Guests present included Lexy Santel, Miles Browne, Ryker Hegger, Dale Haukap and Brian Beckmann.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. GUESTS:

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

Brian Beckmann was present to discuss a sewer tap at his duplex that was not able to be located and presented bills for rock and time and asking the Village for reimbursement. The Board asked Brian to speak with Ann Schroeder regarding this first to see if the plat was recorded with the sewers showing.

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 3rd were available for review. A motion to approve minutes was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0. Minutes of the November 19th special meeting were available for review. A motion to approve was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jacob Timmermann reviewed the financial report. Jacob noted that November marks the 7th month of the fiscal year.

Page 2 – Overall Cash Position

- 1) Collected \$203K and disbursed \$279K.
- 2) Sitting at \$3.122M total cash.
- 3) In December we will have our two CD's (\$500k) expiring and I suggest we re-new these for a short period like we have been doing.

Page 4 – General Fund

- 1) We had a Net Loss of \$93k in General Fund.
- 2) Income
 - a. We received our normal tax payments from the State. We had \$7,100 in income from the sale of our truck.
- 3) Expenses
 - a. Some bigger expense items we had were \$14k for Police Equipment/Supplies, \$26k HMG engineering fees for our Eastbrook project, and \$73k to TEK for our Elm Street project.

Page 5 – Water Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$28K.
- 2) Expenses were in line with previous months and nothing stuck out.

Page 6 – Sewer Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$15k in the Sewer Fund
- 2) Expenses were in line with previous months and nothing stuck out.

Page 7 – Park Fund

- 1) Net loss \$1.4k
- 2) Only expenses were for payroll.

Page 7 -MFT

- 1) Net Loss of \$9.7k
- 2) Normal state payment.
- 3) \$17k for street maintenance and \$1.7k to HMG for engineering fees.

Pages 8, 9, and 10 – TIF Funds, etc.

- 1) TIF 1 - \$12k to HMG for engineering fees relating to Elm Street.
- 2) TIF 2 - \$735 to HMG for engineering fees.

A motion to approve the financial report and to pay all normal expenses, and to include CTR's bill for the park for \$50K, was made by Gary Rakers, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0.

Jacob also presented the Tax Levy Ordinance for review. A motion to approve was made by Matt Kohlen, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote as follows:

M. Kohlen – 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.

Tony stated that the K9 vehicle will need to be replaced sooner rather than later. Tony will also discuss with Angela how long Frank will be in service.

-Vest Grant – This has been applied for.

-Flock – Tony stated this is in progress and he is working through permits with IDOT.

5. PARK DISTRICT:

Minutes of the previous meeting were available for review. It was stated that the Park District would like to replace the bridge at the park. Village Board stated to please hold off on this until further notice.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

The Clerk's report was available for review.

-2026 Meeting Dates – Jenny presented the 2026 Village Board meeting dates for review. A motion to approve this was made by Kyle Markus, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

-Public Comment Ordinance – The Public Comment Ordinance was up for a second reading. A motion to approve this was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote as follows:

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

-Amended Solicitor Ordinance – Ordinance was presented for a second reading. A motion to approve this was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kyle Markus. 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.

-Mitigation Plan Resolution – Jenny presented the Resolution for review. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

-MFT Resolution – Doug Ratermann with HMG presented and reviewed the 2026 MFT resolution with the Board. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Gary Rakers, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 6-0.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Matt Kohnen is in the process of setting up a meeting with Jeff & Nancy Woltering to review their TIF contract.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-Elm Street Project – This is on hold per the weather.

-Kalmer Subdivision – No report.

-Eastbrook – The contract was presented for review and approval. A motion to approve the contract, NTE \$48K, was made by Ken Leach, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0.

-Rt 50 Culvert Ext. Contract – Contract was present for review. A motion to approve this contract, NTE \$68K (to include IDOT and conservation reviews/permits) was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 6-0.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

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

-Amended Pool Ordinance – A draft reading was present for review. This will be added to the January agenda for a second reading.

Mike Engel stated the Zoning Board discussed non-conforming issues in the zoning code. The Zoning Board will continue to research.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No report available.

Dave stated salt is in for winter; box blade is in; the new plow is malfunctioning (loose wire). It is being fixed and is under warranty.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

-Feldmann Property Updates – Owens will send in for permitting. No ETA at this time.

-Carwash Property – No report.

-2026 Marquee Renewal – Matt Kohlen stated that 13 of the 16 contacted have responded. One will not be renewing.

-N Cleveland Street Ord – Ken met with a few neighbors regarding this and offered up a few suggestions. Ken will schedule a committee meeting to review this and make recommendations to the Board.

-E 4th Street Drainage – Ken and Dave will look into this further. Currently the culvert is clear.

-E First Street Curbing – No update. Matt Kohlen will reach out to Seth at Netemeyer Engineering to see what the ETA is.

Jenny will contact Rhonda at Republic Services regarding the contract limitations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Markus, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 8:31pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk