

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:  
MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2026**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday January 5, 2026, 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 Gary Rakers. Employees present included Tony Falconio, Dave Trame, Village Attorney Chad Lietch, Zoning Board President Mike Engel and Doug Ratermann with HMG. Guests present included Jeff & Nancy Woltering, Dale Haukap, and Curt Albers.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. GUESTS:**

Dale Haukap was present to listen. Curt Albers asked if there was an update on the carwash. Currently no update. Curt also asked about garbage pick up on windy days and the mess it leaves in yards. Matt Netemeyer asked for a copy of the contract. Matt Kohnen will speak with Rhonda at Republic regarding all of this.

**2. MINUTES:**

Minutes of the regular December meeting were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes, correcting a spelling error, was made by Kim Peek, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Jacob Timmermann reviewed the financial report. December marks the 8th month of the fiscal year.

Page 2 – Overall Cash Position

- 1) Collected \$241.5K and disbursed \$293K.
- 2) Sitting at \$3.070M total cash.
- 3) We renewed our 2 CDs for 90 days. We have generated about \$13k from these two CDs to date.

Page 4 – General Fund

- 1) We had a Net Loss of \$29k in General Fund.
- 2) Income
  - a. We received \$7,000 from the county that Tony said we would be getting for the flock camera system. Interest income was about \$24k. This increase is due to the CDs maturing.
- 3) Expenses
  - a. We had \$50k come out of our general fund for the soccer park we committed to donating. We also had an invoice for \$18k for insurance that came out in December.

Page 5 – Water Fund

- 1) Net loss of \$47K.

- 2) The net loss is due to our IEPA loan payment and our insurance payment in December.

Page 6 – Sewer Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$18k in the Sewer Fund
- 2) All expenses in line.

Page 7 – Park Fund

- 1) Net loss of \$800
- 2) Only expenses were for payroll.

Page 7 -MFT

- 1) Net income of \$6k
- 2) Normal state payment.
- 3) \$3k in street maintenance

Pages 8, 9, and 10 – TIF Funds, etc.

- 1) TIF 1 – Received our last small property tax payment from the county for \$3k.
- 2) TIF 2 – Had street maintenance for \$3k.
- 3) TIF 3 – interest income

Matt Netemeyer stated he emailed information regarding financial sessions to be held in June/July of 2026 and thought it would be a beneficial seminar to attend. A motion to pay all bills listed and normal monthly expenses was made by Kim Peek, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 5-0. A final invoice for the Elm Street sidewalk was present for review. The total was \$22942.60. Motion to approve payment in full was made by Gary Rakers, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried 5-0.

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

The police report was present for all to review.

Tony discussed a vehicle replacement plan with his committee, but no decision has been made. This will be revisited at the February meeting. Tony stated all training is up to date with new updates coming at the end of the month..

Discussed ebikes/scooters as State citations. Jenny will get information in the next newsletter regarding this. Also discussed a request for a 4-way stop at Russland Road and Old State Road. There cannot be a stop sign there per State statute.

Tony is working with FLOCK to get permitting with IDOT and adding it to our umbrella insurance.

Tony stated he will pay a visit to the local bars to have a discussion about closing times.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were available for review.

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

The Clerk's report was available for review.

-Jenny will send a link to board members regarding required training.

-Website Redesign – Matt Kohnen and Jenny reviewed the information present. Mike Kampwerth asked Chad if legal would review the requirements before the Board gives final approval. A motion to approve, pending legal approval, was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0.

**7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Jeff and Nancy Woltering were present and agreed to the TIF contract, with corrections to the name on the contract. Matt will review this at the February meeting.

**8. CURRENT PROJECTS:**

- Elm Street Project – Project complete.
- Kalmer Subdivision – No report.
- Eastbrook – No report.
- Rt 50 Culvert Ext. Contract – Doug Ratermann started this has been surveyed and sent to IDOT for review.

**9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

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

Mike Engel stated there is a request at the County for the split of a property outside the Village limits. Zoning Board okayed this.

-Non-conforming properties – The Zoning Board is doing more research on this before anything is brought to the Village Board.

-Swimming Pool Ordinance – The ordinance was presented for the second reading with the amendments requested. A motion to approve this was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

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

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

No report available.

Discussed water tap fees and when those are due. It was agreed all fees are to be paid before any zoning permit is issued.

Occupancy permit requirements were discussed. Jenny will get a draft out for all to review.

-RPIP – Adam Detmer does the inspections currently. The Employee Committee will review to see if a stipend is needed.

-Feldmann Property – Abatement has started and should move pretty quickly.

Dave said that parts have been ordered for water and sewer plants and that lead testing has been completed.

-Jenny should get a blurb in the newsletter thanking Mark Litteken for the use of his bucket truck for Christmas lights.

**11. OLD BUSINESS:**

-2026 Marquee – Matt Kohnen stated all slots are filled.

-N. Cleveland Street – No report.

-E. Fourth Street – No report.

-E. First Street Curbing – stakes are out for all to see. The first flag is the back of the curbing. Matt Kohnen will go with Seth for a cost breakdown.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

-Employee Handbook – Kim reviewed the updates the committee is recommending. A motion to approve the updates was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0.

-Employee Reviews – Kim reviewed the wage increases suggested by the committee. A motion to approve the increases, as shown, was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0.

Jenny stated that the Zoning Board has not received an increase in pay in quite some time. The Village Board meeting rate increased to \$50/meeting last year and asked if the Board would consider increasing the Zoning Board as well. A motion to approve this increase as of January 1, 2026 was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussed credits for missed garbage/recycle. Matt Kohnen will review this.

-No Parking on Elm Street – Gary Rakers asked about no parking on the south side of E Elm Street. The Board stated the street has now been curbed and widened and should be okay for vehicles to park.

Discussed the dilapidated house on Mary Lane and what can be done about this. It is currently just a wait and see. Contractors are still showing up.

There will be a rate increase for the water the Village purchases from the City of Breese.

Discussed street lighting requirements and placement versus lumens.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 9:08pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk