

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday February 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Matt Kohnen, Matt Netemeyer, Kyle Markus, Gary Rakers and Ken Leach. Employees present included Tony Falconio, Village Attorney Chad Lietch, Zoning Board President Mike Engel and Doug Ratermann with HMG. Guests present included Carol McKinney, Brian Beckmann, Dale Haukap, and Scott Von Bokel.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. GUESTS:

Carol McKinney was present to discuss the removal of a tree in front of her house that is in the easement. Mike Kampwerth stated that the Village would get to this but that the stump would be hers to get removed.

Scott Von Bokel was present to discuss a zoning change for his property at 71 S Page Street to allow him to change this to apartments. Mike Engel stated that a special use/variance will be required and then he can get paperwork from the Village Hall. The process will then be to submit the information to the paper, hold a public hearing of the zoning board, then forward those results to the Village Board. Scott will be notified of the public hearing. Mike also went on to say that the minutes of the meeting are present for review. The zoning board discussed street lighting and will meet with Ameren to further discuss. Lights need to be installed near bridges in town.

Brian Beckamnn was present to review the issue from December regarding no sewer taps present at his duplex. Th Village will not act upon this as it is between the subdivider, property owner and possibly the subdivider's engineering firm. Brian then asked about the snow removal in the cul-de-sac on Clover Court. He stated that the snow was pushed on his side driveways and not in the grass.

Doug Ratermann was present to give updates. Doug stated that construction plans are completed and the current wait is on IDOT. Surveys and boundaries between E. 1st & E 4th Streets are completed. The plan will begin at 4th Street and then move towards 1st. There is a discussion to get an offer prepared for Dennis Markus for the use of his field.

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the January meetings were available for review. A motion to approve the special meeting minutes was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes was made by Kyle Markus, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0.

The swimming pool ordinance was discussed as there are currently no fines associated with the ordinance. It was stated to further review and establish the fines for the ordinance and until then use the basic fine schedule.

Matt Kohnen presented an estimate for the 1st Street curbing project. Seth Netemeyer estimated the cost to be \$224K. To only widen this street would cost \$53K.

Jenny and Dave need to get information on signage and measurements for the no parking area at the park for an ordinance.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jacob was not present to review his monthly report but left the following notes:

January marks the 9th month of the fiscal year.

Page 2 – Overall Cash Position

- 1) Collected \$221K and disbursed \$130.9K.
- 2) Sitting at \$3.160M total cash.

Page 4 – General Fund

- 1) We had a Net Income of \$41K in General Fund.
- 2) Income
 - a. Nothing out of the ordinary for our General Fund income for January.
- 3) Expenses
 - a. Our last invoice to TEK hit our public property account for \$22,942.60 for the Elm Street project. All other expenses were in line.

Page 5 – Water Fund

- 1) Net Income of \$23K.
- 2) Nothing out of the ordinary for Income of Expenses for the month.

Page 6 – Sewer Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$16K.
- 2) All income/expenses in line.

Page 7 – Park Fund

- 1) Net loss of \$619
- 2) Only expenses were for payroll/taxes.

Page 7 -MFT

- 1) Net income of \$9K
- 2) Normal state payment.
- 3) No expenses.

Pages 8, 9, and 10 – TIF Funds, etc.

1) Nothing out of the ordinary in our TIF accounts. We received our normal interest income payments and had an engineering expense to Netemeyer in TIF 2.

Other notes: The end of the Fiscal Year will be here before we know it so just wanted to remind the department heads to start thinking about next year's budget and any wants/needs they can think of.

A motion to pay all bills listed and normal monthly expenses as well as the financial report was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 5-0.

4. POLICE REPORT:

The police report was present for all to review.

Tony stated that he has hired a new part-time officer, Officer Gilbreth. Gary Rakers stated he pulled invoice from Faust Automotive on the K-9 car for information and stated given the Village's current projects, he would recommend holding off on the purchase of a new-used police unit. Kyle Markus stated reviewing the police budget, there is plenty of money for this purchase. A motion to purchase the 2022 Missouri Highway patrol car for \$28K and get outfitted for an additional \$3K was made by Ken Leach, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0.

5. PARK DISTRICT:

Minutes of the previous meeting were available for review.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

The Clerk's report was available for review.

-Jenny sent a link for training all Board members. Those who have not received this will have it resent.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

No TIF report.

Matt reviewed the electric aggregation information. The Board opted to not renew at this time.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

All discussed earlier in the meeting.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No report available.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

-Feldmann Property – House is almost completed down.

-2026 Marquee – Matt Kohnen stated one available slot. Ken Leach will take this.

-N. Cleveland Street – Table until March meeting

-E. Fourth Street – Dave and Ken to review when the snow is gone.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed dead end signage at Poplar and Redwood. Jenny and Dave will get the information ready for the March meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 8:28pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk