

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY APRIL 6, 2026**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday April 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Village Treasurer Jacob Timmermann, Trustees Matt Kohnen, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer, Kyle Markus, Gary Rakers and Ken Leach. Employees present included David Trame, Police Chief Tony Falconio, Village Attorney Chad Lietch, Doug Ratermann with HMG, and Mike Engel with Aviston Zoning Board.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. GUESTS:

No guests present.

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 2nd meeting were available for review. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Kim Peek, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 6-0. The minutes of the special meeting held on March 31st were also present for review. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jacob Timmermann was present and reviewed the financial report. Jacob stated that the Village collected \$204K and disbursed \$185K.

General Fund

- 1) Net loss of \$21K with the major expenses listed as Markus Excavating and FLOCK.

Water Fund

- 1) Noted a surplus of \$18K and no large expenses.

Sewer Fund

- 1) Net surplus of \$12K and no large expenses noted.

Park Fund

- 1) Small payroll expense noted.

MFT

- 1) Normal income from the State of IL and interest.

TIF Funds

- 1) We received our normal interest income payments.

CD at 1NB will be transferred to Midwest National.

A motion to pay all bills listed and normal monthly expenses as well as the financial report was made by Gary Rakers, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 6-0.

4. POLICE REPORT:

The police report was present for all to review.

-Vests – Still waiting on the grant to open.

- Squad Car – Two cars are at DataTronics having the K9 unit transferred. Lettering will be put on the gray squad car.
- Training – all training for all officers is up to date.
- Everbridge – Tony stated he will move forward with the pilot program. Matt Netemeyer stated he will reach out regarding sirens.

5. PARK DISTRICT:

Minutes of the previous meeting were available for review. Water is on at the park.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

The Clerk’s report was available for review.

-Ordinance Book Review – Jenny stated she and Becky are working on updating the book as committees are reviewing their sections.

-Amended RPIP Ordinance – A second reading of the ordinance was available for review. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Matt Netemeyer.

Motion carried 6-0 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 – aye. |

-IRWA Administrative Conference – Jenny presented the conference information and asked for both she and Becky to attend. Board approved both for attendance.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

No update.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

-Markus Easement – Dennis Markus signed the easement. A motion for approval on this was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 6-0 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 – aye. |

The Board discussed looking into grant possibilities, and low-rate government loans. It is also stated that a document would need to be in place for current homeowners to secure their daylight windows.

-Wilke Easement – A motion to proceed was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Ken Leach.

Motion carried 6-0 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 – aye. |

-CSX Contract and Culvert – This is all pending and waiting on a meeting with CSX. A motion to proceed as necessary was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 6-0 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 – aye. |

-N. Detention and Entrance – Discussed this and the current hold on IDOT. A motion to proceed on this project was made by Gary Rakers, 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.

-1st and 4th Street Improvements – this project is in motion already.

-Kalmer – No report.

-Vintage Hall Restrooms – Ken Leach presented a cost estimate of \$90K for installation of 2 restrooms. A motion to proceed, not to exceed \$90K, was made by Kyle Markus, second by Kim Peek. 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.

The Finance Committee also stated they will meet next week to review all the project costs, loan and grant info, etc.

-Farm Ground Rental Agreement – Matt Kohnen presented a rental agreement with Mark Litteken for all to look over. A motion to move forward with this was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Minutes of the March meeting were present for all to review. Dave stated there will be 2 public hearings at the end of April. One for Ryan Voss and another for Jeff Woltering. Mike Engel stated that the public hearing for the Eagle Inn was postponed due to a pending sale of the property.

Mike also discussed street lighting issues.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No report available.

Dave stated they will be flushing hydrants the week of April 20-24th. This will be added to the newsletter and signs will be posted.

Dave mentioned that a new roof is needed at the sewer plant. Mike Kampwerth stated he will look at it to see if we want shingles or metal.

Dave mentioned that we still have not heard anything regarding our MFT bid letting. Brandon will check with Emily on this.

-Summer help – Five applications were received. Kim stated the committee reviewed and would like to make offers to 4 of the 5. She will contact each of them and get information back to Jenny.

-Russland Road Park and Ride was discussed. Dave stated the potholes have been filled.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

-E Fourth Street Drainage – No report.

-Longevity Increases – Kyle Markus shared a document with proposed increases. A motion to approve the document as presented was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 6-0.

Matt Kohlen discussed vacation increases on the employee's anniversary date. The Board agreed this should be implemented.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Markus, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 6-0.
Time was 8:44pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk