

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON:
TUESDAY MARCH 31, 2026
6 PM**

A special meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday March 31, 2026, at 6pm at Vintage Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Matt Kohnen, Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer, Kyle Markus, Gary Rakers and Ken Leach. Employees present included Tony Falconio, Attorney Terry Bruckert and Doug Ratermann with HMG. Guests included Jami Richter and Jessica Schulte.

1. Guests:

Guests were present to listen in.

2. Storm Warning System:

Tony Falconio reviewed the quote and information from Everbridge, an emergency alert system, to possibly replace the current CodeRED/Onsolve system. Tony also mentioned a free pilot program (through July 1, 2026) from Everbridge that he would like to utilize as a test. A motion to move forward with the pilot program was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0. Matt Netemeyer will also look into tornado siren costs, utilization, etc.

3. Poplar Street Dead-End Ordinance:

This was the second reading for this ordinance. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Matt Kohnen, 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.

4. No Parking at Park Ordinance:

This was the second reading for this ordinance. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Kim Peek, second by Matt Netemeyer. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

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

5. Amended RPIP Ordinance:

This was the second reading for this ordinance. This will be reviewed again at the April meeting.

6. Amended N. Cleveland Ordinance:

This was the second reading for this ordinance. A motion to approve this ordinance was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Matt Kohnen. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

M. Kohnen – aye	K. Markus – aye
K. Peek – aye	G. Rakers – aye

M. Netemeyer – aye

K. Leach – aye.

7. Vintage Hall Bathrooms:

The Village Board reviewed the back area for a bathroom addition to the building. Ken Leach will try to get all quotes together for the April meeting.

8. Projects:

Doug Ratermann with HMG was present with handouts for the current project costs and information for Eastbrook drainage. This handout included the following: north detention basin (storm sewer & entrance drive), railroad culvert replacement, sanitary lift station modifications, 1st & 4th Street improvements, and a cost estimate of \$1.4 million. Not included in this cost are the previous dollars spent, CSX fees (currently unknown), as well as the easements for Wilke and Markus. The Board had a discussion as well as many questions for Doug and Terry to answer. It was stated that the Board will have to look into loans, grants, etc.

Tony asked about ORV stickers and possibly having Saturday office hours one time to assist those who cannot get to the Village Hall during office hours. No decision was made.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 7:34pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk