

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

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday July 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Pro-Tem Matt Kohnen, Village Treasurer Jacob Timmermann, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Kim Peek, Matt Netemeyer, Kyle Markus, Gary Rakers and Ken Leach. Employees present included David Trame, Police Chief Tony Falconio, Mike Engel with the Zoning Board, Village Attorney Chad Lietch, and Brandon Ratermann with HMG. Guests included Jeff Woltering, Nancy Woltering, Dustin Nelson, and Ryan Voss.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. GUESTS:**

All guests present were on the agenda.

**2. MINUTES:**

Minutes of the of the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Gary Rakers, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 6-0.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Jacob Timmermann reviewed the financial report. Jacob stated the Village collected \$204K and disbursed \$264K.

**General Fund**

- 1) Net loss of \$27K. Normal income and expenses noted. CDs were reviewed for 3 more months.

**Water Fund**

- 1) Noted a net loss of \$46K due to the IEPA loan payment on the tower.

**Sewer Fund**

- 1) Net surplus of \$12K.

**Park Fund**

- 1) Net loss of \$3,500 was noted.

**MFT**

- 1) Normal income from the State of IL and interest. Surplus of \$5K

**TIF Funds**

- 1) We received our normal interest income payments.

A list of bills of those bills that have come in were present. A motion to pay the listed bills as well as any normal expenses and to accept the financial report was made by Gary Rakers, second by Kyle Markus. Motion carried 6-0.

-2026-2027 Budget – Jacob presented and reviewed the budget ordinance highlighting those areas that were amended. A motion to approve was made by Matt Netemeyer, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

M. Kohnen – aye  
K. Peek – aye  
M. Netemeyer – aye

K. Markus – aye  
G. Rakers – aye  
K. Leach – aye.

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

Tony stated there was no report available for review.

-Squad Car – Tony's truck is going in soon and the other unit will get outfitted when his is complete.

-Training – all training up to date.

-FLOCK – Cameras are up. One camera on Linden Grove Road is leaning. Tony is also trying to get in touch with Ameren to move the camera from the Legion out to Russland Road.

-New Hires & Wages – The Employee Committee met and discussed new rates for starting officers so the Village can be more competitive with other agencies. The decision was to start and advertise \$30/hour plus and negotiate from there.

-Tony stated he interviewed a few candidates and has narrowed it down to one, pending background investigation. A motion to approve the new hire, pending background investigation, was made by Kim Peek, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 6-0. A motion to approve the hourly wage of \$32/hour for the new officer and to increase Brian Salvi's wage to the match was made by Ken Leach, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were available for review. State Baseball tourney will be held at the park in late July, and the Legion would like to line the park with flags for the tourney.

-Bridge Teardown – The Village will be in charge of this when the timing is right.

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

The Clerk's report was available for review.

-Ordinance Book – in progress.

-IRWA Conference – just a reminder to the Board that both Jenny and Becky will be out of the office for this conference.

-IML Conference – Jenny passed out information regarding this conference for anyone who would be interested in attending.

-Office Remodel – Jenny asked if it would be prudent to get ideas on better use of office space allowing for better workflow and organization. The Board asked her to get something set up for review.

#### **7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

-TIF – no report

-Grants – no report

#### **8. CURRENT PROJECTS:**

-1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements – Doug stated this will be sent off. Redo retention and resubmit to IDOT.

-Rt 50 Box Culvert – Boring is complete.

-Park Lift Station – will meet this week to review.

-N. Detention and Entrance – Emily and Doug are working on this.

- Kalmer Subdivision – HMG reviewed and will make a walk through of the area.
- Vintage Hall Restrooms – Concrete has been cut out, and plumbing is going in tomorrow and then concrete will be repoured.

#### **9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

Minutes of the June meeting were present for all to review.

- Ryan Voss Sports Complex Drainage – Ryan Voss plans were presented for all to review. Voss asked to remove the detention pond and vacate the easement. The Zoning Board approved this. This information has been forwarded to Terry for review.
- Eagle Inn – tear out has begun and there are currently no plans decided for the remodel.

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

No report available.

Jeff Woltering reported that guardrails will be installed with IDOT approval. That the new building is at the electrical and plumbing stages and anticipates an opening date of August 1<sup>st</sup> with 1 tenant.

Dave stated that Adam and Marcis have asked for work uniform allowance. The Employee Committee will review.

Street oiling dates are July 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

The flags were out for July 4<sup>th</sup> and there were many compliments on these.

The current culvert ordinance was in the packet for review by Gary Rakers. This will be added to the August agenda as well.

#### **11. OLD BUSINESS:**

- E Fourth Street – Culverts cleaned, no blockage reported.
- RPIP – The Committee reviewed and made amendments for the August meeting.

#### **12. NEW BUSINESS:**

The Employee Committee suggested adding 4 holidays for employees. A motion to add these to the handbook as well as the ordinance book was made by Kim Peek, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Markus, second by Ken Leach. Motion carried 6-0.  
Time was 8:14pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk