

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:
MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2026**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held on Monday August 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Mike Kampwerth, Village Treasurer Jacob Timmermann, Trustees Matt Kohnen, Kim Peek, 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, Ben Taylor and Clayton Eddington.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. GUESTS:

Ben and Taylor were present to discuss vape vending machine being added to The County. The Village Board suggested the committee review this

2. MINUTES:

Minutes of the of the July 6th meeting were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes of the special meeting of July 14th were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 5-0.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jacob Timmermann reviewed the financial report. Jacob stated the Village collected \$232K and disbursed \$158K.

General Fund

- 1) Collected \$124K and disbursed \$85K. One large expense is noted in engineering fees.

Water Fund

- 1) Collected \$63K and disbursed \$35K with a net surplus noted of \$27K.

Sewer Fund

- 1) Collected \$25K and disbursed \$11K Net surplus of \$14K.

Park Fund

- 1) Net loss of \$2K.

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- 1) Normal income from the State of IL and interest. Large expense was our street oiling invoices. Surplus of \$5K

TIF Funds

- 1) We received our normal interest income payments.

Dialer renewal was included in this month's bills as well as Christ Bros for patch mix. Auditor was in office last month. 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 Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0.

4. POLICE REPORT:

Tony stated there was no report available for review. Chief introduced officer Nix and Nix was sworn in as a new full-time officer.

-Vest Grant – Still on hold.

-Squad Car Update – Tony's vehicle is still in the process of having the equipment updated. This vehicle has been there for 2 months.

-Training – all training up to date and completed a LEADS audit and passed.

-Crimestoppers Golf Tourney – Asking for the Village to sponsor a team to participate. The Village will sponsor a team.

-Replacement Patrol Rifles – Tony produced quotes on new patrol rifles as the current ones are on "lease/loan" from the Federal Government. Tony is asking permission to purchase 3 patrol rifles NTE \$5K. Motion to approve the purchase of 3 new service rifles was made by Ken Leach, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0.

Picnic went well with no issues after hours.

5. PARK DISTRICT:

Minutes of the previous meeting were available for review. State Tourney went well. Tony stated that in speaking with Ameren and Clinton County Electric that the football crew has asked both of these entities about getting lights at the football field. Tony stated that Ameren has acknowledged the request and has offered to donate poles as well.

6. VILLAGE CLERK:

The Clerk's report was available for review.

-Ordinance Book – in progress.

-JUS/Nexbillpay – Motion to move forward as all fees can be passed on to the customer.

-Water/sewer rates – Will pass this to the finance committee for further review.

-Vintage Hall Rates – This will also be passed on to the finance committee for review.

-Amended RPIP Ordinance – The second reading of this ordinance was completed. A motion to approve the amended ordinance, as presented, was made by Ken Leach, second by Gary Rakers. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

M. Kohnen – aye

K. Markus – aye

K. Peek – aye

G. Rakers – aye

M. Netemeyer – absent

K. Leach – aye.

-Liquor Code/Vape Review – To the Health and Safety committee for further review.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

-TIF – Matt presented a draft of the TIF contract for Ryan Voss' Sports complex.

- Grant Updates – No updates at this time.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS:

Cudos to the maintenance group for assistance with flags for the tournament, holidays, etc.

Great job!

-CSX Contract – This is ongoing. This is moving forward with revised models, etc. Report is being prepared now to send CSX.

- 1st and 4th Street Improvements – A motion to approve the bid with KRB was made by Matt Kohnen, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0.
- Rt 50 Box Culvert – This is being reviewed at IDOT.
- Vintage Hall Restrooms – Coming along very nice and HVAC is next on the list.
- Steelbridge Road – Getting internet installed. Asked about a payment for KRB as the roadway is now complete. Jeff gave a brief overview of the remaining project.

9. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

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

Jared Kues is subdividing his ground into a one lot subdivision. Zoning Board approved this request.

10. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No report available.

Road oiling is complete.

-Culvert Ordinance – Amended ordinance was presented. Motion to approve this amendment was made by Gary Rakers, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote as follows:

M. Kohnen – aye

K. Markus – aye

K. Peek – aye

G. Rakers – aye

M. Netemeyer – absent

K. Leach – aye.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

-E Fourth Street – No update.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Markus, second by Kim Peek. Motion carried 5-0. Time was 8:34pm.

Minutes taken by Kyle Markus, typed by Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk