



PEOPLE & PLACES



Avilla Municipal Electric Utility 2019 Projects & Improvements : New Streetscape in Downtown With a Community Crossings Matching Grant

New projects and improvements are taking place in the Town of Avilla this 2019. A streetscape project is one of the many improvements being accomplished in downtown with a Community Crossings Matching Grant. The total cost was \$1,300,000. The project Included new storm sewers, curbs, pavement, ADA ramps to all buildings, ADA compliant sidewalks, decorative street lights and a clock near the intersection.

As part of their ongoing sewer rehab program, the Town of Avilla installed a PVC liner in 3000 lineal feet of sanitary pipe to reduce infiltration of storm water into the sanitary sewer system. The utility also installed 2500 lineal feet of 12 inch water main to the new industrial park on the east side.

Economic Development: Undertaking New Construction

A local Company has begun construction of a 47,000 square foot new building, with a second company beginning construction of a 20,000 square foot new building in the spring. Contractors have begun to install a new entrance into the new industrial park. The town has purchased a run down building on South Main Street with the town employees in the process of tearing it down to make a parking lot for the downtown businesses.



Avilla Municipal Electric Utility

Avilla's City employees consist of the office administration, electric lineman, apprentice, water and sanitation, streets and parks. They currently have two journeyman linemen, one superintendent of all utilities and streets, one wastewater plant operator, one water plant operator and one street employee. They all help each other, depending on what services are requested. Bill Ley is the Town Manager, along with a clerk/treasurer, deputy clerk and utility clerk at Town Hall. The Town Council consist of three members. Avilla offers a great group of employees & town representatives that communicate well with each other and their supervisors. They strive for excellent customer service by providing top notch communication with utility bill notifications, social media awareness, as well as a website that offers all city and utility services rendered. Avilla's population is currently 2,650 with 1,157 metered customers.



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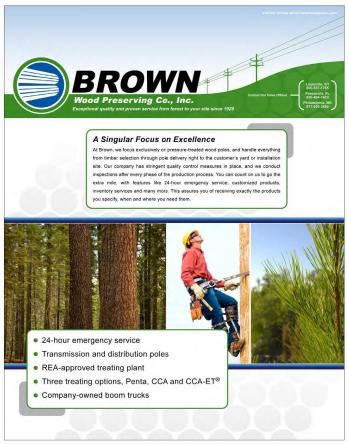
Bill Ley: Avilla Town Manager

Bill has been an employee for 38 years. The Ley family has a history residing in Avilla since the late 1800's. Bill's father, was one of 5 siblings with 70 first cousins on his side; 85 cousins on Bill's mother's side. Bill has 4 sisters and 3 brothers that all live within 10 miles of Avilla. Bill shares his pride having lived and worked in the community all his life. He stresses the value and importance of his Community and how everything he strives for in his job as Town Manager is to make life better for the residents of the town and surrounding area.



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