MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA December 14, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Mike Leman, Rick Graverson and James Leeper were present. Also present were: Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Street and Water Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Ken Jones – Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

<u>BID OPENING:</u> Mr. Wagner opened bids for the Elm Road/North Center Street utility project. The following bids were submitted.

	Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$1,064,000.00	
•	Haskins Underground, Inc.	\$1,091,233.00	
•	HRP Construction, Inc.	\$ 893,700.00	
•	Beer & Slabaugh	\$ 920,369.86	
•	Rieth Riley	\$ 952,430.75	

Mr. Leeper made a motion to take the bids under advisement, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then asked the Council Members to sign their respective certificates for compliance with the Town Nepotism Policy. Ms. Anglemyer also submitted a new janitorial contract with Martha Whitsell and noted a 3% increase in the contract. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner informed the Council that the Redevelopment Commission had started the process of purchasing the former Bi-County property at 125 East Plymouth Street in Bremen, and that the RDC had requested that the Town tear down the existing structure so that it could be used as a parking lot on a temporary basis. The Council discussed the demolition and other maintenance on the lot to make it suitable for parking, and discussed short-term and long-term plans for the former Lebermuth property as well.

<u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:</u> Mr. Weldy submitted his report and requested permission to hire Austin Langdon as the new Street Superintendent beginning the first January 2021 pay period. Mr. Graverson made a motion to hire Austin Langdon as the Street Superintendent, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Weldy asked the Council to declare several items from the Cemetery Department to be junk or surplus property. He first requested permission to advertise a 1992 Cub Cadet tractor for sale for at least \$2,500.00; Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the offer for sale, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy then requested permission to declare the old cemetery truck to be

junk, to be sold for \$500.00, and the 30-year old Cub Cadet tractor to be sold for scrap value. Mr. Leman made a motion to declare both items to be junk and to sell them as proposed, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy gave an update on the most recent Stellar meeting and told the Council that the traffic signals would arrive downtown shortly. Mike Reese appeared by video conference and told the Council that the colored concrete would be installed that week and the finished concrete the following week, while the electrical work continued. Mr. Weldy discussed the schedule of other Stellar projects.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Mikel informed the Council that the Town had been awarded a Community Crossroads grant in the amount of \$472,000.00, and requested permission to advertise for bids for the project. Mr. Leman made a motion to grant permission to advertise for bids, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones submitted his report and told the Council that he was pleased with the bids received earlier in the meeting. He told the Council that the wastewater treatment plant evaluation had begun and offered additional input on the discussion of the two parking lots from earlier in the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leman confirmed that there would be no annual awards dinner this year due to the pandemic, but asked if any plans had been made to replace it. The Council members discussed offering the employees Bremen Bucks to be used at local restaurants and businesses in lieu of the dinner, and awarding additional vacation days as well.

Mr. Leman also asked whether the downtown streetscape project would be extended and Mr. Weldy and Mr. Jones explained that it should be done sometime in the first to second week of January. Mr. Daily asked whether any other downtown businesses had complained, and Mr. Weldy explained that most of the businesses seemed happy with the project when he had spoken to them.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leeper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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