MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
September 28, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 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; Jay Stoneburner, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Street and Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; and Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer. Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented Ordinance 10-2020, the 2021 Budget Ordinance, for third reading. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-2020 on third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 11-2020, the 2021 Wage Ordinance, for third reading as well. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2020, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he had spoken with the DNR representative and recommended a meeting of a smaller working group instead of a conference call with DNR. Mr. Leman, Mr. Weldy and Mr. Main agreed to meet with Mr. Wagner later in the week. The Council asked Mr. Wagner to prepare a resolution adopting the proposed construction standards developed by the Department Heads and JPR.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Clinger and several other residents appeared and asked the Council to modify the Town's animal ordinance to permit chickens in Town. Mr. Clinger cited several positive features of owning chickens, and the Council discussed several areas of restrictions to consider. Mr. Weldy said that he would look at what surrounding communities allow and report back to the Council.

Brita Miller appeared and asked the Council to support preserving the tennis courts while also encouraging the development of a pickle ball facility. The Council discussed the value of the tennis courts in relationship with the Bremen Public Schools athletic programs.

Ashley Sumpter appeared and expressed concern about the appearance of several dens of coyotes. Mr. Weldy explained to the Council that one den had been found by the cemetery, and that Mr. Fraine was addressing it. Ms. Sumpter claimed that another den was located near the train tracks on the north side of Town, and Mr. Weldy said that he would investigate that as well.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report. Mr. Weldy presented Resolution 2020-15, regarding a request from Digger Specialties, Inc. for a standard 10-year tax abatement on a $400,000.00 real estate addition to their current facility. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-15, which was

seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy then presented Resolution 2020-16, regarding a request from Digger Specialties, Inc. for a standard 5-year personal property tax abatement on $1.5 million dollars of new equipment to be located in the new addition. Mr. Weldy stated that the total estimated value of the taxes to be abated was approximately $120,000.00 over the 10-year abatement period. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-16, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy congratulated Mr. Stoneburner on his promotion to the IMPA Executive Committee. Mr. Weldy told the Council that he expected that the downtown streetscape project would have at least $35,000.00 in change orders submitted in the near future. He also asked the Council to begin making preparations to split the Water and Street Departments in 2021. The Council discussed the assignment of employees in executive session, and Mr. Wagner told the Council that he would look into that issue. Mr. Weldy also told the Council that the Ambulance Board would need to meet soon in order to have a new contract in place by the end of December. Mr. Weldy gave the Council an update on the electric sign project and told the Council that it had received a claim for damages from a local business stemming from the downtown streetscape project.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Stoneburner submitted his report and asked the Council to correct Mitch Yoder's employment classification to second class line worker as of September 28, 2020. Mr. Graverson made a motion to amend Mr. Yoder's classification to second class line worker, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Mikel asked the Council to promote Jamie Stouder and Ryker Hand to class C operators, as of September 28, 2020. Mr. Graverson made a motion to promote Mr. Stouder and Mr. Hand to class C operators as of September 28, 2020, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Mikel also noted that he was pursuing the second round of community crossroads grant funding for 2020, and estimated that the Town's match should be approximately $150,000.00. The Council approved his application for the grant.

Chief Kile told the Council that his Department would continue using their current radios, since it was more cost-effective to use them completely then purchase new units, and told the Council that the Department had recently purchased several new tasers.

Chief Neher had no new information to report on behalf of the Fire Department.

Mr. Cunningham had no new information to report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Mr. Main told the Council that the estimate from JPR for the new pickle ball facility came back at approximately $300,000.00 for six (6) courts with asphalt paving, and noted that this design would have approximately $50,000.00 in maintenance costs every three (3) to four (4) years. He told the Council that he had requested an estimate for a concrete facility as well, as he thought that it would have a lower maintenance cost even though it would be a bit more expensive for the initial installation. The Council discussed the project. Mr. Main told the Council that the tennis resurfacing had been put off to the spring, and estimated that painting for pickle ball play would add an estimated $10,000.00 to the cost. Mr. Main also told the Council that he had obtained a quote of $10,990.00 for sidewalk repairs that had been included in his budget. The Council approved the quote.

Mr. Leman 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 to the Council. Mr. Jones change order number 2 for the Park View sewer project, and explained that the change

orders for a decrease of $21,027.00. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve change order number 2 for the Park View sewer project, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones then presented change orders number 1 and 2 for the downtown sewer work. He explained that change order number 1 was an addition of $16,000.00 for the rehabilitation of several manhole structures that were in worse condition than anticipated, adding that the work was necessary to stay on schedule. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve change order number 1, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones then explained that change order number 2 regarded the final balancing reduction for the downtown sewer project, which had resulted in a reduction of $43,760.00. Mr. Jones noted that the final contract price for the project was $417,833.00. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve change order number 2, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones and Ms. Anglemyer noted that two pay requests from Haskins Underground had been received too late to include in the docket and would appear on the docket for the next meeting. Mr. Jones expressed his appreciation for the work of Haskins Underground on several recent town projects, noting that they were on time and under contract price and stating that he was pleased with their work. Mr. Jones told the Council that the Alexander Street project was under contract, but no schedule had been established yet.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.

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

ATTEST:

Janet M. Anglemyer,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

William Daily, President