

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA  
February 27, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Mike Leman, William Daily, Rick Graverson and James Leeper were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Keith Fraine, Cemetery Sexton; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 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. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mr. Wagner presented Resolution 2023-03 regarding the State legislation for a driving privilege card. The Council discussed the resolution. Mr. Wagner explained that he had received second-hand information that the legislation may not proceed in this session. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner then presented Resolution 2023-05, regarding the waiver of Southwire's noncompliance with the abatement process requirements and explained that Southwire had corrected their error by filing the correct form. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner told the Council that he had prepared a draft golf cart ordinance and submitted it to Chief Kile, Mr. Main and Ms. Anglemyer for review and comment. Mr. Wagner asked Mr. Wright to explain the employee CDL issue he had sought advice for, and Mr. Wright explained that one of his employees was unable to take the CDL class within one year of getting his employment because he was under the age of 21. Mr. Wagner advised the Council to waive the one-year requirement for the employee, Brody Beasley, and instead require him to obtain his CDL within one year of his 21st birthday. Mr. Leman made a motion to amend the requirement as proposed, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner also asked the Council if they would like him to prepare special rules to be utilized when matters drawing a large crowd for public comment be before the Council. The Council asked him to draft an initial set of rules.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Joe McDonough appeared on behalf of American Legal Publishing and presented a package to update and publish the Town's ordinances. He explained that the service would cost \$7,250.00 that could be spread over two years, with additional fees for online publications and updating. The Council Members asked how long the process would take, and Mr. McDonough explained that it would be at least 5-6 months for a draft of the new ordinance package. Mr. Leman made a motion accept the quote and proceed with the service, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Linda Yoder of the Marshall County United Way, Sandy Dunfee of the Marshall County Health Department, and Ward Byers of Marshall County Community





Corrections appeared to discuss Project Hope. Ms. Yoder explained that Project Hope was a collection of organizations focused on opioid abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery and was originally organized by the Beacon Health System. She explained that the group would be applying for matching funds from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration to compliment an existing grant obtained by Beacon. Mr. Byers explained that each community was receiving restricted and unrestricted funds from the national opioid litigation settlement, and described how Project Hope used the funds that it had obtained. Ms. Yoder explained that Bremen would receive \$10,052.65 in unrestricted funds and \$23,456.21 in restricted funds. Mr. Graverson asked what Bremen would receive from participating, and Ms. Yoder explained that residents of Bremen were participating in the programs already and that some of the programs were hosted in Bremen. Ms. Dunfee told the Council that the program helped distribute Narcan doses to law enforcement departments and schools throughout the county, as well as providing smoking cessation services. Mr. Leman supported the opportunity to double the available money. Ms. Yoder explained that it may not be a one-to-one match, and that the match could be more or less than requested but that Project Hope would be requesting at least equal dollars in its application. Mr. Leman made a motion to apply two years of restricted and unrestricted funds in the total amount of \$33,508.86 to Project Hope, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Eric Hudson appeared before the Council and told them that he was familiar with Project Hope and believed it was money well spent, but that he did not think the Blue Zone Program was appropriate for Marshall County. Mr. Daily asked if there was any more discussion or comment for the Blue Zone Program; none was offered. Mr. Graverson made a motion to rescind the full amount of money that had been pledged to the Blue Zone Project in 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Leman asked to set up a work session regarding the Jackson Street and Park Aquatic projects in order to determine whether the projects need to be modified or funded in other ways. The Council discussed setting the work session for March 16, 2023 in the morning. Mr. Leman asked to have the Troyer Group present.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Mr. Weldy told the Council that he had proposed adding Nick Witwer to the Plan Commission, and that he may be added to the Board of Zoning Appeals later. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Witwer to the Plan Commission, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy presented Resolution 2023-02, regarding a tax abatement for Indiana Carton on a new plate setter. Mr. Weldy explained that the machine would cost approximately \$92,000.00 and was necessary for Indiana Carton to remain competitive in the marketplace but would not result in any new jobs. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy said he had received word from the owner of the Paul Davis Restoration franchise on Birkey Street that they would still like to purchase a portion of the lot surrounding their property, and the Council instructed Mr. Weldy and Mr. Wagner to begin those discussions with the business.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Wright had no new information to report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Aguayo had no new information to report on behalf of the Water Department.

Chief Kile had no new information to report on behalf of the Police Department.

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

Mr. Langdon had no new information to report on behalf of the Street Department.





Mr. Cunningham presented a renewal of the industrial wastewater permit for Universal Bearing, which Mr. Daily signed.

Mr. Main had no new information to report on behalf of the Park Department.

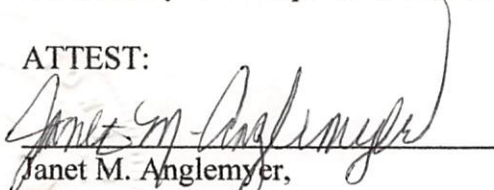
Mr. Fraine had no new information to report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

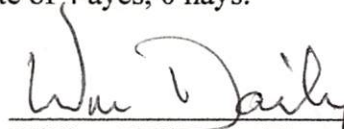
Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mr. Weldy informed the Council that he would have a proposal to advertise for the Director of Operations position at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Graverson 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

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**ADDITIONAL** The Council has decided to accept the offer of the Secretary of the Council to resign from his office.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of March 1961.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary

