

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA  
February 8, 2021**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Mike Leman, James Leeper and Rick Graverson were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Jay Stoneburner, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting, 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. Graverson made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented OCRA draw #5 for the downtown streetscape project, payable to R. Yoder Construction in the amount of \$58,815.00 and Priority Project Resources in the amount of \$45,000.00, which Mr. Leeper signed. Ms. Anglemyer reminded the Council that there would be a public hearing on Ordinance 2-2021 regarding additional appropriations at 4:45 p.m.

**BID OPENING:** Mr. Wagner opened the following bids for the 1986 tractor:

- Philip Fiscella: \$1,706.00
- Steven Dittman: \$1,601.00
- Tim Woodruff: \$1,251.00
- Jeremy Jones: \$2,525.00

Mr. Leman made a motion to accept the bid from Jeremy Jones in the amount of \$2,525.00, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 3-2021, regarding junk and abandoned vehicles, for review. The Council discussed the ordinance. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Ordinance 3-2021 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner also presented Ordinance 4-2021, regarding garbage and rubbish within the municipal limits, and explained that this was an updated draft of a prior ordinance to revise the entire code section. The Council discussed the revisions and tabled the ordinance for further review and discussion.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Leeper opened the floor for comments on Ordinance 2-2021, regarding additional appropriations from certain town funds. No public comments were offered. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Ordinance 2-2021 on second and third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chris Scandling, Director of the Bremen Public Library, appeared before the Council and gave a presentation regarding the library's proposed renovation and expansion. Mr. Scandling described each element of the project and explained the rationale that led to the selection of the features to be added. The Council





asked several questions of Mr. Scandling. Mr. Wagner told the Council that he was also representing the library for the bond issue. Mr. Scandling asked the Council Members and all other persons present at the meeting to support the project by appearing at the upcoming County Council Meeting in March or writing to the County Council in support of the project. The Council asked Mr. Wagner to prepare a Resolution for the next meeting. The Council thanked Mr. Scandling for his presentation.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Mr. Weldy submitted his report and informed the Council that two of the RV paint shops in town would be expanding in the near future. Mr. Weldy also told the Council that he had attended a meeting regarding the sign to be installed at the corner of Plymouth Street and Bowen Street, and stated that the installation would take 2-3 weeks once the weather had improved. Mr. Weldy explained to the Council that the streetscape project had entered the final phase and that the stoplights would be activated once the INDOT's contractor came to program the system. Mr. Weldy also told the Council that the Marshall County Board of Zoning appeals would be conducting a hearing on a Petition for Variance regarding a chicken farm operation that fell outside of the Town's boundary but may still affect Town properties. Mr. Leman asked Mr. Weldy several questions about the replacement of the championship signs.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Stoneburner submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Mikel submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department as well as the Department's year-end report.

Chief Kile told the Council that the Board of Police Commissioners had approved the trade-in of two (2) vehicles and the purchase of two (2) new vehicles. Chief Kile noted that both vehicles had approximately 130,000 miles. Chief Kile then requested permission to allow four (4) officers to attend out-of-state training in New Jersey from October 4 – October 8. He explained that the officers would undergo drug and addiction training and that the only cost to the Town would be the use of the Town Vehicle for travel. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the request for out-of-state travel, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Chief Kile informed the Council that Officer Lopez was still training with the department but may be able to finish his academy work at a special academy in South Bend later on in the year. Mr. Stoneburner and Chief Kile then asked the Council if the Electric Department could take possession of one of the vehicles to be traded in to replace the Electric Department's van. Mr. Stoneburner explained that the van was an older and inefficient vehicle for the department's use and that the department's SUV would be more suitable. The Council directed Mr. Stoneburner and Chief Kile to determine if the vehicle would be suitable for the Electric Department's purposes for certain.

Mr. Langdon requested permission to purchase the 2021 plow truck, using a piggy-back bid from a recent INDOT bid for a nearly identical vehicle. He explained that the 2008 salt truck was budgeted to be replaced, and that the new truck would cost \$188,113.00. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2021 plow truck, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Langdon then requested permission for the sale of two (2) surplus items from the Street Department, consisting of a John Deere diesel engine with an estimated value of \$1,300.00 and a pull-behind air compressor with a value of approximately \$200.00. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the sale of both surplus items, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department as well as the department's annual report. Mr. Cunningham that two (2) new applicants had



been interviewed for his department's open position, and requested permission to hire Seth Snider. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Snider which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Cunningham stated that Mr. Snider should start on February 16, 2021.

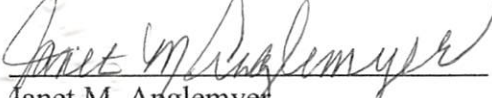
Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department.


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. Graverson asked Ms. Anglemyer if there would be a presentation on the water reads soon, and Ms. Anglemyer replied that Baker Tilly had completed their work and she was waiting to hear back from them. Mr. Weldy added that substantial rate increases may not be necessary based on the initial response from Baker Tilly.

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

ATTEST:

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

  
James Leeper, President

