

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
September 12, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022, 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, Foreman of the Electric 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; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemeyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

NORTH CENTER STREET/DEWEY STREET STORM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BID OPENING: Mr. Wagner opened the following bids for the North Center Street/Dewey Street Storm Improvement Project:

- Haskins Underground: \$315,387.00/\$174,850.00
- HRP: \$424,950.50/\$196,234.75

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

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemeyer 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. Ms. Anglemeyer then presented Ordinance 7-2022, regarding amendments to the 2022 wage ordinance pertaining to the Electric Department and noted that the ordinance was prepared for second reading only. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the ordinance as submitted on second reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemeyer also presented Ordinance 9-2022, pertaining to a revision of the Capital Asset Management Plan. She explained that the revision would change the plan from the composite depreciation method to the straight-line depreciation method. She also asked the Council to declare an emergency and approve the ordinance on three readings. Mr. Leeper made a motion to declare an emergency and pass Ordinance 9-2022 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemeyer asked the Council to consider their proposed rate increase for the 2023 wage ordinance. She reminded them that the budget estimated a 3% increase, but that additional work would be required from her office if they were to ask for anything more. Mr. Daily asked when the last possible date to submit a figure would be, and Ms. Anglemeyer discussed the timing of the wage ordinance approval with Council. The Council asked the Department Heads to make cuts to their department to allow a 5% wage increase. The Council also asked Ms. Anglemeyer to prepare a new set of calculations, with an up to 8% increase. Ms. Anglemeyer asked the Council when they wanted to set Trick-or-Treating for Halloween; the Council set Trick-or-Treating for October 31, 2022 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Ms. Anglemeyer then asked the Council to conduct the public hearing on Ordinance 8-2022, the budget ordinance. No public comments were offered, Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 8-2022 on second reading, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner informed the Council of a request to purchase real estate under an easement by Curtis Meyer. He explained Mr. Meyer's previous

actions in front of the Plan Commission and why they purchase of the real estate was necessary to connect two separate parcels. The Council asked Mr. Wagner and Mr. Weldy to pursue the sale further before reporting back. Mr. Wagner also told the Council that the former property donated by the McIntyre's could be returned if it had not been improved, and Mr. Weldy explained that utility lines had been run through the property to serve that property and others. Mr. Wagner asked Mr. Weldy to contact Mr. McIntyre to see if he still wished to purchase the property back. Mr. Wagner then reviewed the golf cart ordinance with the Council and made several suggestions for revisions. The Council took the information under advisement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A member of the public asked for clarification on where he could operate his all-terrain vehicles in Town, and the Council continued this discussion from the golf cart ordinance.

Matt VanSoest appeared before the Council and expressed concern about the enforcement of sign violations under the zoning ordinance. Mr. Wagner told the Council that he and Mr. Weldy would review the sign ordinance to see if there were any current violations to bring before the Plan Commission.

Joe Blakley appeared and asked if lines could be painted on the east parking lot north of Plymouth Street. The Council discussed how to have the lines painted and asked Mr. Langdon to obtain a quote.

PRIDE IN BREMEN: Mr. Leman read Resolution 2022-20 honoring Ronald and Laura Ameling for improvements to their property at 301 West Dewey Street in Bremen. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-20, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and told the Council of a recent meeting with JPR, INDOT, and Loren Graber regarding his development east of Town. Mr. Weldy also informed the Council that he had continued to have problems with the Republic Services and that he would be seeking to terminate the contract to find a new provider. Mr. Weldy also noted that he had provided wage ordinances from several other communities for the Council to review.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright requested permission to hire Brody Beasley as a groundman. He explained that Mr. Beasley currently worked in the Cemetery Department and asked that he be considered hired as of September 12, 2022. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the hire of Mr. Beasley to the Electric Department as a groundman, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wright also requested permission to promote Seth Snider to lineman 3rd class as of September 12, 2022. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve promotion of Mr. Snider to lineman 3rd class, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Aguayo submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department.

Chief Kile told the Council that the Department had conducted the candidate agility test, and 4 applicants had passed out of the total 6 that had completed the test. He told the Council that the Department was inviting all 6 applicants to the written test. Chief Kile also told the Council that Officer Ulch and the canine officer Taro had competed in the canine Olympics and that the paid had placed second in their event.

Mr. Langdon submitted his report and told the Council that the town paving project was underway and should be finished later in the week. He also told the Council that he had applied for the 2022 Community Crossings Grant.

Mr. Cunningham told the Council that the wastewater department had cleaned approximately 22,000 feet of sewer line over the summer, and that the department had passed its quality control test for its lab.

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

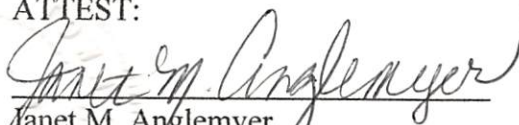
Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.


TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones submitted his report and discussed the bond anticipation note process for the upcoming sewer projects. Mr. Leman asked whether the street repairs had been made in south-eastern portion of Town, and Mr. Weldy told him that the repairs should be done soon. Mr. Langdon explained additional details about the progress on the repairs.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Weldy clarified certain matters regarding the request for the 5% increase in wages for each Department and Ms. Anglemyer assured the Council that she would help the Department Heads with any questions or concerns.

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.

ATTEST:


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


Michael Leman, President

