

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
August 22, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 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; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily 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 presented Ordinance 8-2022, the 2023 budget ordinance, for first reading. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 8-2022 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer told the Council that she had received the second distribution of the ARPA funds. She then asked the Council if they wished to take up Ordinance 7-2022, the amended wage ordinance regarding the Electric Department positions, for second and third reading. No motion was made.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that they would be receiving a resolution regarding a waiver of non-compliance for Southwire regarding a late tax abatement application, and that a public hearing would be required to approve the resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lauren Wells appeared on behalf of the Marshall County Economic Development Commission and provided her quarterly update. Mr. Wagner asked Ms. Wells if the organization had any housing studies for the County that might assist the Town in creating a residential TIF. The Council also discussed support for a LOIT tax.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report, and informed the Council that the applications READI grants described in previous meetings had been submitted. Mr. Weldy informed the Council that Alex Mikel would be leaving his position in the Water Department as of September 12, 2022 and that Henry Aguayo would be acting as the interim superintendent. Mr. Weldy thanked Tara Beasley, Melinda Daily, Anneka Spaid and staff from all the Town Departments for their help in hosting the Summer's End Fest at Sunnyside Park. He also told the Council that John McIntyre had requested the return of the land he had donated to the Town behind the Paul Davis Restoration business on Birkey Street, and that he and Mr. Wagner had talked about methods of transferring the real estate. Mr. Wagner expressed a concern with the restrictive covenants placed on the real estate at the time of the donation. Mr. Weldy also noted that there had been problems with trash pickup the previous week, but that this week had gone well.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright asked why Ordinance 7-2022 did not proceed earlier in the meeting, and Mr. Leman stated that the Council wanted to review it further.

Chief Kile told the Council that they had identified 10 qualified applicants for the open position, and that they would proceed to the physical testing stage next.

Chief Neher told the Council that the new command truck had arrived, but that they would be waiting on gear and equipment for some time.

Mr. Aguayo told the Council that Mr. Mikel was working on obtaining quotes for the Jackson Street project.

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

Mr. Main told the Council that Woodies Lane would be closed to through on Friday, August 26, 2022. Mr. Leman expressed concerns over golf carts and other ATV's on walking paths in the park. The Council Members and other participants in the meeting expressed concerns over reckless use of golf carts and other ATV's within the Town Limits. The Council asked Mr. Wagner to review the Golf Cart Ordinance.

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 asked Mr. Wagner to open the bids for the Sunnyside Park pole building paving project. Mr. Wagner opened the following bids:

- Asphalt Maintenance & Construction: \$80,000.00
- Phend & Brown, Inc.: \$96,980.00/\$150,690.00/\$60,450.00
- Bailey Asphalt: \$58,007.50/\$95,175.75/\$39,650.00

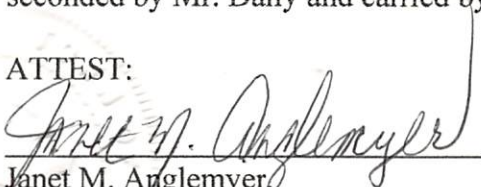
Mr. Leman asked whether concrete would be a longer-lasting surface for the project, and Mr. Jones described the project as bid and the estimated difference in cost with concrete. The Council Members agreed that they did not wish to proceed with the paving project at the prices bid, and Mr. Weldy and Mr. Jones said they would investigate the costs of a concrete base as an alternative.

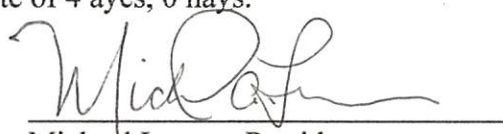
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Daily asked for an update on the resurfacing of the Jackson and Washington Streets that were not completed satisfactorily. Mr. Jones explained that they had received a reasonable quote from E&B Paving; Mr. Leman asked who would pay for the resurfacing of the streets, and Mr. Jones explained that the contractor would be funding the second attempt.

Mr. Daily also suggested forming a committee to consider employer relations. The Council discussed the proposal and the intended improvements.

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. Anglemeyer
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen


Michael Leman, President

