## MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA July 10, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Rick Graverson, Mike Leman and James Leeper were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Keith Fraine, Assistant Director of Operations; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric 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; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 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. Ms. Anglemyer also submitted the payroll docket for review. Ms. Anglemyer presented Resolution 2023-11, dedicating funds from MVH restricted fund for the Community Crossings grant match. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer told the Council that she had scheduled additional appropriations for the August 14 meeting and would advertise the public hearing for that date.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner asked the Council how they wish to proceed in regard to the public question resolution. The Council Members discussed the proposed resolution and asked Mr. Wagner to not submit the public questions until 2024. Mr. Wagner asked the Council to approve Ordinance 2-2023, the golf cart ordinance, on first reading. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2-2023 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Daily stated that the ordinance was now available online. Mr. Wagner asked the Council then to consider Ordinance 9-2023 the ARPA ordinance for second and possibly third reading. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the ordinance on second and third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner reminded the Council Members of the Redevelopment Commission meeting scheduled later that evening and asked the Council if they wished to create an entirely separate hearing panel for unsafe building ordinance violations; the Council asked Mr. Wagner to work with Mr. Fraine to create a panel of 3 – 5 members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Daily told the Town Employees present that the Town Picnic was currently scheduled for August 20, 2023 and that more details would be released in the near future.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jessica Beatty appeared on behalf of Visit Marshall County and explained that the agency was attempting to have more direct contact with local communities. She submitted the 2022 Economic Impact Report to the Council

<u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:</u> Mr. Weldy acknowledged that this was his final meeting and thanked everyone that he had worked with during his tenure. Mr. Weldy reported that he attended a meeting on the Jackson Street project to discuss the re-use

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or removal of old foundations found in the project site. He also told the Council that he and Mr. Fraine had met with representatives of Digger Specialties, Inc., and that they are prepared to proceed with the annexation at this time.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

Mr. Fraine introduced Nate Lockwood as the new Cemetery Sexton and told the Council that he was doing well so far.

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

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

Mr. Main had nothing new to report on behalf of the Park Department.

Mr. Cunningham reported to the Council that he had collected quotes for the labor portion of the catch basin project, and that the lowest quote was for \$38,200.00 from Kent Excavating. The Council approved the quote and asked Mr. Cunningham to proceed with the project.

Chief Neher had no new information to 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 told the Council that JPR had received three (3) submissions for the preselection of blower equipment for the wastewater treatment plant. He told the Council that the preselection committee had recommended the Excelsior pumps as sold through HP Thompson in the bid amounts of \$401,433.00 and \$147,428.00. He noted that both bids were the low bids for the equipment. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the preselection of the Excelsior pumps from HP Thompson, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones also told the Council that he had worked with Mr. Aguayo to get a grant from the Indiana Finance authority for inspecting lead service water lines, and noted that the grant award, in the amount of \$15,000.00, could lead to funds for construction as well.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**: Each of the Council Members thanked Mr. Weldy for his service to the Town of Bremen.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Leman 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

William Daily, President

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