

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA  
February 14, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Michael 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; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Keith Fraine, Cemetery Sexton; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Leeper asked to amend the minutes, changing the maker of a motion in the Town Engineer heading from Michael Leman to James Leeper. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting, as amended, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper 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 a list of outstanding checks to be cancelled, consisting of six (6) checks for a total of \$265.11. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the cancellation of the checks as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer told the Council that she was consulting with Baker Tilly regarding a new depreciation method for Town assets.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mr. Wagner had no new information to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Donnie Ritsema from MACOG appeared before the Council and shared the draft of the Park Department's new master plan. He described the meeting and survey process and discussed the survey results with the Council.

**BID OPENING:** Mr. Wagner opened the following bids for the 2022 Community Crossroads Project:

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| • Milestone LP Northern Indiana:      | \$449,450.82 |
| • Niblock Excavating, Inc.:           | \$438,393.50 |
| • E&B Paving, Inc.:                   | \$376,006.07 |
| • Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.: | \$571,981.41 |

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.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Leman then opened the public hearing on the seconded reading of Ordinance 1-2022 regarding certain additional appropriations and opened the floor for public comment; no public comments were offered. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 1-2022 on second and third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Resumed):** Mr. Leman called for additional public comments after the bid opening and public hearing, but no additional comments were offered.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Mr. Weldy submitted his report, and told the Council that the Town trash days would take place on May 13 and May 14 this year;





he also mentioned that there may only be one day for shredding due to the increased cost.

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

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department and asked the Council to promote Cordell Matteson to lineman second class as of February 14, 2022. Mr. Graverson made a motion to promote Mr. Matteson to lineman second class as of February 14, 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Mikel submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department and submitted the quotes for the cleaning and repair of Well #6. He recommended the Town proceed with the quote from Peerless Midwest in the amount of \$33,800.00 as the lowest quote but also due to Peerless' familiarity with the Department's wells. Mr. Graverson made a motion to accept the quote from Peerless Midwest for the cleaning and repair of well number 6, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Mikel then asked the Council to promote Henry Aguayo to foreman as of February 14, 2022. Mr. Daily made a motion to promote Mr. Aguayo to foreman as of February 14, 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Kile submitted his packet from the Board of Commissioners and told the Council that the department's annual charity basketball game had been set for March 18, 2022. Chief Kile then explained that he needed to replace a dispatcher in approximately two weeks, but would like to bring them on board at a higher pay level rather than the standard entry level. Ms. Anglemeyer and Mr. Wagner discussed how that could be accomplished, as Ms. Anglemeyer recommended that the requested benefits be offered rather than be tied to a particular level. Chief Kile noted that he wanted to offer two (2) weeks vacation since the dispatcher was already employed as a dispatcher and had that benefit in his current employment. The Council told him to proceed accordingly.

Mr. Main thanked Mr. Ritsema and MACOG for their help with the Park master plan, which resulted in a substantial savings for the Park Department. Mr. Main also told the Council that the kayak launch site construction project would begin shortly and was scheduled to be completed by May 1, 2022.

Mr. Fraine submitted his report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

Mr. Langdon submitted his report on behalf of the Street Department and thanked the other departments for their help during the recent snowstorm. He requested permission to replace a one-ton dump truck in the department with a used truck that he had found in Wisconsin. He explained that ordering a new truck meant it would not arrive until sometime in 2023, while the used truck in Wisconsin was a good value and met the specifications the department sought. He said that the truck was a 2022 Ford F-350 at a cost of \$63,000.00 from Stevens Point Auto, but noted that it still required a plow. He also told the Council that the department's old truck would be used by the cemetery department. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford F-350 from Stevens Point Auto for the amount of \$63,000.00, 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, but also submitted his annual report.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department, but also submitted his annual report as well.

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.

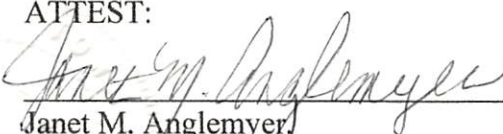


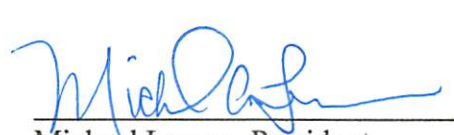
**TOWN ENGINEER:** Mr. Jones reminded the Council of the public hearing date for the wastewater treatment plant evaluation on February 28, 2022 at the Council's next meeting. He also told the Council that JPR was reviewing the 2022 pavement plan regarding certain sites.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** No Council comments were offered, but Mr. Graverson told the Council Members that he would not be present at the next meeting.

**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

