

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
August 24, 2020**

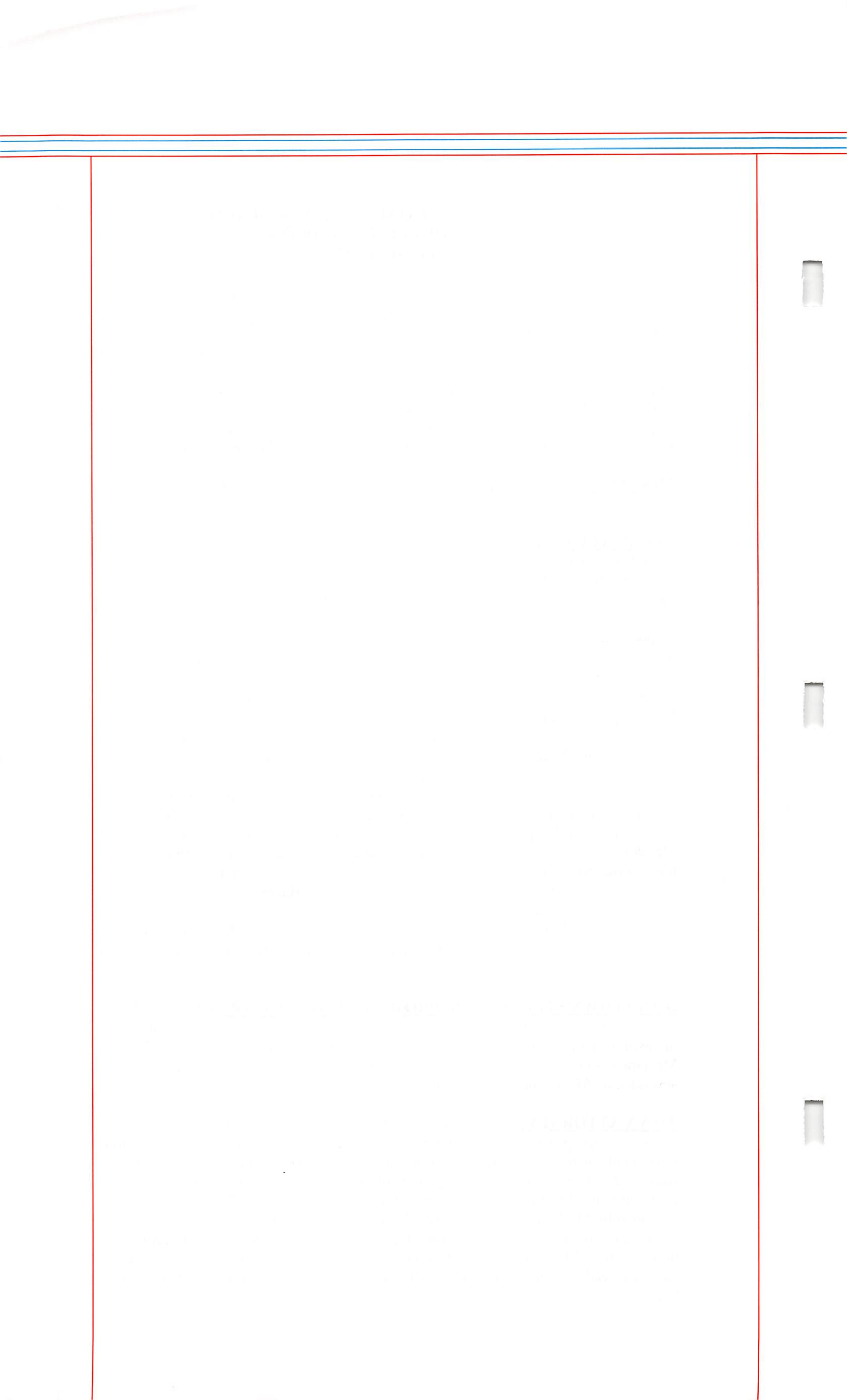
The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2020, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Mike Leman, Rick Graverson and James Leeper were present. Also present were: Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Jay Stoneburner, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Street and Water Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; and Janet Anglemeyer, Clerk-Treasurer. Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson 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. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemeyer then submitted Ordinance 10-2020, the 2021 Budget Ordinance, for first reading. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-2020 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemeyer noted that the budget came in \$34,000.00 under the maximum levy. Ms. Anglemeyer then presented Ordinance 11-2020, the 2021 Wage Ordinance, for first reading. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2020 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemeyer presented Ordinance 12-2020, regarding an amendment to the 2020 Wage Ordinance to include language from the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Ms. Anglemeyer requested that the Council declare an emergency and pass the ordinance on three readings since it applied to the 2020 Wage Ordinance. Mr. Leman made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 12-2020 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemeyer and Mr. Wagner shared their recommendation that the Town not participate in the payroll tax deferral program implemented by a federal executive order. The Council took no action on the program. Ms. Anglemeyer then noted that Baker Tilly was now merging with another firm, Squar Milner, and told the Council that they had received an advance on the fall distribution of property taxes. Ms. Anglemeyer and Mr. Weldy asked the Council to consider adding the Martin Luther King Day holiday to the list of Town holidays.

DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT CONTRACT AWARD: Mr. Weldy reminded the Council that the Troyer Group had reviewed the bids and recommended the award of the contract to R. Yoder Construction in the amount of \$1,100,200.00. Mr. Graverson made a motion to award the bid to R. Yoder Construction, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner gave the Council an update on the easements for the streetscape project. Mr. Wagner then presented Resolution 2020-14, regarding repayment plans for delinquent utility accounts accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council discussed the resolution and the mechanics of the proposed payment plan. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-14, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner then presented Ordinance 9-2020, regarding the revision of utility deposits, for second and third reading. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Ordinance 9-2020 on second and third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.



PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ron Balsley appeared to ask the Council for more assistance regarding the noise problems near his home and explained more recent developments. Mr. Daily asked Mr. Balsley to be patient to allow the Police Department to continue their investigation. Mr. Wagner expressed concern that Mr. Balsley may need to take one of the personal avenues available to him to resolve the matter.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report to the Council. He also told the Council that he engaged Roger Stealy about the sale of his real estate. He told the Council that the pre-construction meeting with R. Yoder Construction had gone well, and that Haskins Underground should be wrapping up their work downtown shortly.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Mr. Mikel had no new information to report on behalf of the Street and Water Department.

Chief Kile thanked the other departments for their help with a recent fugitive pursuit.

Chief Neher had no new information to report on behalf of the Fire Department.

Mr. Main informed the Council that the fall sports were starting in the park, and that he had completed preparing the pool for winter.

Mr. Cunningham told the Council that the phosphorous levels had improved with the addition of the new filter, as hoped.

Mr. Weldy added that a town employee had had a recent positive COVID test, and that the affected department was being monitored.

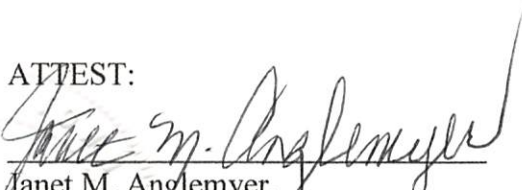
Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

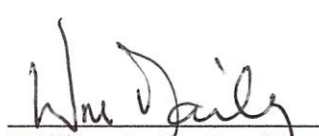
TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones recommended that the Council award the Alexander Street project contract to Haskins Underground in the amount of \$131,925.00 for the base bid and \$73,340.00 for the alternate bid. Mr. Leman made a motion to award the contract to Haskins Underground and to allow Mr. Daily to sign the contract when prepared, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.

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

ATTEST:


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


William Daily, President

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