

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
October 11, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 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; Henry Aguayo, Water Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Keith Fraine, Cemetery Sexton; 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 September 26, 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. 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 informed the Council that a manual payment in the amount of \$340,583.06 would be made to E&B Paving from the Community Crossings Grant funds but was not listed on the docket. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 10-2022, a bond ordinance for the upcoming wastewater projects, for second and third reading. The Council briefly discussed the ordinance. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-2022 on second and third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer informed the Council that the 2023 employee insurance package would only increase by 4.9%, which the Council approved. Ms. Anglemyer reminded the Council that the second hearing on the amended 2023 budget was set for October 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. and announced that early voting would take place on October 29, 2022 and November 5 at the Pines building. Mr. Daily asked Ms. Anglemyer how the amount of the additional levy funds discovered compared to the cost of an 8% wage increase for all non-electric departments, and Ms. Anglemyer explained he would have to take that matter up at the upcoming budget hearing. Mr. Daily expressed his desire to pursue the 8% increase for those employees and the other Council Members agreed.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner requested permission to deal directly with Curt Meyer to resolve the situation with his easement, and the Council asked him and Mr. Weldy to resolve the matter. Mr. Wagner then reminded the Council of two proposed annexations, one on the east side of Town with property owned by Loren Graber, and the other property southwest of Town owned by Marilyn Brown. Mr. Wagner explained that the Graber property was nearly ready to proceed, and the Council reviewed the annexation process. Mr. Wagner expressed his belief that the Brown project may not move forward immediately, and that it made sense to wait until it was closer to being ready before triggering the utility deadlines through the annexation process. The Council agreed with Mr. Wagner.

PRIDE IN BREMEN AWARD: Mr. Leman read Resolution 2022-21, honoring David and Jennifer Kinsey for improvements to their property at 221 North Whitlock Street in Bremen. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-21, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Megan Atkins appeared with a group supporting raises for town employees.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and requested that the Council promote Mr. Aguayo to Superintendent of the Water Department as of October 10, 2022. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the promotion of Mr. Aguayo to the Superintendent of the Water Department, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy also informed the Council that the solar park would have a dedication ceremony soon, but that certain parts needed to arrive before that could happen.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Aguayo submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department, and requested permission to advertise for a new employee; the Council granted him permission to do so.

Chief Kile told the Council that the Board of Police Commissioners had offered the open department position to Jose Rodriguez, who would undergo his psychological testing physical next.

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

Mr. Langdon submitted his report on behalf of the Street Department.

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department and noted that the department had cleaned 9,000 feet of wastewater lines in the last month.

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

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones explained to the Council that he had reviewed the bids for the North Center Street/Dewey Street project and recommended that the bid be awarded as specified to Haskins Underground in the amount of \$491,737.00, but added that a change order would be submitted that would reduce the cost by \$123,756.00 for a final cost of \$367,981.00. Mr. Daily made a motion to award the project as bid to Haskins Underground, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones then asked if the contract with JPR for design work on the upcoming wastewater project was ready for approval, but Mr. Wagner stated that he had not received it yet. Mr. Jones gave a copy of the contract to Mr. Wagner for review. Mr. Jones also provided an update regarding the organization of the Marshall County Regional Sewer District and how it might affect the Town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leman asked whether a street repair had been corrected near the high school. Mr. Weldy explained that he had noticed it and would call the contractor to come back, and Mr. Cunningham added that the issue affected his department and that it would be resolved.

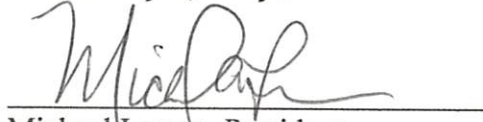
Mr. Graverson asked Mr. Langdon to look at the condition of the street on a portion of Mill Street, and Mr. Langdon explained that it was on the list for repairs but that he would check it for patching.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Daily 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. Anglemeyer,

Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen


Michael Leman, President

