

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
January 9, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Mike Leman, Bill Daily, Rick Graverson and James Leeper were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 22, 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, and explained that the docket was split into two parts representing the year-end 2022 and the first portion of 2023. She asked the Council Members to sign both upon approval. Mr. Leeper 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. Anglemyer asked the Council to also approve an allowance docket and explained that the State Board of Accounts had recently directed Clerk-Treasurers to submit this type of docket for approval regularly. She said the allowance docket would be submitted monthly. The Council Members each signed the allowance docket. Ms. Anglemyer then presented the Janitorial Services Agreement with Martha Whitsel and noted that the agreement contained an 8% increase. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented the Chamber of Commerce Services Agreement; Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer noted that the Council Members did not discuss liaison appointments at the last meeting, and the Council Members confirmed that they would keep their liaison assignments from the previous year. Ms. Anglemyer reminded the Council Members that the annual Board of Finance meeting was scheduled for 4:15 on January 23, 2023 and asked all the Council Members to attend.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner submitted his contract for employment for 2023; Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Blakley appeared and asked the Council Members if any meetings of the Oktoberfest Committee have been scheduled. Mr. Weldy said that the first meeting would be scheduled shortly.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Leman made a motion to appoint Jeff Byrd to the Park Board, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Daily expressed his interest in publishing the Town Ordinances and Code on the Town's website. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Weldy shared the information that they had obtained regarding services that published and maintained the documents for other municipalities. Mr. Weldy said he would get more definite information from his office for discussion at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and told the Council about an issue with junk vehicles he had addressed at a property in Town. He also noted that the Plan Commission would be meeting at the end of January for several petitions.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Aguayo submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department.

Chief Kile told the Council that Officer Rodriguez had passed his testing to appear in uniform and was still waiting to enter the academy.

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

Mr. Main had no new information to report on behalf of the Park Department.

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department, and told the Council that his annual report would be forthcoming.

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.

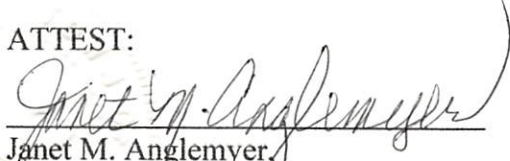
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leman asked Mr. Wagner if it was possible to stagger the election of the Council positions, so that all four Council Members would not necessarily be replaced at once. He also asked whether a fifth Council Member could be added. Mr. Wagner gave a brief explanation of some of the considerations and told the Council he would have more complete information for them at the next meeting. Mr. Graverson expressed concern about restrictions on communication between Council Members, and Mr. Wagner gave a brief explanation of his understanding of the State Open Door Laws.

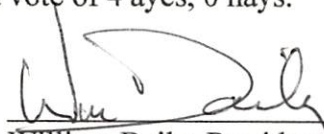
The Council Members discussed updating the Director of Operations job description and other considerations for that hiring process in anticipation of Mr. Weldy's retirement.

The Council discussed whether to withdraw its commitment to the County Blue Zones Project. The Council asked Mr. Weldy to invite the Blue Zone Committee Members to the next meeting to discuss the program in better detail.

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. Anglemeyer,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen


William Daily, President

