

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

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Mike Leman, 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; Janet Anglemeyer, Clerk-Treasurer; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

PRIDE IN BREMEN AWARD: Mr. Leman suggested that the Council consider Resolution 2022-23, honoring Daniel and Jamie Soule for improvements to their property at 620 E. Maple Street in Bremen, Indiana. Mr. Leman read resolution 2022-23 onto the record. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-23, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022, meeting, as amended, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Graverson then made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2022 special meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemeyer 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 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemeyer then presented Ordinance 11-2022, the 2023 wage ordinance for second reading. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2022 on second and third readings, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemeyer then presented Ordinances 12-2022 and 13-2022. She explained that each ordinance created a new fund for the deposit of the Town's proceeds from the settlement of recent litigation against opioid manufacturers. She asked the Council to declare an emergency and pass each ordinance on three readings to create the funds in anticipation of receiving the first payments. Mr. Leeper made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 12-2022, creating the unrestricted fund, on all three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Graverson then made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 13-2022, creating the restricted fund, on three readings as well, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report, and advised the Council that a new take-out restaurant would be opening downtown in the former Gramm building.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department, and informed the Council that the solar park was operational.

Mr. Aguayo asked the Council for permission to hire Mike Balsley for the open position in the Water Department. Mr. Weldy noted that Mr. Balsley already had his CDL and

would be hired as a Class C Operator. The Council gave Mr. Aguayo permission to proceed with hiring Mr. Balsley.

Chief Kile told the Council of the progress made in hiring the new officer for the department.

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

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department and told the Council that the current consulting contract with Asbury was about to terminate. He recommended contracting directly with one of their former employees and that he would send the proposed contract to Mr. Wagner for review.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department and asked the Council for permission to sell a recently replaced command vehicle to the Argos Fire Department. He and Mr. Wagner explained that the sale could be done more easily as a sale to a Fire Department, and that the vehicle could be sold without having to remove the fire equipment other than the radios. The Council asked Mr. Wagner and Chief Neher to proceed with the sale.

Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Hildebrand appeared on behalf of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation and informed the Council that Ms. Walz had resigned from her position as president. He gave an update on other activities that would be continuing while the entity looked for a new leader.

Joe Blakley appeared before the Council and requested that the Town paint lines on the parking lot in the northeast corner of downtown. Mr. Langdon and the Council discussed what it would take to have the lines painted, and Mr. Jones added that he would help find a contractor that could meet the Town's price range. Mr. Blakley also claimed that a group of downtown business owners had agreed that the Oktoberfest event should take place downtown in 2023. Mr. Weldy stated that he hoped it would, but it was entirely dependent on having the Jackson Street project completed in time. The Council discussed the timetable for construction for the project. Mr. Blakley also asked that the Town schedule more events downtown, and the Council discussed the current events that are already held downtown and the Chamber of Commerce operations. Chief Neher reminded everyone that the Christmas lighting ceremony would take place on November 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones presented change order #1 for the North Center Street/Dewey Street project and explained that the project modifications resulted in a decrease of \$123,756.00. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve change order number 1, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Jones also told the Council that he would like to proceed with a work session on the Wastewater Treatment Plant where JPR and the Wastewater Department would develop an equipment pre-selection proposal package. Mr. Jones explained that developing the package now would give contractors a list of equipment that the Department intended to use in the plan and would help reduce the cost of the project. Mr. Cunningham noted that the Department had already used this method for the lift station project, and that it had been effective. The Council asked Mr. Jones to proceed. Mr. Jones then also presented change order number 1 for the 2022 Community Crossings paving project, for an increase of \$14,901.80. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the change order as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Graverson asked Mr. Jones how they achieved the cost reduction for the North Center Street/Dewey Street project. Mr. Jones explained that they were able to remove

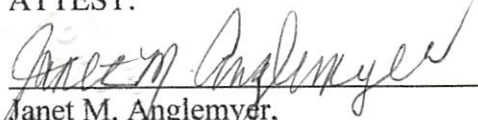
an expensive part from the design and change some of the materials, but that the contractor cooperated in finding other cost savings in order to be able to complete the entire project.

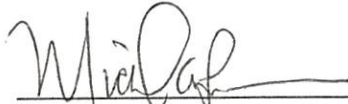
Mr. Wagner reminded the Council that they needed to approve the JPR contract for the Wastewater Treatment project and the engagement agreement for Ice Miller as bond counsel for the project as well. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the JPR contract, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Ice Miller agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leeper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:


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


Michael Leman, President

