

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
August 9, 2021**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members James Leeper, Rick Graverson and Mike Leman were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Jay Stoneburner, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 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. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 11-2021, the 2022 wage ordinance, for second reading. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2021 on second reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer requested permission to promote Jamie Soule from a class C part-time employee to a class B part-time employee. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the promotion of Ms. Soule to a class B part-time employee, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 10-2021, regarding revisions to the Wastewater Code requested by the EPA, for second and third reading. Mr. Wagner explained that he had published a special notice required by the EPA soliciting public input regarding the changes. Mr. Weldy confirmed that his office had not received any public comments, and no member of the public appeared to comment on the ordinance. Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Wagner noted that they had not received any notice of public comments from the EPA office listed in the notice, and Mr. Wagner advised the Council that it was time to proceed with the final approval of the ordinance. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-2021 on second and third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner told the Council that he would talk to Brad Thornton about integrating the changes into the Wastewater Code.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and told the Council that he had a meeting with the company interested in installing a fiber optic network for broadband internet service in town. He told the Council that the system would be mostly underground and that the lowest plan would start at \$65.00 per month. Mr. Mikel expressed concern that the depth of the cables will need to be managed and marked in order to prevent disruptions to service from Town utility projects, and Mr. Weldy agreed that he would make certain that consideration was included in their proposal.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Wagner told the Council that the public hearing on the 1st Road annexation petition was scheduled for 4:45 pm. Mr. Graverson made a motion to open the public hearing, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leeper asked for public comment. Darrin Jacobs, a representative from IMPA, appeared before the Council and explained that IMPA

intended to begin constructing the solar park yet this fall and answering questions from the Council Members and the public. Mr. Weldy and Mr. Stoneburner noted that the project was 8 years in the making. At the conclusion of public comments, Mr. Leman made a motion to close the hearing, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leman then made a motion to re-open the regular session, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Stoneburner requested that Cordell Matteson be promoted to third-class line worker with a raise to \$23.35 per hour, beginning August 2, 2021. Mr. Leman made a motion to promote Mr. Matteson to third-class line worker as of August 2, 2021, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Mikel told the Council that the new water plant had experienced a power surge over the weekend but was now up and working again.

Chief Kile had no new information to report on behalf of the Police Department.

Mr. Langdon had no new information to report on behalf of the Street Department. Mr. Leman asked when the curbing would be started in the Parkview neighborhood, and Mr. Langdon replied that the project should begin later on that week.

Mr. Cunningham requested that Seth Snider begin to receive the 6-month pay rate of \$17.95 as of August 16, 2021. Mr. Leman made a motion to increase Mr. Snider's pay to the 6-month rate as of August 16, 2021, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department.

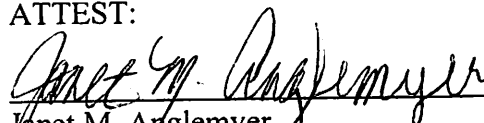
Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

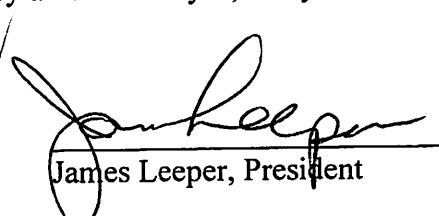
TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones told the Council that the north Center Street project had been completed and asked the Council to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Mr. Leman made a motion to issue the Certificate of Substantial Completion, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 43 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones then presented a proposal for a preliminary engineering report for the proposed wastewater treatment facility and repairs to the interceptor line and explained that the project would have a timeline with a December public hearing. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the proposal and authorize Mr. Leeper to sign the agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: The Council discussed how to proceed with an ordinance for the annexation of the 1st Road property upon the completion of the public hearing. Mr. Wagner recommended they approve Ordinance 12-2021 on first reading. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-2021 regarding the 1st Road annexation on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leman 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


James Leeper, President