

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
June 27, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Michael Leman, William Daily and James Leeper were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Ben Wright, Foreman of the Electric Department; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Keith Fraine, Cemetery Sexton; Brian Main, Park Superintendent; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; and Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 6-2022: Mr. Leman opened the public hearing scheduled for 4:30 p.m. regarding the second reading of Ordinance 6-2022, regarding modification of code and rates for the Electric Department. Mr. Leman opened the floor for public comments, but no comments were offered. Mr. Leeper made a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leeper then made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-2022 on second and third readings, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

MINUTES: Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner was not present. Mr. Leman spoke briefly regarding the passing of the prior town attorney, David Holmes. The Council observed a moment of silence in his memory.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and told the Council that the Town's trash contractor had not been performing according to its contract, and that he and Mayor Senter of Plymouth were going to meet with Republic regarding both communities' problems. Mr. Weldy gave the council IMPA brochures regarding the possibility of rolling blackouts that had been discussed at the prior meeting, and stressed that the probability of the blackouts was low. Mr. Weldy presented a contract with Troyer Group for their services related to the swimming pool project; Mr. Weldy told the Council the contract cost was approximately \$175,000.00. Mr. Leman asked whether the Town's payment was included in its matching obligation, and the representative from Troyer Group explained the nature of their services. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the contract with the Troyer Group as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy advised Linda Yoder, who appeared representing the Blue Zones project, that the Council had allocated \$100,000 for the project. Ms. Yoder thanked the Council for the contribution.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Mr. Mikel asked the Council to approve a raise for Kenny Moser upon completion of the first thousand hours of his apprenticeship, but also for permission to grant the next raise upon the completion of his next thousand hours as well. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the raise for Mr. Moser to \$24.05 as of June 20, 2022 and a subsequent raise to \$25.85 upon completion of the next thousand hours of his apprenticeship \$25.85, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Kile told the Council that the Department would host another civilian firearm safety course on July 23.

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

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

Mr. Langdon had no new information to report on behalf of the Street Department.

Mr. Cunningham requested permission to hire Anthony Schrock into the Wastewater Department. Mr. Cunningham pointed out that Mr. Schrock already had a Class B CDL, and asked to hire him in as a Class C employee at \$23.45 to begin on July 11. Mr. Leeper made a motion to hire Anthony Schrock in the Wastewater Department as requested, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC HEARING – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT FUNDING: Mr. Jones explained the purpose of the hearing and generally described the design and features of the proposed new plant. He told the Council that they were waiting to hear back from the State Revolving Loan Fund shortly and from the USDA later this summer. He also reminded the Council that the project included reconstruction of the interceptor system on the east side of Bremen. Mr. Jones estimated the total project cost to be approximately \$16.3 million dollars, including all construction and non-construction costs. Mr. Leman asked if the costs could rise due to the current economic conditions, and Mr. Jones replied that he had hoped that they had anticipated any increases correctly. He also said that the construction costs would be updated after the design phase. Mr. Daily asked if the project would increase the department's capacity, and Mr. Jones said new plant would have approximately the same capacity but that the loading side of the operation should be improved; he added that the plant would have the capacity for several extra-territorial regions that might be added in the future. Mr. Leman asked for any other public comments, but none were offered. Mr. Leeper made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (CONTINUED): Mr. Main had no new information to report on behalf of the Park Department.

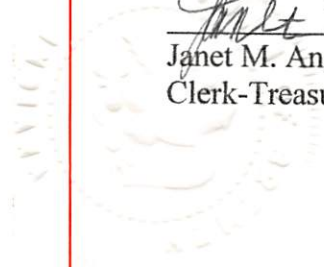
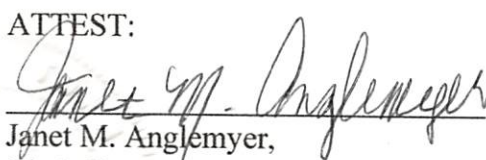
Mr. Leeper made a motion to accept the department head reports, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

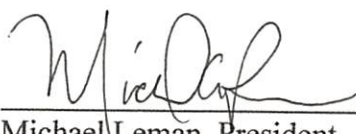
TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones had no new information to report. Mr. Leman asked about the status of the asset management plan, and Mr. Jones said that his office had conducted their research already and should be able to provide a report summary at the next meeting. Mr. Leman expressed concern that the current rate of street repairs was not sufficient to keep up with the deterioration of the streets, and Mr. Jones acknowledged the problem and discussed some additional funding sources.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.

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

ATTEST:



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


Michael Leman, President

