

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
January 10, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Michael Leman, William Daily, Rick Graverson 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; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2021 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; Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented the annual services agreement with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the agreement as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also presented Resolution 2022-1, regarding the appointment of Mr. Weldy to the IMPA Board of Commissioners. The Council discussed the resolution. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-1, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that the previous roster of appointments had omitted several appointees and asked them to approve a new roster with all appointees included. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the amended roster of appointments, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Shannon McLeod appeared before the Council and discussed some changes to the program requirements for the Jackson Street project. She explained that she had intended to file the application based on the slum and blight category but was recently informed by OCRA that the application would now need to be income-based. Ms. McLeod provided a new schedule to include the income survey process, but noted that the same survey could be used for the pool project as well. She also explained that her costs for the survey would be \$4,000.00, but the survey cost could not be part of the local match. The Council discussed the survey process with Ms. McLeod at length. Mr. Weldy expressed some reservation about the timing of the project and suggested that construction be moved to the following spring. Ms. McLeod left her contract for Mr. Wagner to review.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and asked the Council if they wanted to take any action on the ordinance prohibiting the ownership of certain snakes. The Council discussed the current ordinance, and Mr. Graverson and Mr. Daily expressed their support for the existing ordinance. Mr. Weldy then presented Resolution 2022-2, which granted Indiana Carton the standard personal property tax abatement for a \$129,000.00 baling machine. Mr. Weldy noted that the purchase of the equipment would create one additional job. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-2, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy then presented Resolution 2022-3, for another Indiana Carton personal property tax abatement for a scrap remover/dust collector. Mr. Weldy again

noted that the purchase of the equipment would create one additional job. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-3 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy then presented Resolution 2022-4, for a \$10 million-dollar personal property abatement for IMPA at the sight of their new solar park. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-4, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department and asked the Council to promote Dave Kapke to Class-B operator, effective January 3, 2022. Mr. Wright explained that Mr. Kapke had passed his CDL. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the promotion of Mr. Kapke to Class-B operator, effective January 3, 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wright also asked permission to begin the hiring process for the open position in the Electric Department, which the Council approved.

Mr. Mikel submitted his report as well as his year-end report on behalf of the Water Department.

Chief Kile submitted his report on behalf of the Police Department.

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

Mr. Main reported that the surveys for both the park masterplan and the pool project were available online.

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

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

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.

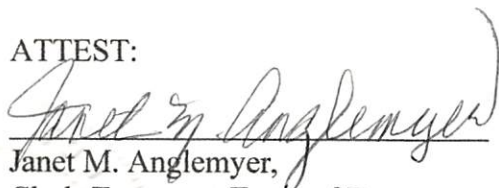
TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones submitted the services agreement for JPR, for the 2022 year, noting that the terms of the agreement had not changed since 2014. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.


Mr. Jones and Jeff Rowe from Baker Tilly then presented an update on the Wastewater Treatment Facility plans. Mr. Jones explained that the next step would be to set a public hearing for the February 28 meeting to proceed with the project. Mr. Jones explained the report and told the Council that this was the best funding climate for similar capital projects that he had seen in some time. Mr. Jones also explained about an addition to the plant project that involved repairs to a sewer interceptor issue near the river. Mr. Rowe explained that the amount of state funding normally appropriated for such projects would be doubled for 3-5 years and expressed concern that interest rates may increase in the near future. He discussed the impact of the new project on rate payers and explained that the Town's current bill of approximately \$29.93 per month was lower than the statewide average of approximately \$45.00 per month. He also added that his estimates looked at the actual costs of the project and assumed that they would be entirely financed rather than including any other kind of grants or other contributions that would reduce the total cost of the amount borrowed. The Council discussed the project and the proposed funding at length. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the advertisement of the public hearing for February 28, 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 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. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:


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


Michael Leman, President

