

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
January 13, 2020**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Mike Leman, James Leeper and Bill Daily were present. Also present were Jay Stoneburner, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Street and Water 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. Leeper noted that Mr. Leman's name had been switched for Mr. Daily's name in the special meeting portion of the minutes, and requested that the minutes be amended accordingly. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2019 meeting, as amended, 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. Leman 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. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 1-2020, amending the Wage Ordinance regarding changes to the employee health insurance plan. Ms. Anglemyer requested that the Council declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 1-2020 on all three readings. Mr. Leeper made a motion to declare an emergency and pass Ordinance 1-2020 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer informed the Council that the Board of Finance would have their next meeting on January 27, 2020.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner informed the Council of an easement project that he would be undertaking with the help of JPR for the downtown streetscape project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barb Sauter appeared before the Council and expressed concern about the condition of some of the downtown sidewalks. Mr. Weldy explained that the sidewalk would be removed and replaced this summer as part of the streetscape project.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report to the Council. Mr. Weldy then presented Resolution 2020-1, regarding a tax abatement for Summit Manufacturing in the amount of \$65,000.00. He explained that Summit would be upgrading their equipment to remain competitive in their industry. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve resolution 2020-1, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy provided the Council Members with an update on the downtown streetscape project, explaining that the Town would also be improving the water main and sewer laterals during the project. He added that the cost would normally be approximately \$700,000.00, but that approximately \$300,000.00 of that cost could be saved by merging it with the overall project. Mr. Weldy also told the Council that the Republic had made a mistake in the wording of their trash pickup notice to Town residents, and that Republic was aware of the error and was already moving to correct it.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It includes a detailed description of the experimental procedures and the statistical analysis performed.

3. The third part of the document presents the results of the study. It includes a series of tables and graphs that illustrate the findings of the research. The data shows a clear trend of increasing activity over time.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the implications of the findings. It suggests that the results have significant implications for the field of study and may lead to further research in this area.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes the study. It summarizes the main findings and provides a final statement on the importance of the research.

Mr. Mikel requested that the Council promote Jamie Stouder and Ryker Hand to the six-month pay level of \$17.45, effective January 20, 2020. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the promotions as requested, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Kile submitted the packet from the Commissioner's meeting and requested permission to send officers for out-of-state training in Baltimore, Maryland from April 26, through May 1, 2020. He explained that the department had obtained a grant that would pay for most of the costs, and the Town would only be responsible for paying the wages of the officers and providing the Town vehicle for transportation. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the request for out-of-state travel, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Chief Kile requested permission to seek quotes for two (2) new squad cars, explaining that the department would be trading in one of the existing vehicles. The Council gave him permission to seek the quotes. Chief Kile told the Council that Officer Miles had begun his training at the academy.

Mr. Main informed the Council that he had determined it would cost approximately \$5,000.00 to replace the roof on the varsity softball concession stand, and that the Jay-cee building restrooms should be renovated to make them handicap accessible at an approximate cost of \$15,000.00. Mr. Main noted that German Township had agreed to contribute \$3,000.00 to the restroom renovations. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the repair of the varsity softball concession stand roof, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the renovation of the Jay-cee building restrooms at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

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

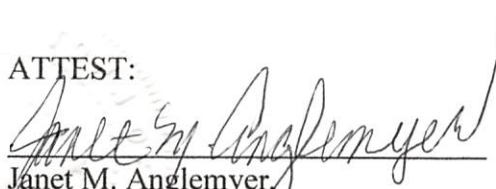
Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Ken Jones appeared on behalf of JPR and submitted JPR's contract for 2020. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones informed the Council that the survey department had begun working on the legal descriptions for the downtown streetscape project easements, and that the utility relocation would take place after the Fireman's Festival parade. Mr. Jones told the Council that the lift station project would be completed in approximately four (4) weeks, after encountering some issues at the 331 North site as well as some restoration issues at other locations. Mr. Jones also told the Council that the contract for the Parke View project was ready, but JPR needed to do some outreach to the neighborhood to assess any mobility and medical issues for access planning. The Council discussed the possible access limitations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.

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

ATTEST:


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


Bill Daily, President

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