

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA  
April 25, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Mike 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; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Keith Fraine, Cemetery Sexton; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting, as amended, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**CLERK-TREASURER:** Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Resolution 2022-8, regarding the transfer of \$94,001.52 for the Town's portion of the Community Crossings matching grant to the motor vehicle restricted fund. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-8 as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented an agreement from Baker Tilly for assistance in moving the utility receipt tax, which had recently been repealed by the State legislature, from the Town's utility rates. The Council discussed the process with Ms. Anglemyer. 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. Ms. Anglemyer then presented a request from Mr. Cunningham, who was unable to attend the meeting, for a \$0.40 raise for Eric Ringer, who had passed his class 2 certification. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the raise for Mr. Ringer as of April 25, 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mr. Wagner told the Council that the Maple Street project was moving into litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Laura Walls appeared on behalf of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation to provide an update on their activities. The Council asked her several questions about the READI program, and Mr. Weldy commented on some of the projects that may be submitted from the Bremen community.

David Dominguez and Craig Marcum appeared on behalf of Baker Tilly to review the Water and Wastewater utility financial management reports. Mr. Dominguez reviewed the Water report with the Council first, and notably pointed out that the report showed no increase in future rates but assumed no growth as well. Mr. Dominguez also reviewed the Wastewater report at length and discussed the Town strategy for rate increases. He noted that the new rate, which would be higher due to the new sewer project, was still low compared to the State average, but that gradual rate increases spread over a longer period of years may be better for the community.

Linda Yoder appeared for follow-up discussion on the Marshall County Blue Zones proposal submitted at the previous meeting. The Council discussed several questions about the program, and Mr. Weldy commented that he believed that the Town's



commitment should be spread over three years. The Town tabled a decision on a commitment until the ARPA plan was discussed.

Joe Blakley appeared and asked several questions. He told the Council that he had started constructing a patio and asked several questions about fencing standards. Mr. Weldy answered the questions but told Mr. Blakley that he and a representative from the Troyer Group would review the drawing with him once he had a proposal. Mr. Blakley asked whether the 2022 Oktoberfest event will be held downtown, and Mr. Weldy explained that it would need to be held at the park for one more year before its return to downtown permanently after the completion of the Jackson Street project.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Mr. Weldy submitted his report and told the Council that the Redevelopment Commission had approved the lift station project that had been discussed at the Council's April 11 meeting. Mr. Weldy also presented two quotes for flower maintenance in the downtown corridor and maintenance of the LED sign lot on Bowen Avenue and recommended the quote from Commercial Lawn Maintenance at a cost of \$2,550.00 per year. He explained that would involve 26 trips to mow and 12 engagement managing the flowers. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the quote from Commercial Lawn Maintenance as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Wright submitted his report and requested permission to advertise to hire a new lineman as an existing employee had left for other employment. The Council gave him permission to do so.

Mr. Mikel requested that the Council promote Dexter White to class A water operator as of April 25, 2022. Mr. Daily made a motion to promote Mr. White to class A water operator as of April 25, 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Kile told the Council that his department had received the body camera grant from the State in the amount of \$4,800.00, and that the department would receive new cameras soon with the old cameras being distributed amongst the reserves.

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

Mr. Fraine had no new information to report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

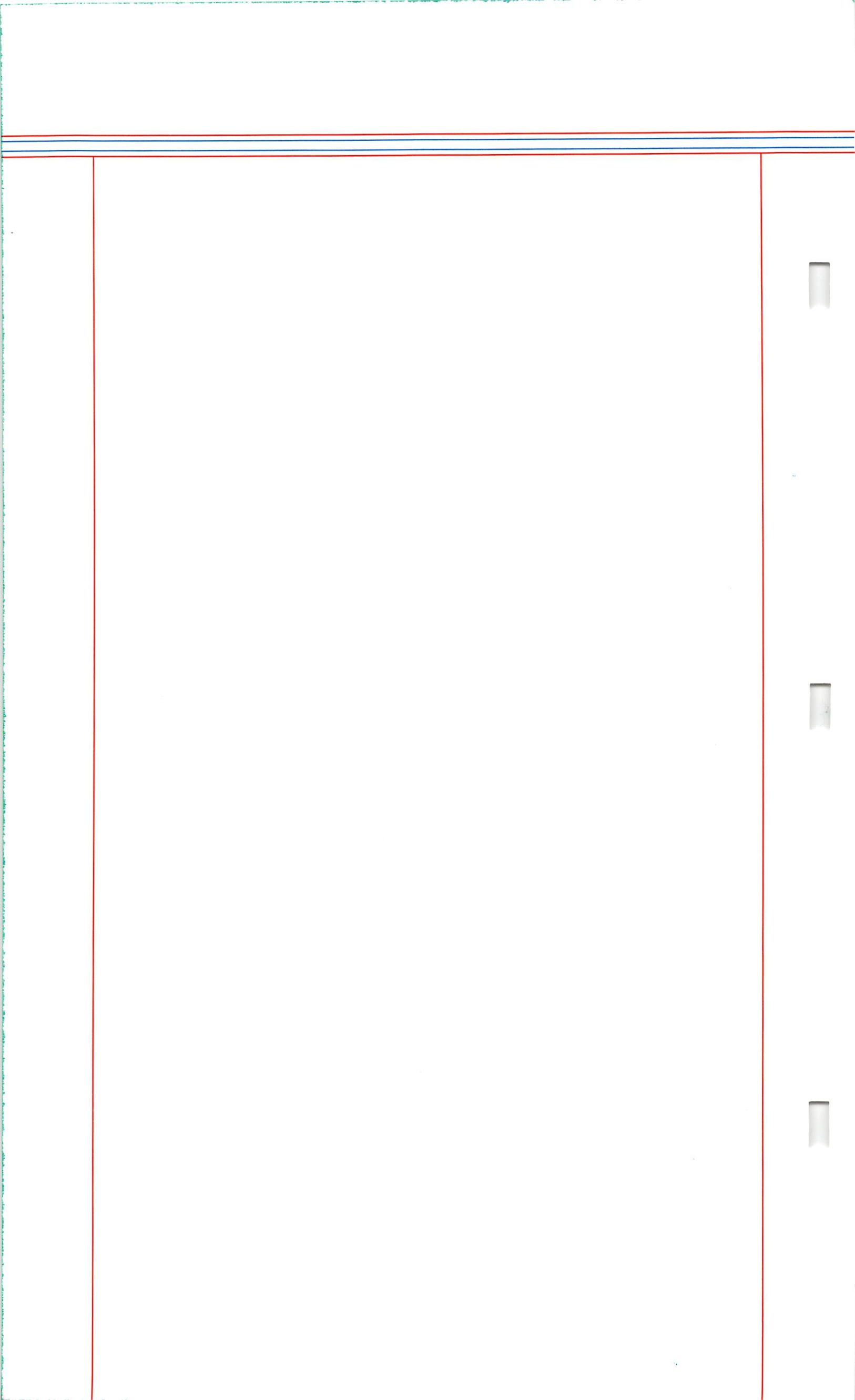
Mr. Langdon had no new information to report on behalf of the Street Department

Mr. Main told the Council that the pool would open on May 28 for the 2022 season, and that swim lesson sign ups would begin on May 21.

Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mr. Daily thanked Mr. Mikel for assembling the information for the Baker Tilly water utility report.

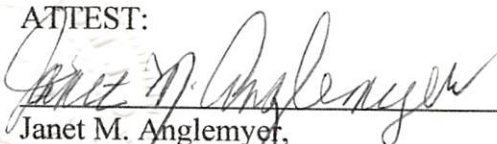
Mr. Leman told the audience that the Council would now hold a discussion on the status of the pool construction project, and that anyone who was uninterested in participating in that discussion, including the Department Heads, could leave. Mr. Leman proceeded to give a description of the process to develop the proposed designs and the status of the current designs. He explained that both of the proposed designs had come in over the amount of funding available through the Stellar Grant and the Town's match and asked the Council to help find additional funds. Mr. Weldy stressed that the opportunity to use the \$1.6 million dollars of the Stellar Grant could not be lost. The

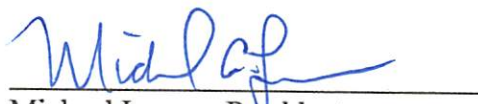


Council asked a number of questions of Mr. Leman, Mr. Main and Mr. Wagner all of whom participated on the Pool Committee. Mr. Leman stated that he would like to use a portion of the ARPA funds to fill the funding gap, and Mr. Weldy replied that some of the funds were tied up in other proposals. Mr. Wagner suggested that the Council receive the ARPA plan proposal as soon as possible so that they could consider how those funds would be used and whether other funding sources would be necessary.

**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. Anglemeyer,  
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

  
Michael Leman, President

