

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
February 22, 2021**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Mike Leman, James Leeper and Rick Graverson 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; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Keith Fraine, Cemetery Sexton, Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting, 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; Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented a list of outstanding checks, totaling \$341.82, to be voided. The Council reviewed the list and Mr. Leman made a motion to void the checks, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner informed the Council that no bids had been received for the surplus property, and Mr. Weldy told the Council that it should be declared worthless so that the Street Department could dispose of the property. Mr. Leman made a motion to declare the property worthless, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner then told the Council of an edit Mr. Graverson had suggested to the proposed Ordinance 4-2021. The Council discussed the ordinance. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Ordinance 4-2021 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner told the Council that he had spoken to Ty Adley regarding some changes to the zoning ordinance, and Mr. Weldy added that he had also spoken with Mr. Adley regarding the final draft. Mr. Wagner explained a clarification to distinguish commercial and private shooting ranges being added to the ordinance.

Mr. Wagner opened the following bids for the 2021 Community Crossings project:

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| • Walsh & Kelly Inc. | \$ 516,921.75 |
| • E&B Paving, Inc. | \$ 366,765.00 |
| • Reith Riley Construction | \$ 397,696.61 |
| • Niblock Excavating, Inc. | \$ 417,134.00 |

Mr. Leman made a motion to take the bids under advisement, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Wagner then asked the Council if they wished to consider the proposed resolution in support of the library project, and Mr. Leman suggested that they allow some members of the public to comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Marshall County Council members Heath Thornton, Tim Harman, and Jesse Bohannon appeared before the Town Council to discuss the library project. Mr. Harman claimed that this would be the fifth property tax increase in five (5) years in the area and he also stated that property tax revenues had increased 20%-

25% in that 5-year span. Mr. Harman and Mr. Bohannon listed a number of other libraries that did not carry the volume of reserves compared to the Bremen Public Library, and Mr. Harman asked whether the proposal ought to be submitted as a public question. Mr. Leman, Mr. Graverson, and Mr. Daily each spoke in support of the project, noting that the building had not been renovated since 1992, the library experienced exponential growth in traffic and that the work was necessary to maintain the library as a valuable asset to the community. The County Council Members asked if the Council would be willing to collaborate on other solutions to the disagreement, to which Mr. Leman agreed.

Mr. Thornton also informed the Council that his final term on the Marshall County Council on Aging was coming to an end, and asked if anyone interested in serving as Bremen's representative to contact him to discuss the position.

After the discussion, Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-4, regarding support of the Bremen Public Library Renovation Expansion Project, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report and informed the Council that the Marshall County Board of Zoning Appeals had approved the chicken farm to be constructed just outside the Town limits. Mr. Weldy also told the Council that the traffic signals in the downtown streetscape project would need to be brought down and re-wired due to an error and that it would be another two (2) weeks before the lights would be working. A patron asked if the timing on the light at Bowen and Plymouth had been changed, and Mr. Weldy and Chief Kile explained that INDOT had set it so that it was on a timer rather than based on pressure sensors.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Stoneburner reminded the Council of the upcoming meeting with Representative Jackie Walorski, and told them that Senator Mike Braun would have an event later on the same day.

Mr. Mikel had no new information to report on behalf of the Water Department.

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

Chief Neher informed the Council that he had submitted a joint application with Marshall County to FEMA for radio equipment grant, and that he would send the preliminary EMS calculations to the Council members.

Mr. Main informed the Council that the five-year master plan process for the park system would begin soon, and told them that he had begun plans to open the pool with COVID protocols during the summer but that the final plans were still in development.

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

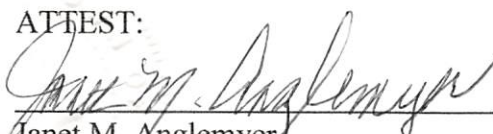
Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones asked the Council to consider a manhole lining and spot repair project in the downtown area, and explained that it had originally been planned but had been removed from the project and not returned when the scope of the project was changed. He estimated the cost to be approximately \$45,000.00. The Council discussed funding sources.

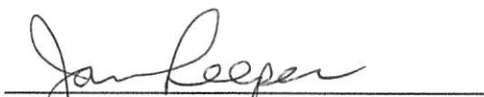
COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:



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



James Leeper, President

