MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA July 8, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Mike Leman, and James Leeper were present. Also present were: Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Jay Stoneburner, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Street and Water Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; and Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer. Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney, participated by video conference due to illness.

MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper 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 presented Ordinance 6-2020, regarding an appropriation from the Cemetery/Perpetual Care fund, for first reading. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-2020 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 7-2020, regarding the creation of a new fund for COVID-19 expenses and reimbursements, and requested that the Council declare an emergency and pass the ordinance on three readings so that the fund could be opened immediately. Mr. Leman made a motion to declare an emergency and pass Ordinance 7-2020 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner asked the Council to submit any input regarding the revisions to the Town Code regarding the park department. Mr. Main told the Council that DNR had approved the format for applying for future grants. Mr. Wagner said he would have the ordinance prepared for first reading at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Leeper made a motion to suspend the regular meeting to open the public hearing on the Streetscape Improvement Project, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Daily opened the public hearing and gave the floor to Shannon McLeod. Ms. McLeod explained the nature and history of the project and its funding, as well as the logistics of executing documents for the State. She added that a second public hearing will be held on July 27. Anita Gooden from Max 98.3 News asked what the project entailed, and Ms. McLeod explained that the project would install new sidewalks, curbing and street lights on Plymouth Street and part of Center Street. With no other public comments, Mr. Leeper made a motion to close the hearing, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Daily reopened the regular meeting.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS:</u> Mr. Leman made a motion to reopen the regular meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Dailey sked Ronnie Balsley if his noise complaint had been resolved at all, and he explained that it had not. Chief Kile explained what the department was doing to address his complaints. Mr. Daily asked Chief Kile what else could be done, and Chief Kile explained that it would be necessary to catch the offenders in the act. Mr. Daily and Chief Kile asked Mr. Balsley to call the department when he experienced the problems.

<u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:</u> Mr. Weldy submitted his report, and informed that the street work in the downtown area would begin the following week. He also explained how he had addressed a complaint about the Dollar General building and sent notices on several unsafe buildings.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Stoneburner informed the Council that Collin Snyder had passed his journeyman's test and was eligible for promotion to first class journeyman worker. Mr. Stoneburner requested that he be promoted as of July 20, 2020. Mr. Leman made a motion to promote Mr. Snyder as requested, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Mikel requested the promotion of Kevin Adams to Class A operator as of July 20, 2020. Mr. Leeper made a motion to promote Mr. Adams as requested, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Kile told the Council that Officer Miles had completed his academy training and was eligible to be promoted to first class patrolman as of July 6, 2020. Mr. Leman made a motion to promote Officer Miles as requested, which was seconded as Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Chief Kile also informed the Council that the Reserve Department had added two new members.

Mr. Main informed the Council that one of the department's part-time mowers was retiring and requested permission to replace the position of the remaining mowers could not cover the additional work. Mr. Main then asked the Council whether he should add water to the pool, explaining that the pool chemicals would cost approximately \$500 per week. The Council discussed the appearance of the pool weighed against the cost of the chemicals and directed Mr. Main to leave the pool empty at this time.

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

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department and informed the Council that the Department had decided to cancel the Firemen's Festival for the year. Mr. Weldy added that the Summer's End festival had been canceled but that no decision on had been made regarding Oktoberfest.

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: Mr. Jones submitted his report and explained the request to rebid the Alexander Street project. Mr. Leman made a motion to rebid the Alexander Street project on August 10, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

<u>COUNCIL COMMENTS:</u> Mr. Daily asked whether town employees should be equipped with masks again. The Council discussed the situations and locations where masks should be required. Mr. Weldy described the current policy. The Council discussed the matter at length, and asked Mr. Weldy to return to the prior mask policy.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leeper 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

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