

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
May 23, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 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; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent Chief Matt Neher,, Fire Department; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

PUBLIC HEARING – JACKSON STREET PROJECT: Mr. Leman opened the public hearing scheduled for 4:30 p.m. regarding the Jackson Street project. Shannon McLeod appeared before the Council and explained that the project had a total estimated cost of \$1.388 million dollars with approximately \$1.157 million dollars coming from grants. She said that the Town had committed to pay \$195,000.00 from the TIF fund, but that an additional \$36,000.00 would be sent on “perishables”, as the grant could not cover trees, landscaping, and the like. Ms. McLeod told the Council that the income survey was ongoing, and that she was looking to submit the application in 10-15 days. Ms. McLeod stated that she would submit a draft resolution to authorize the application submitted for the next meeting. No members of the public had additional questions or comments. Mr. Leeper made a motion to close the meeting and open the regular meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Leman then opened the regular meeting of the Bremen Town Council.

MINUTES: Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper 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 by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 4-2022 for first reading, regarding the new water rates. The Council discussed the ordinance briefly. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then asked the Council to set the annual budget review meeting. The Council selected June 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. for its meeting. Ms. Anglemyer also reminded the Council that a public hearing was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. regarding additional appropriations for the Community Crossings grant.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner informed the Council that he would attend the upcoming municipal law seminar, but that he would also be gone the week on June 27, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy explained to the Council Members that he had worked with a contractor for an estimate on the repairs to the apartment building elevator. He told the Council that he had not received a new estimate yet, but that he had been told that the elevator would be out of service for 6-8 weeks for the repairs. Mr. Weldy also informed the Council that he had attended a recent IMPA meeting, where he learned that they were waiting on parts for construction of the new solar park.

He also described a warning that IMPA gave regarding the possibility of rolling blackouts during the summer due to insufficient energy generation. Mr. Graverson asked whether there would be any advance notice for the blackouts, and Mr. Weldy said that it did not seem like there would be. Mr. Leman asked about the cause of the blackouts, and Mr. Weldy explained that new federal regulations had taken a number of coal-fired plants off-line without new generation facilities to replace the output. The Council discussed other circumstances regarding the potential blackouts. Mr. Weldy then asked Mr. Leman to execute a number of CF-1 for several businesses, and told the Council that free COVID tests were available in foyer.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright asked the Council to approve the transfer of Seth Snider from the Wastewater Department to the Electric Department and explained that they were unable to attract a new lineman for their open position, so it made sense to transfer and train Mr. Snider. He told the Council that Mr. Snider would begin with the Electric Department on June 6, 2022. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the transfer of Mr. Snider to the Electric Department, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wright then explained that the Department had two journeyman lineman and that it would be approximately 18 months until any of the Department's current apprentices could reach on-call status. As a result, he asked the Council to amend the wage ordinance to create a new part-time on-call position. He explained that the new position would earn approximately \$450.00 per week, and that he had contacted an employee retired from the department about filling the role. The Council asked him several questions about the current lineman pay compared to the available private sector pay. Mr. Wright told the Council that he estimated they would need the additional employee for approximately one year, and that it was only a temporary solution. The Council discussed long-term solutions to the lineman staffing problem. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Ordinance 5-2022, the amended wage ordinance, on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 3-2022: Mr. Leeper made a motion to suspend the regular and open the public hearing regarding Ordinance 3-2022, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented Ordinance 3-2022, approving additional appropriations from Community Crossings project. She told the Council that they would need to declare an emergency and approve the ordinance on all three readings. No public comments were offered regarding the ordinance. Mr. Leeper made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 3-2022 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leeper then made a motion to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (CONTINUED):

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

Chief Kile told the Council that the department had purchased a total of 10 new tasers for the department and hosted a successful weekend range course for the public. He discussed posting several more range courses over the course of 2022. Chief Kile also told the Council that four reserve officers had completed the reserve academy.

Chief Neher presented a quote from Tyler's Heating and Cooling to fix the air conditioning in the Police building. He explained that the quote was for \$15,951.66, and that the repairs could not be put off any longer. Mr. Leman asked how quickly the repairs could be performed and Chief Neher replied that Tyler's had all the equipment on hand and that it would be done quickly. Ms. Anglemyer told the Council that the funds were available in the Cumulative Capital Development fund. Mr. Leeper made

a motion to approve the quote from Tyler's Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$15,951.66, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Cunningham requested permission to advertise for a new employee for his department due to the approved transfer; the Council asked him to proceed.

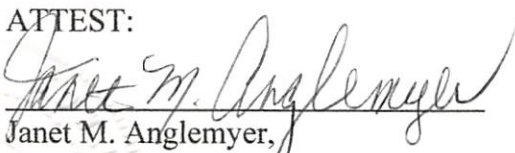
Mr. Main told the Council that St. Paul's Lutheran School had hosted an event for over 600 people in the park, which was well reviewed. He reminded the Council that the pool would open on Saturday, and that Bremen High School wanted to have another graduate parade ending at the park on Friday. Chief Neher expressed concern that he had only received notice of the parade today, and that the school did not have a permit for the parade or any road closures. The Council discussed how to conduct the parade safely, and it was agreed that Plymouth Street/SR106 should not be used by the parade. Mr. Leman said that he would discuss the matter with Bruce Jennings later that evening.


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.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leman thanked Ms. Anglemyer for providing the income and expense information regarding the apartment building. The Council Members discussed additional information to be reviewed in anticipation of the upcoming budgeting meeting.

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

