MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA May 26, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 26, 2020, 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; 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; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 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. Leeper made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then submitted pay application #7 for the 2019 lift station project, in the amount of \$12,825.00. She explained that there would be one final pay application in the future, and that it would include a change order. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve pay application #7, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 5-2020, regarding amendments to the organic waste processing facility rules, for first reading. The Council discussed the Ordinance as presented, and asked Mr. Wagner to include "small brush" to the definition to materials allowed at the facility. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 5-2020 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Wagner then explained to the Council concerns he had regarding the understanding of the Park Board's scope of authority. He told the Council that the Park Board historically had taken on an advisory role in some matters, but that the Town Code seemed to suggest that their authority was broader than they were exercising. David Holmes appeared and offered his opinion in recollections regarding the creation of the Park Board during his time as the Town Attorney. Mr. Main added in additional information that he had received from the Department of Natural Resources regarding its perception of the Town's Park Board. A long discussion of the statutory application ensued, and the Council discussed the scope and nature of the intended powers for the Park Board. Mr. Wagner asked the Council Members to carefully consider what changes they might like to see to the Town Code. Eric Hudson appeared on behalf of the Park Board and explained that the Park Board had recommended the closing of the Town Pool due to the COVID-19 pandemic and asked the Council to ratify that recommendation. Mr. Leman made a motion to keep the pool closed for the remainder of the 2020 season, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

<u>BID OPENING:</u> Mr. Wagner opened the bids for the 2020 Aerial truck. The following bids were submitted:

Utility Truck Equipment, Inc.: \$247,154.00
Altech, Inc.: \$239,625.00

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted his report, and shared a letter from the Troyer Group regarding the electric bids for the downtown streetscape equipment project. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the contract with Powerline Supply in the amount of \$299,054.18, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy noted that OCRA had delayed the project for approximately 1 month, while resolving and administrative issue. Mr. Weldy informed the Council that the Stellar group had been awarded a \$150,000.00 grant for the installation of message boards in the communities throughout Marshall County, and explained that the award would free up Stellar funds for other projects. Mr. Weldy presented six (6) CF-1 Forms for Mike's Custom Painting, for both real estate and personal property; one (1) CF-1 Form for BCI; and two (2) CF-1 Forms for NISCO, both for personal property. Mr. Daily signed each of the CF-1 Forms. Mr. Weldy noted that he had received an increase in complaints about ordinance violations. Mr. Graverson asked if the signs posted in the Town's entryways could be improved or removed, and Mr. Weldy told the Council he would have an updated estimate as to cost for the all the signs at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Stoneburner had no new information to report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Mikel gave the Council an update and revised schedule for his department's projects in Town.

Chief Kile told the Council that Officer Miles had returned from the academy and was finishing some course work online but should still graduate toward the end of June or early July.

Chief Neher told the Council that the Fireman's Festival had been postponed and that the festival parade had been cancelled. Mr. Daily asked if the fireworks would take place on the 4th and Chief Neher discussed the logistical obstacles to having the annual fireworks display. Chief Neher also noted that the department's fundraiser for a new gear washer had been successful.

Mr. Main informed the Council that the restrooms had been opened in the park and that most facilities were open for use with the exception of the playgrounds and drinking fountains. He also told the Council that he had been appointed to a Marshall County Park Board. Mr. Leman asked whether the softball team would have their season this year and Mr. Main said their decision will be made shortly but that the baseball program had already decided to cancel.

Mr. Cunningham had no new information to report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Mr. Weldy told the Council that the high school graduation ceremony discussed at the last meeting would still take place on Sunday, May 31, 2020.

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: Ken Jones appeared on behalf of JPR and presented a change order for the community crossroads project. He explained that they had discovered a more significant change of elevation in the Southlawn portion of the project, resulting at an increased cost of \$6,266.00 for recreating. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve

the change order as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leeper asked if any more streets would be closed for the project, and Mr. Jones explained that there would be several closures, but that the contractor should be able to work with the residents to insure access to their homes. Mr. Jones also told the Council that he would have a revised schedule for the Parkeview project soon.

Ms. Anglemyer reminded the Councilmembers that the annual budget review would take place on June 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

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:

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Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

William Daily, President