

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
April 22, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Michael Leman, William Daily, Bryan Miller, and Alex Mikel were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Dan Byam, Town Engineer, and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented a schedule of worthless property to be discarded during the Town trash days on May 10 and May 11. The Council reviewed the schedule, and Mr. Daily made a motion to declare the listed property as worthless, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 4-2024 for second reading. Mr. Leman opened the public hearing for Ordinance 4-2024 and opened the floor for public comments. Jeff Rowe from Baker Tilly appeared and explained that the rates that the ordinance reflected sufficient levels to cover operations plus the costs of the upcoming wastewater treatment plant project. He explained that Baker Tilly had contacted the State Revolving Fund, which indicated that it was willing to postpone the bond closing but the suggestion for the Council was to approve the Ordinance on second reading only. Baker Tilly would then recalculate the rates based on the new bidding for the project. Mr. Mikel asked if the project would fall in the SRF's fall pool of funding, and Mr. Rowe replied that SFR would be doing a summer pool as well and that pool matched up better with the projects timing. Mr. Leman asked for other public comments and no other comments were offered. Mr. Leman closed the public hearing. Mr. Mikel then made a motion to approve Ordinance 4-2024 on second reading, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner asked the Council how they wished to proceed regarding several matters brought before the Council, including chickens and UTV's. The Council asked Mr. Fraine and Mr. Wagner to set up a work session on both matters.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was brought before the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandy Dunfee of Marshall County HOPE and the Marshall County Health Department, appeared with Thomas Kinnaird, the coordinator of Marshall County HOPE and described the work of their program. They explained that they hoped to grow it into a substance abuse services clearinghouse and asked the Council to commit its restricted funds from the opioid settlement to the program. Ms. Anglemyer explained that the Town currently held \$22,000.00 of the restricted funds and \$10,000.00 in unrestricted funds. Mr. Leman asked Ms. Dunfee if the Town could consider this request in their upcoming budget cycle in June, and Mr. Mikel added that

he would like to learn more about the funds and appropriate uses. Ms. Dunfee did not see any issue with the delay.

Joe Blakley appeared and asked whether any notice would go out regarding the upcoming trash days. Mr. Fraine and Ms. Anglemyer explained the methods of advertising they intended to utilize. Mr. Blakley also asked whether golf cart registration had begun, and Mr. Fraine and Chief Kile told the Council that they had discussed holding a registration day on Saturday to encourage more registrations.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine reviewed a proposed solution to the issues with the Jackson Street fire pit. Mike Reese from the Troyer Group appeared to provide additional information and the Council discussed various options. Mr. Leman stated that he would like to see the cost for adding some sort of online activation for the fire pit so that that Town employees did not spend as much time monitoring the pit. Mr. Fraine also told the Council that he had developed proposed rates for the Bremen Hotel Apartments, and Mr. Wagner suggested that an additional meeting take place solely to discuss options for the property.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright told the Council that the department would begin tree trimming around its lines. Mr. Leman asked if the tree trimming would be performed by department employees, and Mr. Wright said that the department had hired an outside contractor. Mr. Daily asked if the work could be done in-house, and Mr. Wright explained that he found the contractor had a better quality of work and end result. Mr. Wright also submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Aguayo told the Council that his department would begin flushing hydrants and submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department.

Chief Kile told the Council that Officer Martin had graduated from the academy last Friday.

Eric Vance submitted his Mechanic's Report.

Mr. Main told the Council that the pool project was progressing, and that the pickleball courts would be poured soon.

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

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

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

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

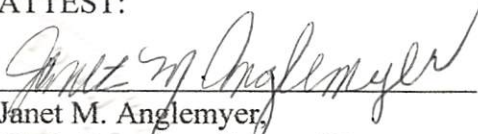
TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Byam explained the results of the recent project timeline meeting. He told the Council that the closing would be pushed back to the end of July to allow six weeks for bidding of the project, which would begin April 29, 2024 and remain open until June 10, 2024. He also noted JPR had received two soft commitments to submit bids. Mr. Byam told the Council that they would need to schedule a pre-bid meeting, and the Council scheduled the meeting for May 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Mikel made a motion to put the project out for bid, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

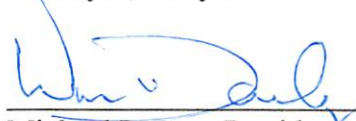
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Mikel asked Mr. Wright for the cost of the department's tree trimming this year, and Mr. Wright told him that it was approximately \$45,000.00 and would take approximately 6-7 weeks.

Mr. Daily asked Mr. Main if Kipfer Drive was open, and Mr. Main explained the schedule for closing the drive during park activities.

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

ATTEST:


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


Michael Leman, President

