

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
December 21, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members William Daily, Michael Leman, and James Leeper were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 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. Leeper made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented Ordinance 15-2023, regarding certain year-end appropriations, and asked the Council to declare an emergency to approve the ordinance on three readings. Mr. Leman made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 15-2023 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then submitted the annual Fire Protection Agreement with German Township. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Fire Protection Agreement as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also presented the annual Chamber of Commerce Services Agreement. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Services Agreement as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented the contract with Mr. Wagner for legal services for 2024; Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the contract as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented the contract for janitorial services with Martha Whitsel and requested permission to execute the contract. Mr. Leeper made a motion to grant permission for Ms. Anglemyer to execute the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer noted that each of the elected officials present had executed their nepotism certificates, and then asked the Council to approve pay application number 5 for the Jackson Street project, payable to Brown & Brown in the amount of \$296,150.08. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve pay application number 5, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer concluded by thanking Mr. Leeper and Mr. Graverson for their long service to the Town.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he and Mr. Fraine had identified several candidates for the Council to select for the proposed unsafe building hearing committee and thanked Mr. Leeper and Mr. Graverson for their work over the years.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Blakley appeared before the Council and suggested they hire an event planner for Town events, and Mr. Daily responded that the idea had been discussed and would be considered in the next budget cycle.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine explained to the Council that he recommended that Erika Leman be appointed to the Redevelopment Commission to replace Larry Grebe as of January 1, 2024, but that Ms. Leman would be leaving the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals as a result. He also recommended that the Council appoint Javier Jimenez to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Plan Commission in her place. He noted that both appointments were in the slate of appointments to be approved in the upcoming special session. Mr. Fraine also told the Council that there were two vacant apartments available and that the price should be reviewed. The Council discussed the apartment building and tabled the matter for further consideration regarding the building as a whole.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

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

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

Chief Neher announced that the Fire Department's appreciation dinner would take place on January 16, 2024 with more information to come.

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

Mr. Main had no new information to report on behalf of the Park 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. 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.

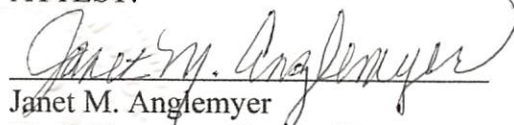
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leeper addressed the audience and reminisced regarding the 20 years that he had served on the Town Council and the 16 years beforehand serving on the Park Board. He noted that he had worked with several Directors of Operations and many Department Heads and enjoyed them all. He also noted that he had worked with Ms. Anglemyer for a considerable time. He thanked the other Council Members and Ms. Anglemyer and expressed his best wishes for the Town in the future.

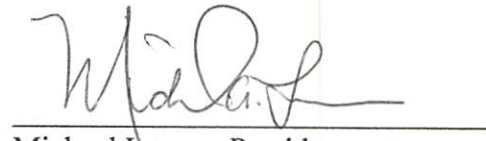
ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leeper made a motion to adjourn the meeting to the reorganization session, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

REORGANIZATION: Ms. Anglemyer presided over the reorganization session. The Council discussed whether they should elect officers and decided to wait until the first January meeting so that Mr. Mikel and Mr. Miller could participate. Mr. Leeper then made a motion to approve the slate of Department Heads submitted by Mr. Fraine effective January 1, 2024, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the slate of appointments submitted by Mr. Fraine, effective January 1, 2024, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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ATTEST:


Janet M. Anglemeyer
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen


Michael Leman, President

