

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA  
June 24, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 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; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Eric Vance, Town Mechanic; Ken Jones and Dan Byam, Town Engineers, and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

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

**MINUTES:** Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**BID OPENING:** Mr. Wagner opened the bids for the Community Crossings matching grant program. The following bids were submitted:

- E&B Paving, Inc.: \$498,115.30
- Milestone Construction, L.P.: \$569,576.70
- Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.: \$443,727.00
- Niblock Excavating & Asphalt: \$541,611.50

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

**CLERK-TREASURER:** Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 7-2024, regarding the creation of a tourism fund. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to declare an emergency and approve the ordinance on three readings as she had received a check for monies to be deposited into this fund. Mr. Miller made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 7-2024 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 9-2024, regarding an amendment to the Town Code pertaining to yard sprinkling system billing. Ms. Anglemyer then asked the Council to approve the ordinance on three readings, so it could be applied to the next billing cycle. She also explained that this simply extended the time frame for billing for yard sprinkler systems as residents seem to be using them later each year. Mr. Miller made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 9-2024 on three readings which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer told the Council that the trash service issue had been rectified and that her office had received the first property tax distribution from the state.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mr. Wagner presented Resolution 2024-08, regarding the addition of a public question to add an additional Council Member to the November election ballot. The Council discussed the resolution. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner gave the Council a brief description of several subjects he wished to review based on his recent municipal attorney seminar.





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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeff Chin, Josh Morris and Ken Thieneman appeared on behalf of Thieneman Construction in regards to the bids for the Wastewater plant project. They gave a presentation regarding other communities with similar projects and adjustments they made to reduce the costs. They asked the Council to set up a meeting to review changes to the project. Mr. Jones told the Council that the project was pulled from the spring SRF funding, and that entering the fall pool would mean a November closing. Mr. Mikel asked Mr. Cunningham what concerns he had, and Mr. Cunningham replied that he did not want to reuse the existing wet well because of the difficulties his department had cleaning it already. Mr. Jones asked for permission for JPR to work with Thieneman to reduce the project costs and noted that would involve Mr. Cunningham and Dan Fox. Mr. Leman reiterated the Council's concern with the substantial rate increase due to the unanticipated project cost increases. Mr. Chin noted that their bid would be good for 150 days, and that any plans to scale down the project could be determined within 60 days. The Council thanked the three representatives for appearing and asked Mr. Jones to proceed.

A group of concerned residents from 2C Road, just outside the Town boundaries, appeared and expressed concerns about problematic behavior coming from one property owner. The Council received comments from Berne McGrane, Steve Wirgau, Jim Brown, Brant Ayoub, and several other residents. The Council asked Mr. Fraine and Mr. Wagner to look into the reports to see what could be done.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Mr. Fraine submitted his report.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Wright told the Council that his department recently underwent additional safety training.

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

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

Chief Neher had no new information to report on behalf of the Fire Department.

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. Lockwood submitted his report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

Mr. Daily 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.

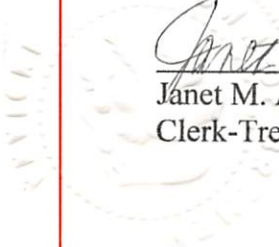
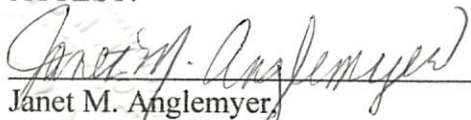
**TOWN ENGINEER:** Mr. Jones asked the Council to formally declare an emergency regarding the 331 water main replacement project. Mr. Daily made a motion to declare the project an emergency which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones also asked to approve the first payment to Selge Construction in the amount of \$367,284.20; Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the payment as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones told the Council that JPR had obtained a quote for replacement of the river crossing and described the details of that project. Mr. Jones told the Council that Selge's quote was for \$156,650.00, bringing the total project to \$557,344.50. Mr. Mikel suggested considering upsizing the river crossing. Mr. Mikel made a motion to include the river crossing repairs in the emergency repair project, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

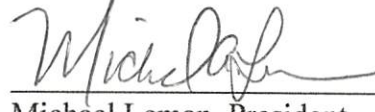


**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** No Council Comments were submitted.

**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

