MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA July 24, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Rick Graverson, Mike Leman and James Leeper were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Augayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

<u>CLERK-TREASURER</u>: 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.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner asked the Council whether they wished to set the hearing on second reading of the golf-cart ordinance for a special meeting at a later time to allow more members of the public to attend. The Council discussed dates for the hearing and set the special meeting for August 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Mr. Wagner also provided an update on other projects.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Daily asked about the status of the replacement wetland sign at the park. Mr. Graverson noted that the Elliott family had volunteered to provide a sign with a plaque. Mr. Graverson said that he would contact the family again for confirmation.

Mr. Daily asked Mr. Langdon if any sidewalks had been repaired, and Mr. Langdon replied that the department had not had time to perform any repairs yet this year.

Mr. Fraine told the Council that old footers from a previous building had been discovered on the site of the Jackson Street project, but that the issue had been addressed, and that the signage for the First Federal Savings Bank exit had been approved after a discussion with them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Danny Thornton appeared and reiterated his complaints about the adjoining property on 1st Road. Mr. Wagner explained the scope limitations of the Board of Zoning Appeals authority. Mr. Leman noted that he saw a Facebook ad for a vehicle for sale on the owner's page.

Clayton Thomas appeared before the Council and asked for a no-parking area near the intersection of Washington and North Street to be converted to a handicap parking spot. He explained the specific address was 205 North Washington Street. Chief Kile told the Council that the street committee would look into the location and consider the business traffic through the area. Mr. Thomas also asked to turn the benches downtown around so that they face street traffic.

<u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:</u> Mr. Fraine submitted his report to the Council and said that he was getting acclimated to the position.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Mr. Aguayo told the Council that his department had changed approximately 300 water meters and inspected 500 homes since they began their line inspection program. He noted that the department was out of meters, but they would continue with the inspections. Mr. Daily asked him what sort of response he had encountered, and Mr. Aguayo said that residents had been positive. He added that he had not found any lead pipes so far, but that the information was being sent to the State for additional testing.

Chief Kile told the Council that the Board of Police Commissioners had promoted Officer Ulch to Sergeant, effective July 17, 2023, which the Council approved. He also told the Council that Officer Sahlhoff had been approved by the Pension Committee, and that Officer Rodriguez would graduate from the Police Academy in the middle of August.

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

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

Mr. Main reported that the field-lining device had been successfully used for the soccer field and had saved him approximately 8 hours of work. He also noted that one mower was unable to work and that he was looking for a part-time mower.

Mr. Lockwood submitted his 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 4 ayes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Nick Amor appeared before the Council and submitted information about off-road vehicles in hopes of excluding them from the proposed golf-cart ordinance.

No other Council comments were offered.

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

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

William Daily, President

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