MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA May 8, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 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 Trend Weldy, 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; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Keith Fraine, Cemetery Sexton; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 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. Ms. Anglemyer also presented the payroll docket for review. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to approve a list of worthless property for disposal. The Council reviewed the list and authorized her to dispose of the property on the list at the upcoming community trash day event.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY POOL PROJECT: Mr. Daily opened the public hearing for the community pool project. Mr. Weldy explained that Shannon McLeod could not be present for the meeting due to a family emergency and read the statement regarding the pool project aloud. Mr. Weldy asked if anyone had any questions or comments about the project. Mr. Main stated that the statement had incorrectly listed the pool depth as 4 feet rather than 5 feet. Joe Blakely asked if a diving board would be installed and Mr. Weldy confirmed that no diving board had been planned. At the conclusion of public comments, Mr. Daily closed the public hearing.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner apologized for the confusion regarding the executive session believed to have been scheduled for May 8, and confirmed that the new executive session had been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023 as well as a new special meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m. the same day.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was brought to the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy asked the Council to approve the hiring of Eric Vance as the town mechanic, to begin May 15, 2023. He explained that Mr. Vance would receive an hourly rate of \$29.60. Mr. Graverson made a motion to hire Mr. Vance as the new mechanic which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy then presented Resolution 2023-7, regarding a personal property tax abatement for Universal Bearing. He explained that Universal Bearing was purchasing new grinder equipment, and that the equipment would require adding 28 additional employees. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-7, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy told the Council that the upcoming Southwire expansion now has an

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estimated value of \$111 million dollars of investment. Mr. Weldy presented CF-1 statements for Protec Panel, Nex-Gen Group, Digger Specialties, Inc. and Universal Bearings, and informed the Council that each was in compliance in regard to their particular statements. Mr. Daily signed each CF-1 statement. Mr. Weldy then presented the contract with Brown & Brown for the construction of the Jackson Street project. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department, and reminded everyone present of the solar park ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on May 11, 2023.

Mr. Aguayo submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department.

Chief Kile asked the Council for direction in setting the reserve on a retired police vehicle the department would be offering for sale. The Council discussed the value of the vehicle and told Chief Kile to set the reserve at \$5,500.00.

Mr. Fraine told the Council that the water line project had been completed, and explained that the project resulted in a reduction in the number of spigots.

Mr. Langdon submitted his report on behalf of the Street Department.

Mr. Main told the Council that the Park Department was behind on mowing due to the absences of some employees, but that the department would be working to catch up shortly.

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire 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.

<u>COUNCIL COMMENTS</u>: Mr. Leman asked Chief Kile a question about the cost of certain paint purchased by the Police Department, and offered to help purchase that type of paint at a better price in the future. Mr. Graverson asked Mr. Leman some questions about repairing the buffalo statute for the Psi-Iota group.

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:

Janet M. Anglemyer, /

Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

William Daily, President