## MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA June 26, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, 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, Brad Thornton, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council Members that the revised golf cart ordinance had been provided for their review and that the approval process would continue in subsequent meetings although he was still open to additional input. Mr. Wagner also explained the ordinance that he submitted regarding the ARPA plan approval. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner asked if the Council wanted to act on the proposed resolution to set a public question regarding the addition of a fifth council member to the 2023 general election, but the Council asked Mr. Wagner to contact the county clerk to determine whether an election would take place in the fall. Mr. Wagner also reminded the Council of the upcoming Redevelopment Commission meeting on July 10 and asked the Members to attend.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Leman stated that he was pleased that the Town's parking lot had finally been striped. Danny Thornton appeared again and asked if the Council would do anything to address his complaints. Mr. Weldy and Mr. Wagner explained that they did not believe they had any evidence of any violations to pursue Mr. Thornton's neighbor, but Mr. Wagner asked Mr. Thornton to speak with him after the meeting so that he could contact the neighbor directly.

Brian Teall and Linda Yoder appeared on behalf of the United Way and explained that the charity had struggled to provide for community members since the pandemic as their normal methods of fundraising were not allowed or feasible. They requested \$35,000.00 from the Town, which would allow them to receive a 1-1 match from United Way funds. Ms. Yoder noted that between March 2020 through the present, area food banks had seen usage increases over 40%. Mr. Leman stated that he did not believe the Town should pay toward the request. Mr. Wagner noted that a Bremen charity had been omitted from the list of programs on the United Way materials. Mr. Weldy encouraged Mr. Teall and Ms. Yoder to begin the employee campaigns again. The Council tabled the matter for further discussion.

**<u>DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:</u>** Mr. Weldy asked the Council to approve the hiring of Nate Lockwood for the Cemetery Sexton position. He explained that Mr. Lockwood would begin June 30, 2023. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the hiring of Mr.

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Lockwood as the Cemetery Sexton, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy confirmed that the apartment building elevator was finally returned to service, and told the Council that he expected to see progress at the 521 N. Center Street property owned by Javier Jimenez. He also stated that he was working on having the property at 1101 W. Plymouth Street cleaned up as well. Mr. Daily asked Mr. Weldy to cite the property at 1008 W. Plymouth Street as an unsafe building, and Mr. Weldy and Mr. Wagner said that they would begin the process.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

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

Chief Kile submitted his report on behalf of the Police Department.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department and thanked everyone who helped with the successful Fireman's Festival.

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

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department and told the Council that he had sought quotes for the materials for the catch basins project, and that the best quote received proposed \$28,000.00 for all the materials. He noted that the entire project was an estimated cost for \$120,000.00. Mr. Leman made a motion to permit the approval of the materials as quoted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fraine submitted his report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

Mr. Main had nothing new to report on behalf of the Park Department.

Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**TOWN ENGINEER:** Daniel Byam told the Council that JPR was still working on the wastewater treatment plant and interceptor projects, and that the blower quotes were currently being scored for preselection in the near future. He also told the Council that SRF had sent comments back on the funding application that would need to be addressed by the end of that week and he explained the process for that response. He told the Council that he would need a transmittal letter executed by Mr. Daily at a later date, which Mr. Daily replied that he would execute once prepared.

<u>COUNCIL COMMENTS</u>: Mr. Daily told the other Council Members that he had received complaints about trash cans that were being left out at the street perpetually, and Mr. Wagner to prepare an ordinance. He also asked Mr. Wagner and Mr. Weldy to investigate an RV that appears to be used for housing on Maple Street and proposed a Town picnic for employees and volunteer firefighters and police reserves at a later date.

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

ATTEST:

Janet M. Anglemyer,

Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

William Daily, President

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