

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
August 14, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 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.

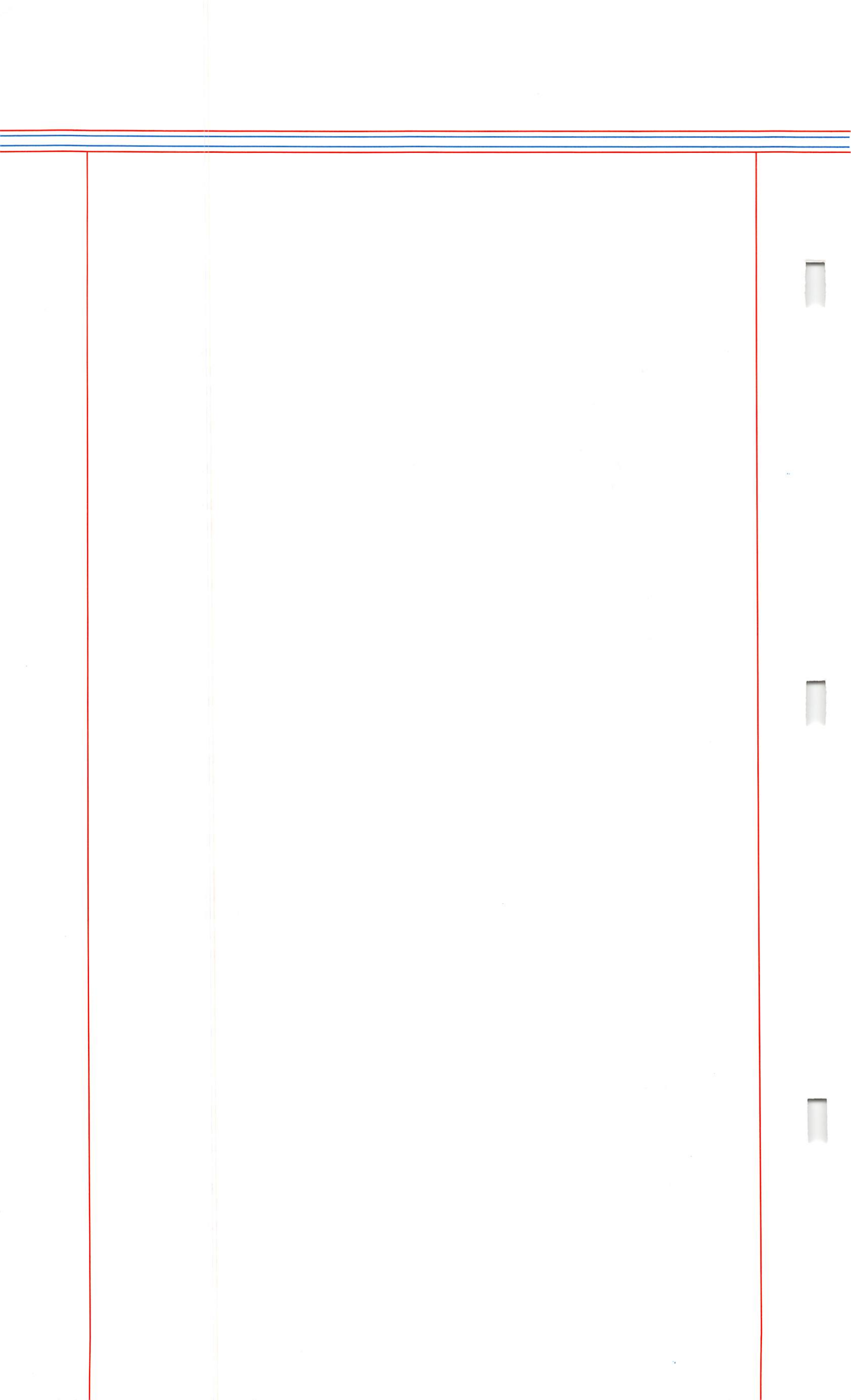
MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims with the payroll allowance docket; Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then asked the Council to conduct the public hearing on Ordinance 7-2023, regarding additional appropriations. No public comments were offered regarding Ordinance 7-2023. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Ordinance 7-2023 on second reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to pass the Ordinance on third reading as well; Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 7-2023 on third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also provided the Council with a budget update.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner reminded the Council of the golf cart ordinance meeting scheduled for later in the week. He recommended that the Council set up an ARPA committee to submit a form of plan to be approved by the Council; the Council asked Mr. Leeper, Ms. Anglemyer and Mr. Fraine to act as the committee. Mr. Wagner also reminded the Council Members of the upcoming Redevelopment Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Graverson told the Council that he was in the process of selecting a boulder to display the new sign, while waiting on some additional information from the Elliott family.

Jeff Rowe from Baker Tilly appeared before the Council to present calculations for the wastewater plant project. He explained that between the two funding sources, using only SRF funding would result in a 45% rate increase while using rural development funds from USDA would result in a 22% rate increase. Mr. Rowe noted that the rural development program had no pre-payment penalty. Mr. Leman asked whether growth would help pay down the project debt more quickly, and Mr. Rowe said that it could, but it would be unlikely unless it was heavy industry. Mr. Rowe told the Council that the old bond anticipation note would be replaced by a new bond anticipation note, which would be subsequently covered by the bond issue. After discussion, Mr. Leman made a motion to pursue the Rural Development funding from the USDA in a 30-year rate structure, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.



Danny Thornton appeared before the Council to complain about un-plated vehicles on his neighbor's property on 1st Road. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Fraine responded again regarding the lack of evidence.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report and told the Council that the contractor providing flowers for the downtown area had submitted a request for the 2024 order in the amount of \$1,500.14. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the 2024 flower order in the amount of \$1,500.14, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Fraine told the Council Members that he was working with JPR for a re-design on the curbing by the Clerk's Office, and that the stand-pipe doorway would need brick work repairs soon. Mr. Fraine told the Council that he met with several members from the pickleball club to discuss their funding status for the READI grant, and the Council discussed who was responsible for the design work for the project. Mr. Daily asked Mr. Fraine to move the project forward by asking the Troyer Group how the costs could be allocated. Mr. Fraine reported to the Council that a completion date meeting on the north Jackson Street alley project would take place soon, and Mr. Jones explained that there had been a manufacturer's delay regarding the structures. Mr. Fraine stated that the Jackson Street project was still scheduled for completion at the end of October, but that the pavilion materials may not arrive until the very end of that month. Mr. Fraine thanked Chief Neher and Brian Adams for fixing the Police Department's generator during the recent heavy storm, and he complimented all of the departments who assisted each other during and after the storm.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Mr. Aguayo requested permission to get quotes to upgrade the Spencer plant pump motors due to their age and wear. The Council gave him permission to obtain quotes.

Chief Kile reported that the Street Commission had recommended that the handicap parking request from the previous meeting be denied based on the need for truck traffic on the street. He suggested that the space could be used by the resident for loading and unloading, but not permanent parking. Chief Kile also reported that Officer Taylor Sahlhoff would start with the Department on August 21, 2023 and Jarret Martin should be able to begin in early September.

Mr. Lockwood had no new information to report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

Mr. Langdon thanked the other departments for their help after the recent storm and informed the Council that E&B Paving would begin their work in town the following week but added that he did not expect their progress to be as quick as in previous years. Mr. Langdon also submitted his report on behalf of the Street Department.

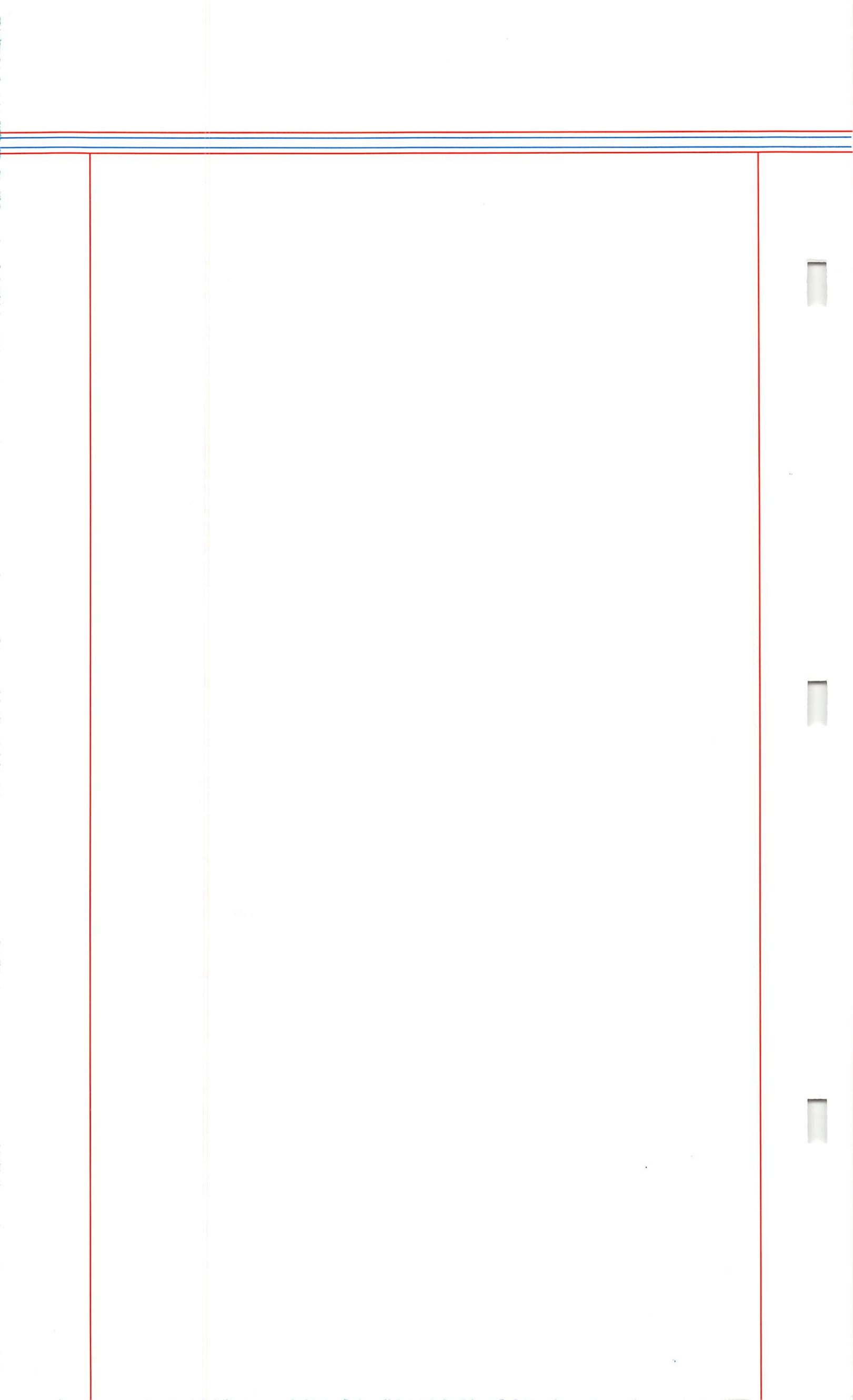
Mr. Main reported that the Park Department was hoping to have E&B Paving work on some park paths while they were in town to save mobilization costs and told the Council that he hoped to have a bid proposal for the pool project at the next meeting so that it could be awarded at the first October meeting. Mr. Main requested permission to investigate the sale of surplus property from the pool, to which the Council agreed.

Mr. Cunningham told the Council that the catch basin project was ongoing.

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

Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

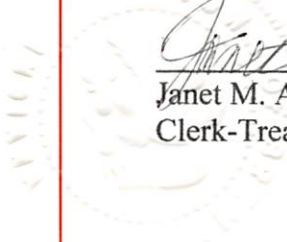
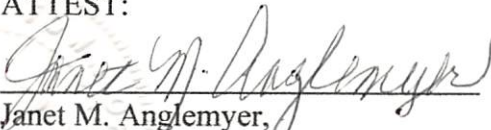
TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones had no new information to report.

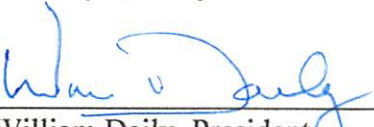


COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.

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

ATTEST:



Janet M. Anglemyer,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen



William Daily, President

