

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
August 12, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 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; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire 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, Town Engineer and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

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

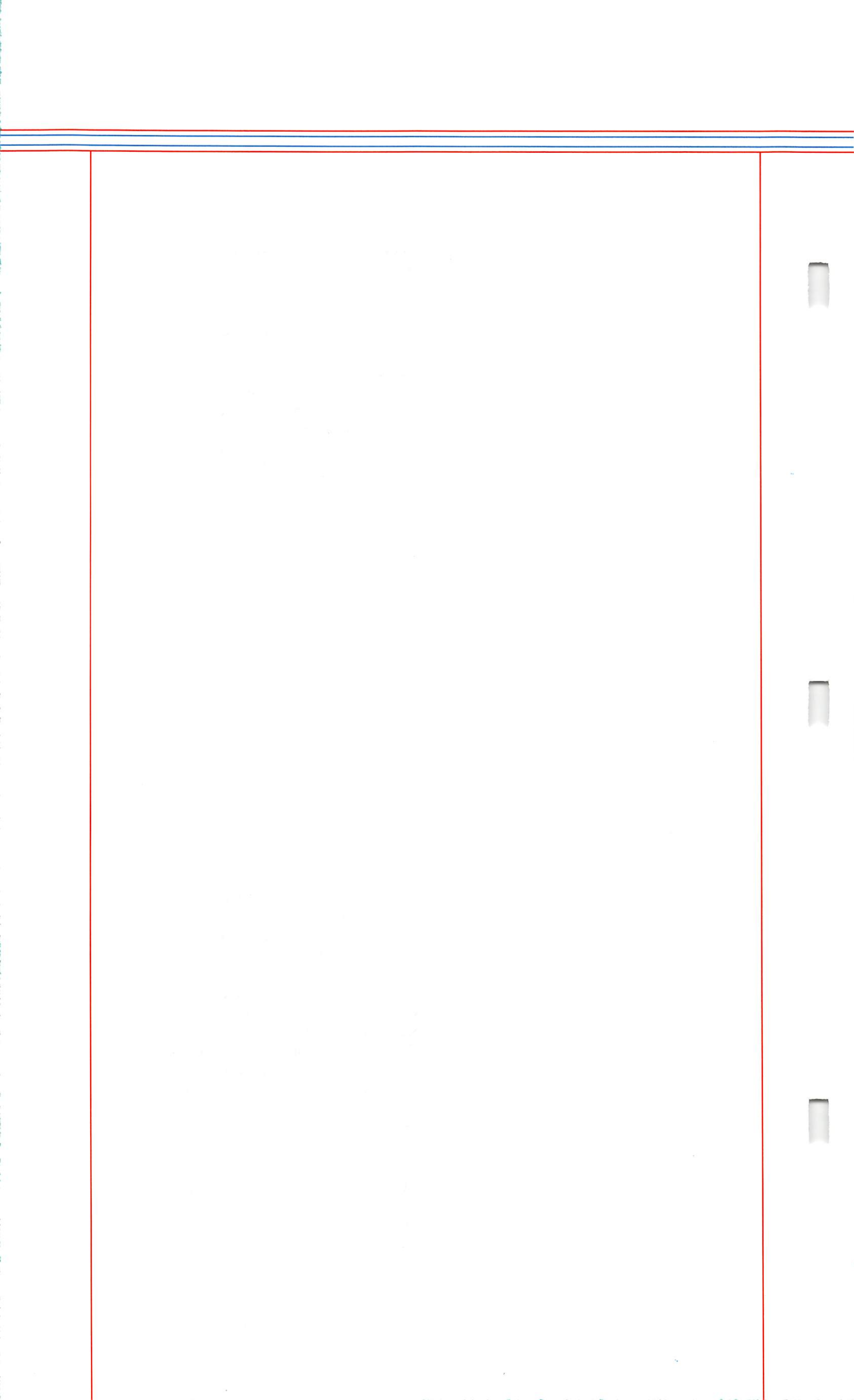
MINUTES: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims with the payroll allowance docket included; Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the dockets as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Resolution 2024-10, regarding the expenditure of funds for the Community Crossings matching grant. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 11-2024, regarding additional appropriations for the Community Crossings matching grant project and the Redevelopment Commission. She asked the Council to approve the ordinance on first reading. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2024 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented three (3) payment orders, each one for Brown and Brown related to various projects. First was pay application number 3 for the pickleball project, in the amount of \$4,472.55. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve pay application number 3 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. The next pay application was for the aquatic center in the amount of \$307,742.08, although Ms. Anglemyer noted that the Town's portion would be \$147,716.08, while grant funding picked up the remaining \$160,026.00. Ms. Anglemyer also advised the Council that the payment would be made when the grant funds arrive. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the application as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. The final pay application was the last payment for the Jackson Street project in the amount of \$131,852.51. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the pay application as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also presented a memorandum of Baker Tilly and advised the Council Members that the draft budget had already been modified.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that the READI project continued to proceed and that he had prepared a resolution to honor Virginia Henke for her volunteer efforts in the community. The Council discussed how to honor similar volunteers and special actions in the future.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was brought before the Council.

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



PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Blakley appeared and asked where the Summer's End Festival would take place. Mr. Fraine told him that it was set up for Jackson Street. The Council discussed use of the Jackson Street space.

Mr. Blakley also asked about the construction on South Street and Mr. Fraine explained that a property owner was prepared to build on the parcel at the corner of South Street and Center Street.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report and told the Council that the fire pit was ready to use at the Jackson Street facility, now with a card reader. Mr. Fraine told the Council that Lisa Scott had resigned from the Board of the Bremen Public Library, and that he had interviewed Jana Gunter to replace her. He told the Council that he found Ms. Gunter to be qualified and recommended that they appoint her to the vacant position. Mr. Daily made a motion to appoint Jana Gunter to fill the remainder of the open term on the Board of the Bremen Public Library, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Fraine told the Council that the recent Latin Fest was a great success and thanked all of the departments for their help. He also told the Council that the Unsafe Building Commission had met for the first time. Mr. Fraine described the need to modify the zoning ordinance to shift the burden of engineering costs back to applicants after the first review; Mr. Wagner said that he and Mr. Fraine would begin working on those amendments. Mr. Fraine thanked the Fire, Water and Electric Departments for their help with the fire pit. The Council asked whether the Town could create a designated outdoor refreshment area downtown, and Mr. Wagner replied that he and Mr. Fraine would look into the process.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright told the Council that he would be bringing in plans for a new bucket truck in the near future.

Mr. Aguayo submitted his report and thanked the Wastewater Department for help when his department was short-handed. Mr. Aguayo also noted that the 331-repair project had been completed.

Chief Kile asked a question about the recodification of the Town Code, but the Council decided to table the recodification ordinance in order to correct several chapters.

Mr. Langdon told the Council that the Town paving project had started and that he was working with JPR on the cost to finish the Center Street parking lot. Mr. Wright added that MACOG did not get the grant that had been intended for the project, and Mr. Fraine told the Council that two sets of plans were under review at this time.

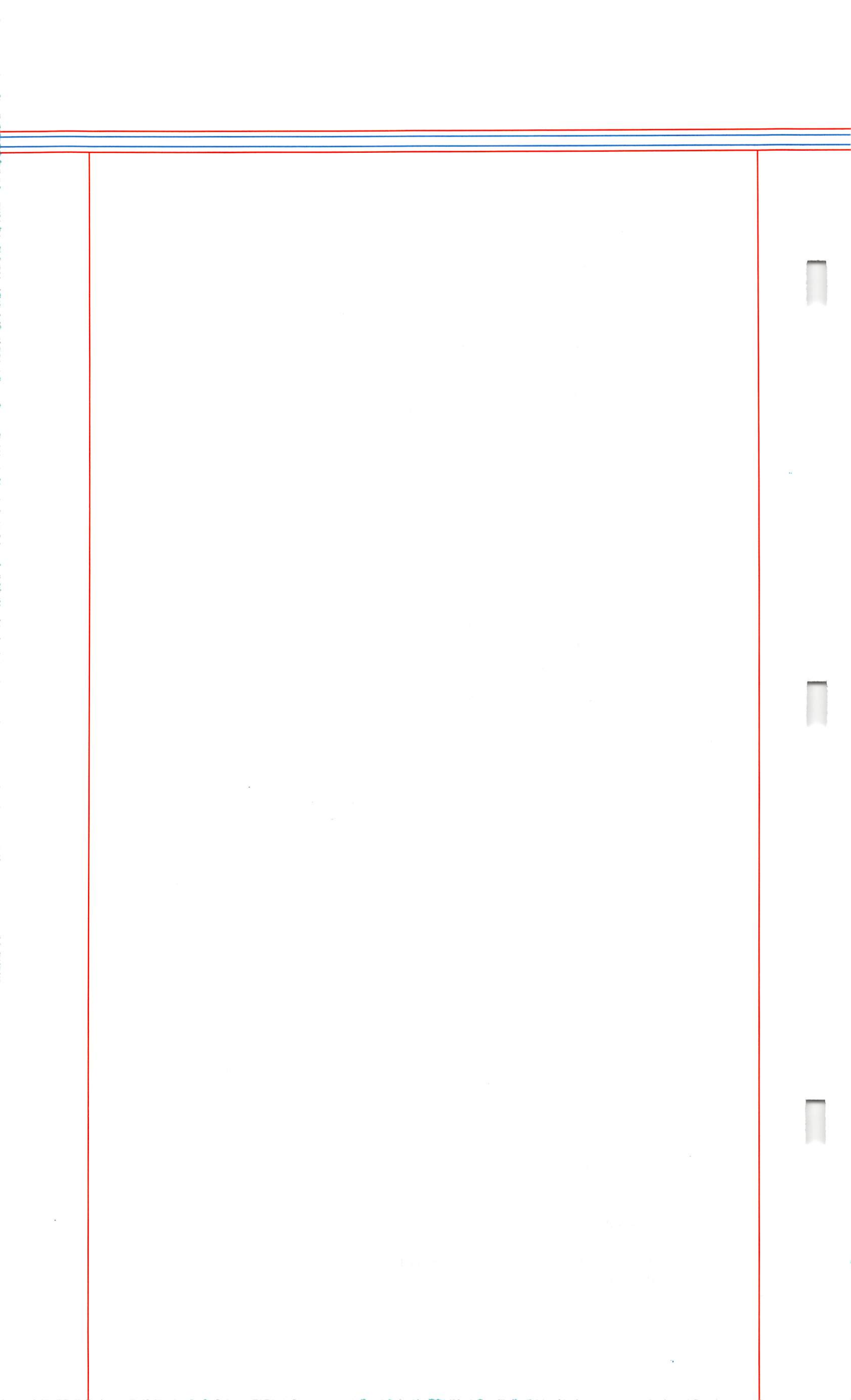
Mr. Lockwood submitted his report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

Mr. Vance had no new information to report on behalf of the Maintenance Department.

Mr. Main thanked the Electric Department for additional help with the aquatic center project and for moving a shed to the park for the school to use. He also told the Council that the splash pad was being tested and would have a soft opening soon. Mr. Leman asked if the pool canopies would be installed at the dog park and Mr. Main replied that would happen in the near future.

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

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department and told the Council that the new skylights had been installed at the Sunnyside arena.



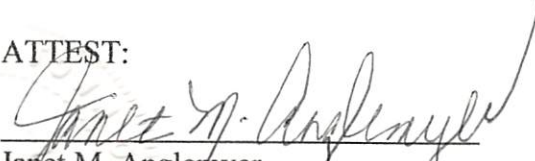
Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.


TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones told the Council that the 331-repair project had been completed, but that they would still need to address the force main in the creek. He told the Council that he had had a good meeting with Mr. Fraine and Mr. Cunningham on the wastewater treatment plant and that they had a much better understanding of the project budget now. Mr. Jones said that they were focused on getting the most important parts of the project built with other improvements to be made over time. He told the Council that the cost was now down to \$20.3 million dollars but stated that the Council would need to make a decision on the project by the next meeting. Mr. Leman asked for a meeting of the big users, and Mr. Fraine said that he would organize the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leman thanked everyone who attended the Latin Fest, and particularly thanked all the departments for their help in completing the effort. He told the Council that there were no problems or issues and appreciated the support and enthusiasm for the event carrying over into next year.

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

ATTEST:


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


Michael Leman, President

