

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
July 22, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2024, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Michael Lemman, 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; 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 8, 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 without amendment; Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that the County Election Board had approved the resolution for the public question to be added to the November election ballot and presented Ordinance 10-2024 regarding the recodification of the existing code. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-2024 on first reading which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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

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

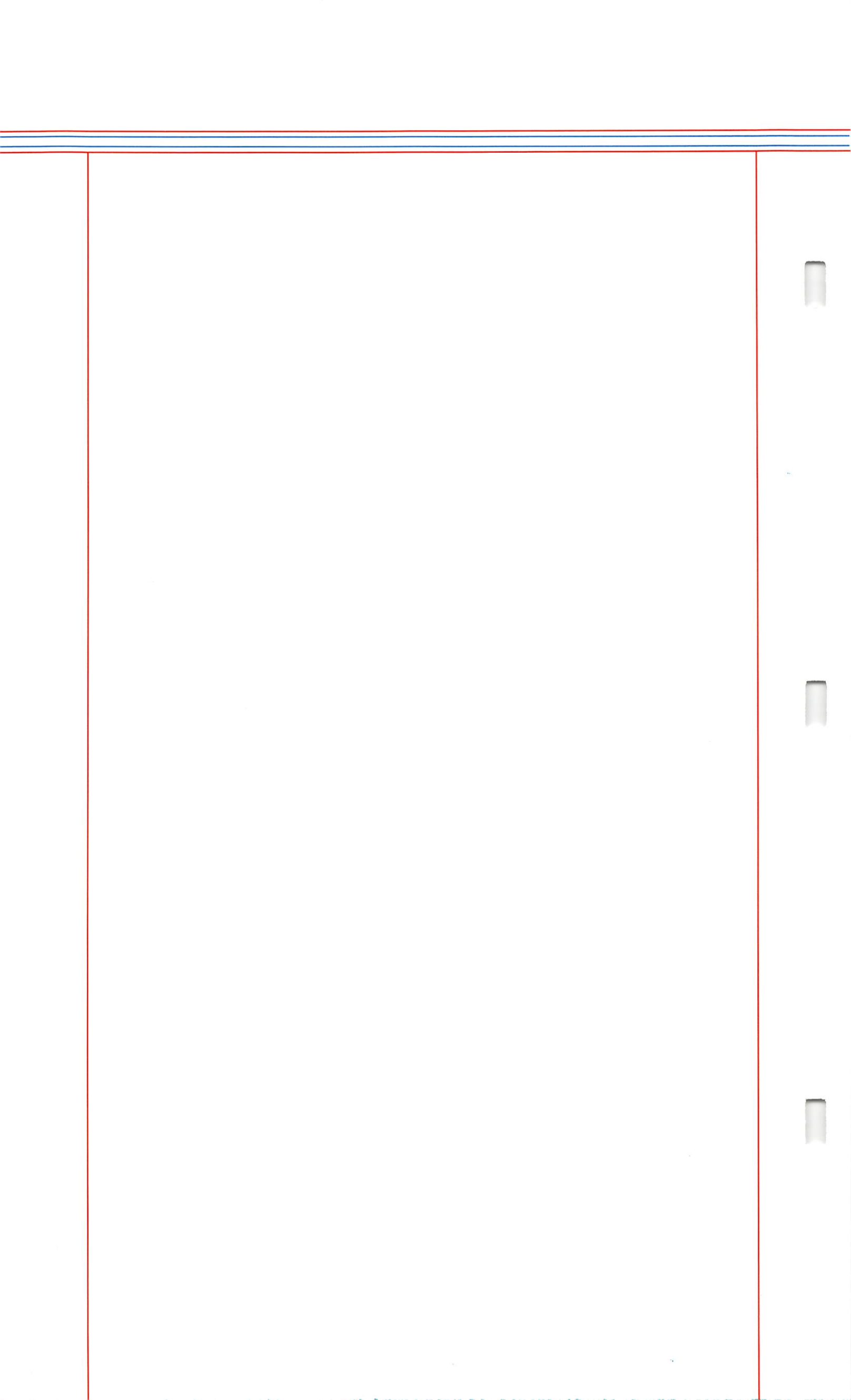
PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were presented to the Council.

PRIDE IN BREMEN AWARD: Mr. Lemman read Resolution 2024-09, honoring the Bremen VFW Post 8972 with the Pride in Bremen Award for improvements made to their property. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-09, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Brian Shumaker appeared on behalf of Post 8972 to accept the award. The Council thanked Mr. Shumaker for the organization's improvements to the property.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report to the Council and added his appreciation of the VFW improvements. Mr. Fraine told the Council that he was working with MACOG regarding the installation of an electric vehicle charging station.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department, and Mr. Lemman asked him several questions about hanging a banner for the upcoming Latin Fest event.



Mr. Aguayo told the Council that the second phase of the 331 project had begun.

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

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

Mr. Vance submitted his maintenance report.

Mr. Cunningham presented quotes for the replacement of a catch basins and 360' of 12" storm main at the site of upcoming street repairs through the community crossings grant program. Mr. Cunningham told the Council that DM Excavating had submitted the lowest quote in the amount of \$36,800.00. Mr. Miller asked if the department had hired DM Excavating for any prior work, and Mr. Cunningham explained that they had bid on projects but had never been awarded. He added that the work needed to be done faster than the department could accomplish in order to not interfere with the street project. Mr. Daily asked if Mr. Cunningham had reviewed the quotes, and Mr. Cunningham confirmed that he had. Mr. Cunningham read the following quotes to the Council:

- Haskins Underground \$44,910.00
- Hill \$94,675.00
- Kent Excavating \$69,368.21
- DM Excavating \$36,800.00

Mr. Mikel asked if there was an internal estimate and Mr. Cunningham said that there was not. Mr. Daily asked if he had discussed raised catch basins with the contractor and Mr. Cunningham confirmed that he had. After all discussion, Mr. Mikel made a motion to accept the quote from DM Excavating in the amount of \$36,800.00, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Main told the Council that the pickleball courts were open and that concrete was being poured at the dog park. Mr. Main added that the dog park would be open sometime toward the middle of the week.

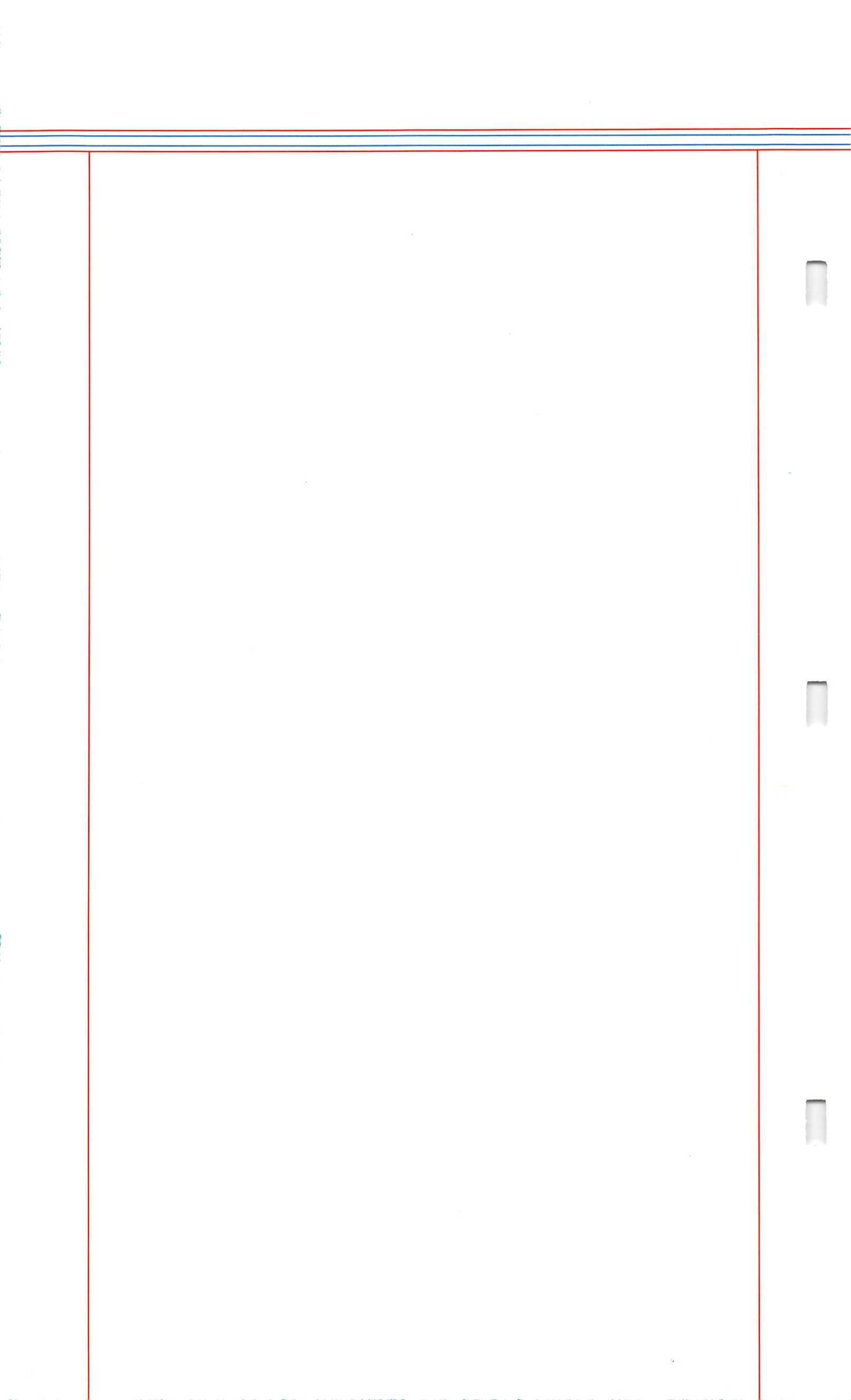
Mr. Lockwood submitted his report on behalf of the Cemetery Department

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 JPR was still working on solutions for the wastewater treatment plant project and would be meeting in committee to discuss several ideas. The Council expressed ongoing concerns regarding the total cost of the projects. Mr. Leman described a call he had with Thieneman representatives. Mr. Jones acknowledged that JPR's internal estimate was too low and that they were seeking a third-party review of the estimated costs to determine a more accurate figure. Mr. Cunningham expressed concern that the facility had two violations within the recent months and stated that he did not want to continue to run afoul of State regulations while waiting for the project to move forward. The Council agreed to set a meeting to discuss proposals.

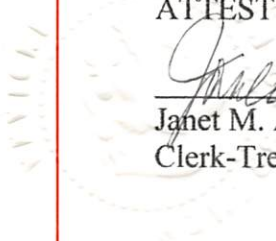
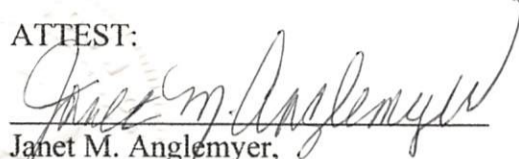
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Mikel thanked the Town Employees for their efforts cleaning up after the recent storm.

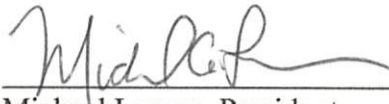
Mr. Leman asked the Council to approve a disbursement of \$10,000.00 from the Tourism Fund to the Latin Fest Committee. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the disbursement of \$10,000.00 from the Tourism Fund to the Latin Fest Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.



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

