

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
September 11, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members William Daily, Rick Graverson 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; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leeper also made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2023 Special Hearing regarding the Golf Cart Ordinance, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment as well as the August payroll docket; Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also submitted pay application No. 1 for the Jackson Street Project from Brown & Brown in the amount of \$203,858.50. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve pay application No. 1 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer reminded the Council of the public hearing on the 2024 budget ordinance scheduled for 3:45 p.m.

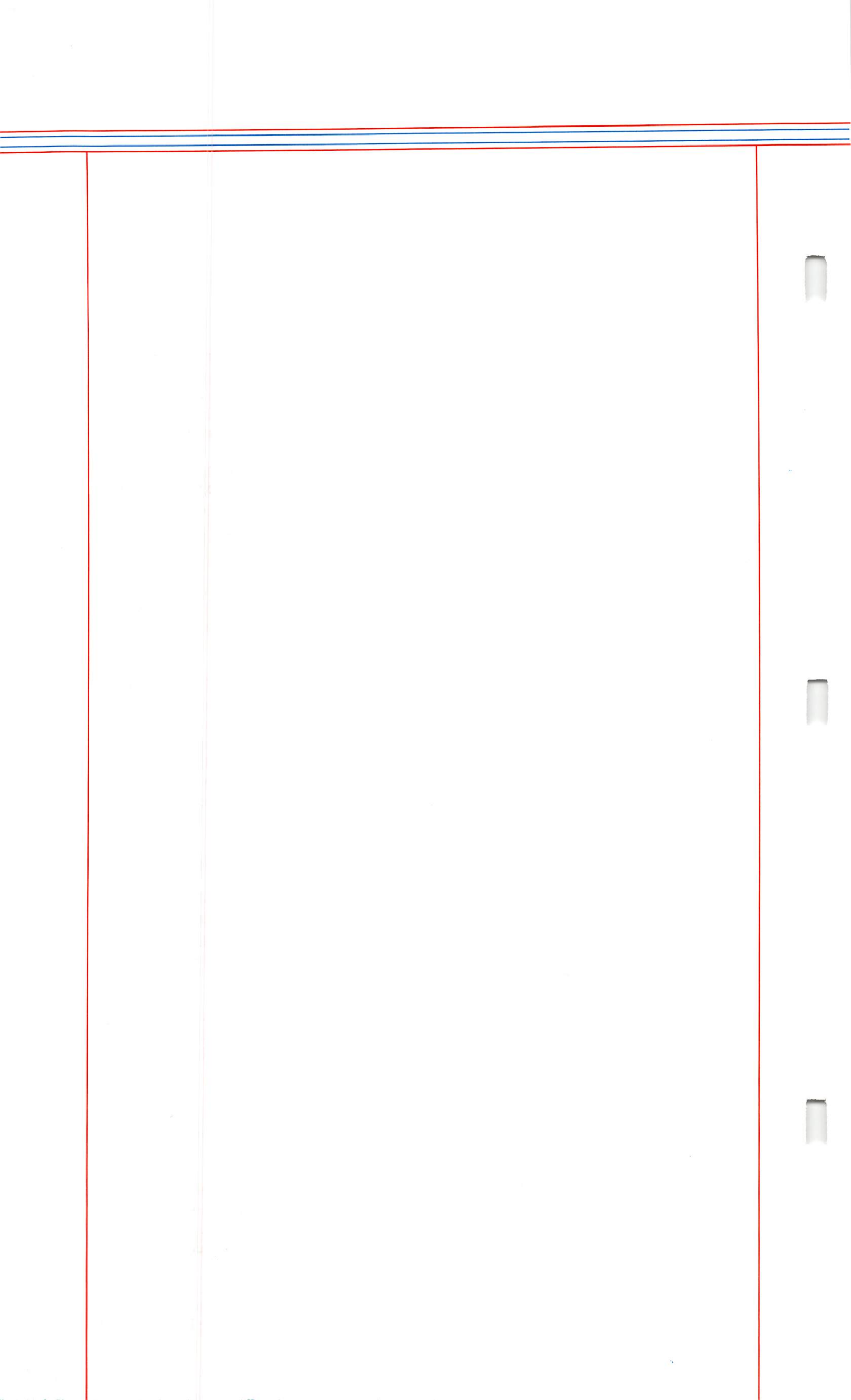
TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner asked the Council for direction on the Golf Cart Ordinance. Mr. Daily said the sub-committee would submit any final changes to Mr. Wagner after Mr. Lemman completed the review with the Park Board. Mr. Wagner also told the Council Members that he and Mr. Fraine had received a request to amend the Town Code to allow chickens in Town. Mr. Graverson asked Mr. Wagner the current status of the Town Code, and Mr. Wagner explained that chickens were still prohibited, along with a range of other animals.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Graverson told the Council that he had spoken with Mishler Funeral Home about having a plaque carved for the stone at the Wetlands, and he asked Mr. Main to work with other Town employees to remove the stone from its current location.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Clayton Thomas appeared before the Council and asked the Council to put a 4-way stop at the intersection of Maple and East streets by the softball field concession stand.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted a tax abatement request from Summit Manufacturing for two (2) machines with a value of \$403,322.00. Mr. Fraine stated that the equipment would add no new jobs for Summit but was necessary for Summit to remain competitive in their marketplace. Mr. Fraine paused his report to allow the public hearing on the 2024 Budget Ordinance to occur.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ms. Anglemyer explained that the public hearing was held for public comment on Ordinance 10-2023, regarding the 2024 budget. Joe Blakely asked



where a copy of the budget could be found and Ms. Anglemyer explained how to access the budget on the Gateway website. No other public comments were offered. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-2023 on second reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (continued): Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 regarding the proposed abatement, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Mr. Aguayo gave quotes for the replacement pumps for the Spencer plant, explaining that the quotes received were in the amounts of \$37,860.00, \$33,410.00, and \$29,960.00. He added that the lowest bid was from Peerless and recommended accepting that quote. The Council confirmed that the purchase had been budgeted and approved the request.

Chief Kile asked the Council to approve Trick-or-Treat times on October 31, 2023 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Mr. Graverson made a motion to set the Trick-or-Treat times for October 31, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Chief Kile submitted the Commissioner's packet and told the Council that Officer Martin had been sworn in that day and would be attending the academy on January 2, 2024. He also told the Council that Officer Rodriguez had begun working for the Department and asked to promote him to First Class Patrolman as of September 11, 2023. Mr. Leeper made a motion to promote Officer Rodriguez to First Class Patrolman as of September 11, 2023, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Daily asked if the Department was now fully staffed, which Chief Kile confirmed. Chief Kile also requested the promotion of Stephanie Price to Class B Dispatcher as of September 11, 2023; Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the promotion of Ms. Price to Class B Dispatcher, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

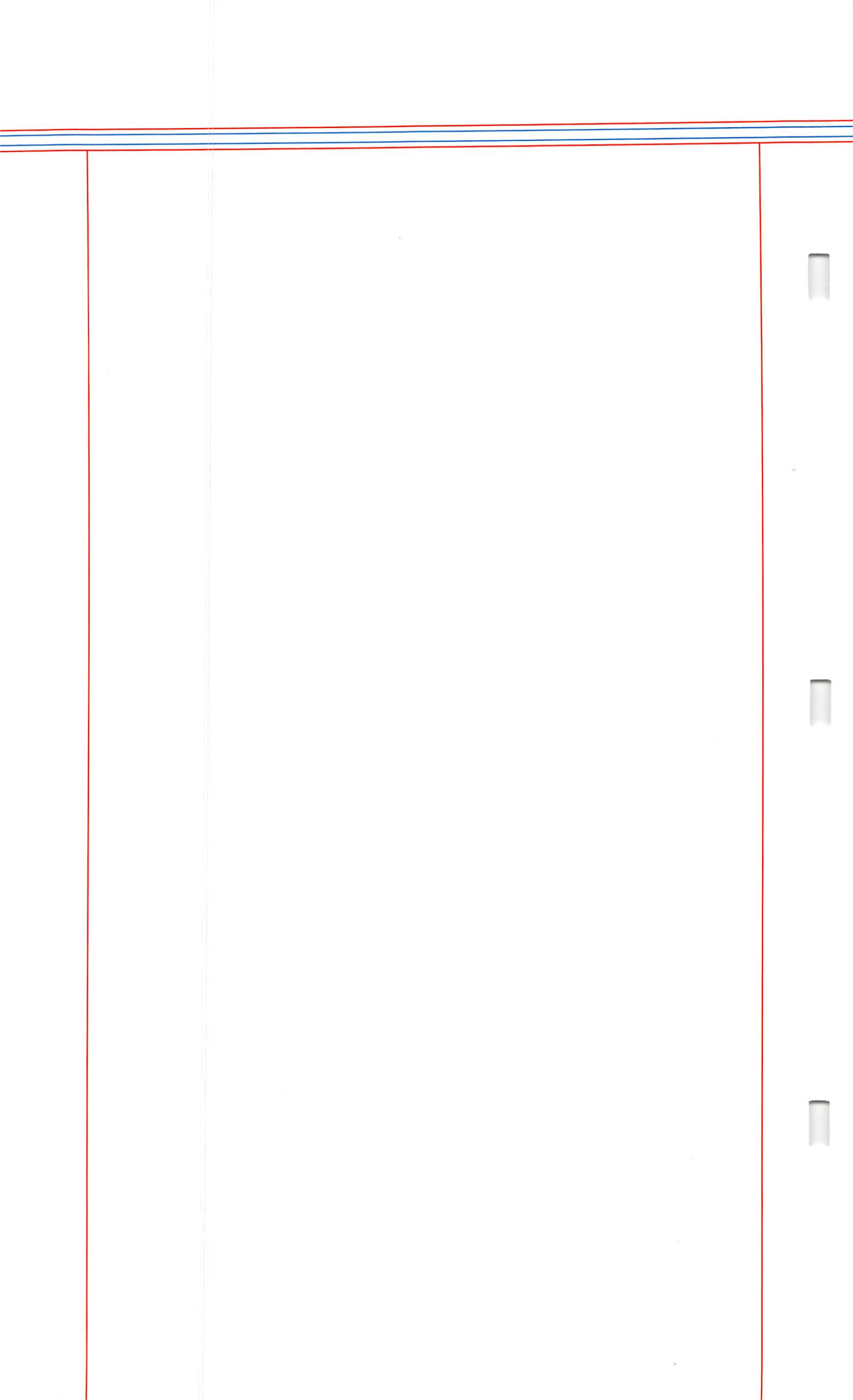
Mr. Main told the Council that he would be attending an on-site pre-bid meeting for the aquatic center project, and that the pickleball project was scheduled to be under construction at the same time as the aquatic center.

Mr. Cunningham told the Council that the catch basin project had been completed, and that the Lake of the Woods work was finished and billed as well.

Chief Neher asked the Council to return the title to the 1999 Ford F250 truck that had been donated by the Bremen Fire Association. He explained that the association would sell the truck with the proceeds to be used for other equipment. Mr. Leeper made a motion to change the title back to the Bremen Fire Association, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

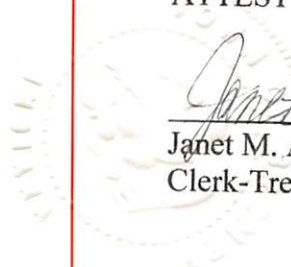
TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones told the Council that his office had inspected the standpipe and that a report was in the works. He also said that the report on the Clerk's Office sidewalk would be completed soon. He asked the Council to send at least one Councilmember to the upcoming meeting with Southwire regarding their current construction project, and told the Council that he was meeting with property owners from the Water Street interceptor project at 4:30 p.m. after the council meeting.

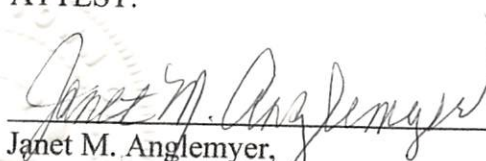


COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.

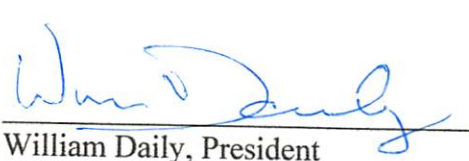
ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Graverson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:





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



William Daily, President

