

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2-2023
August 17, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members William Daily, Rick Graverson, Mike Leman and James Leeper were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Chief Kile, Police Department; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

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Mr. Daily explained to the public that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the ordinance only on second reading after accepting public input and that the ordinance could still be amended before the third reading. Mr. Daily also acknowledged that all language regarding utility vehicles had been removed from the ordinance, so that they could be addressed in a separate ordinance. Mr. Daily read the rules for behavior to the audience and explained how to submit their comments and then opened the meeting to receive public comment.

Deb Booher expressed concern about the cost of the permit fees.

Bob Koontz asked when the registration fees would begin, and Mr. Wagner stated that he believed they should not be applied to 2023 due to the lateness of the season and instead should begin in 2024.

Julie Schmidt asked what areas were included in the park grounds prohibition, which was addressed by Mr. Main and Mr. Wagner.

Jenny Dietrich expressed concern that the ordinance prohibited driving with children seated on the driver's lap, and that the \$30.00 fee was too high.

Joyce Reed expressed concern that the ordinance prohibited park access for people who use the carts as mobility aides and questioned if 16½ was the correct age for obtaining a driver's license. Mr. Wagner and Chief Kile told the Council they would verify that information.

Dennis Avery expressed concern regarding child seating in golf carts.

Barb and Wayne Troyer expressed concern regarding park accessibility.

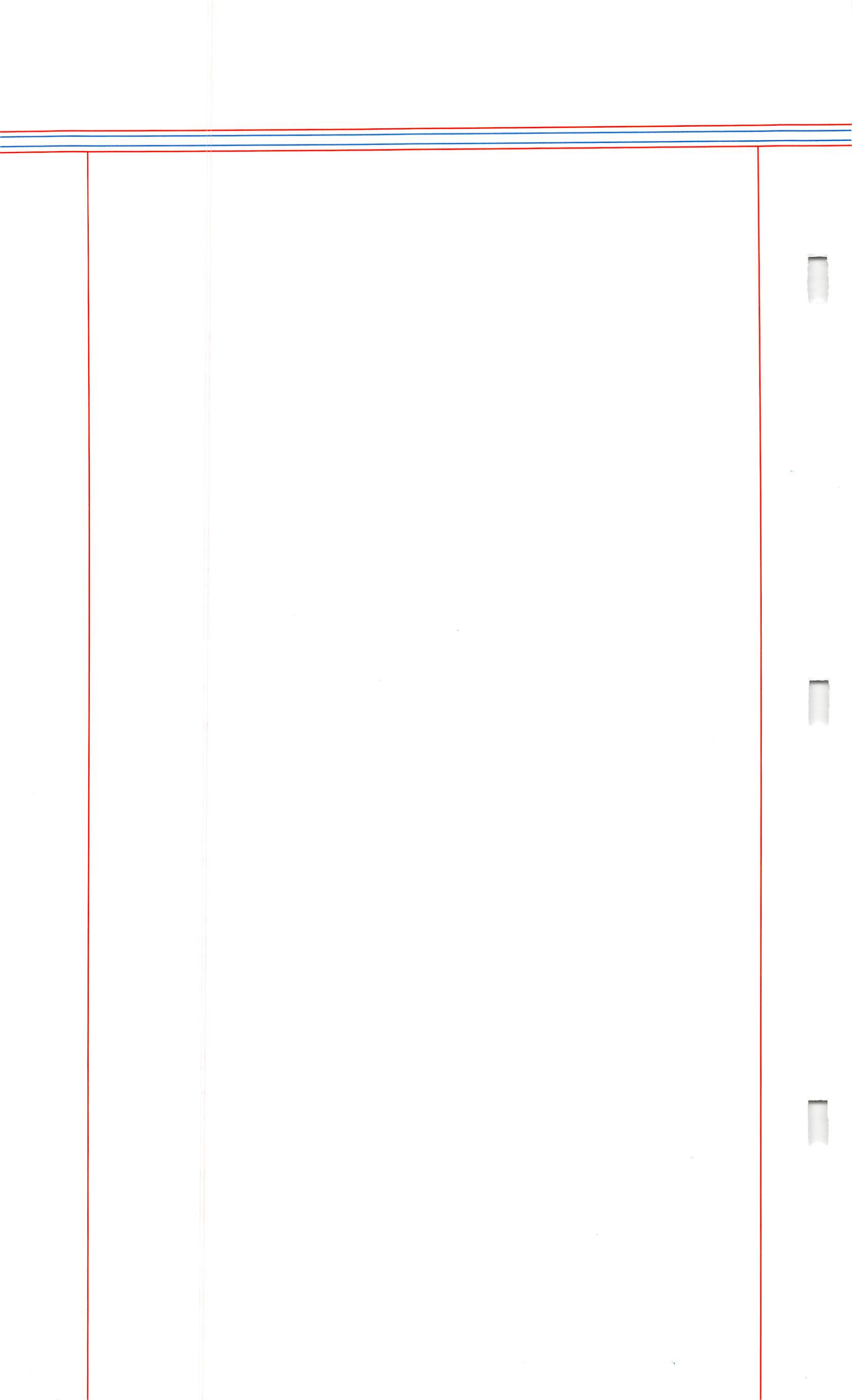
Darlene Ervin asked questions about operating golf carts in the county, which Mr. Wagner asserted that the Town could not answer for her and asked about pets riding on golf carts.

Tony Farrer reiterated concerns regarding park access for people with mobility issues.

Eric Hudson asked about the Center Street speed limit, which Chief Kile confirmed was 25 mph within the Town limits.

Pete Shorter stated that he thought the definition of the UTV vehicles versus golf carts should be tightened.

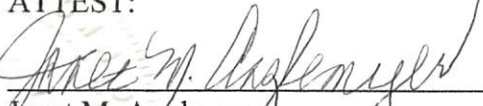
Scott Holderman asked a question regarding the placement of the stickers.



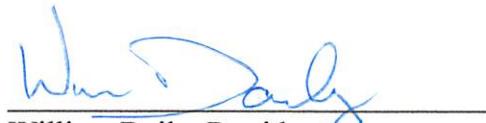
After the end of public comments, Mr. Daily explained the ordinance approval process again. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2-2023 on second reading, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson. Mr. Leman said that he wanted to discuss the park access issues with the Park Board, and that the fee structure should be examined. Mr. Leeper agreed. Mr. Wagner asked if the Council wanted to keep the language allowing operation of golf carts under a State ID card, which the Council discussed. Mr. Wagner also stated that he would add language that the registration of a cart could be pulled if an operator committed a felony or misdemeanor while operating the golf cart. Mr. Daily talked about the application of the ordinance to owners versus drivers of golf carts. Mr. Daily called for a vote, and the motion to approve Ordinance 2-2023 on seconded reading was approved by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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

