

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
September 9, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 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; Dan Byam, Town Engineer and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

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

MINUTES: Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC HEARING: For the second reading of Ordinance 12-2024, the 2025 Budget Ordinance. Mr. Leman opened the floor for public comment; no public comments were offered. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-2024 on second reading which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims, along with the payroll allowance docket; Mr. Daily 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. Ms. Anglemyer submitted pay application number 1 for the 2024 Community Crossings project, payable to Rieth-Riley in the amount of \$349,257.96. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve pay application number 1 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leman signed the pay application. Ms. Anglemyer thanked Ben Baker and the German Township Trustee Board Members for contributing \$16,760.00 toward the paving of the EMS Parking Lot and Alley. Ms. Anglemyer also noted that she had circulated information regarding OCRA grants to the Council Members.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner gave the Council an update on the READI application, which had been successfully submitted.

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 made to the Council.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report and asked Mr. Wagner about the status of several ordinances. Mr. Wagner explained the status of the ordinances regarding UTVs, curfew violations and the overall recodification of the Town Ordinances. The Council discussed the increase in use of electric scooters and asked Mr. Wagner to draft an ordinance regarding those vehicles as well. Mr. Wagner said that he would research the subject and discuss ideas with Mr. Fraine and Chief Kile.

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PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Leman opened the public hearing on Ordinance 11-2024, regarding certain additional appropriations. Mr. Leman called for public comment; no public comments were offered. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2024 on second and third readings, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright asked the Council to approve an agreement with IMPA regarding use of AMI meters as well as third-party services from a company called Tantalus. The Council asked whether any other vendors provided these services. Mr. Wright explained the purpose of the AMI meters as well as the services provided by Tantalus and stated that he preferred to operate through IMPA. The Council discussed the bidding requirements and asked Mr. Wagner and Mr. Wright to determine whether the agreement should be put out for bids. Mr. Daily asked whether any other communities utilized these services, and Mr. Wright answered that Argos had the service and seemed to like it.

Mr. Aguayo submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department.

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

Mr. Main told the Council that the splash pad had its soft opening and that the public seemed to be enjoying the facility. He also stated that he would be testing the pool tomorrow, which would then be shut down.

Mr. Langdon submitted his report and requested permission to stop brush pickup during the winter months in order to focus on leaf pickup instead. He told the Council that the Department would still go out after storms and Christmas trees, and that he would like to test the change this year. Mr. Langdon also told the Council that the catch basin contractor would be performing touch ups while other street cuts would be repaired. The Council approved the change in brush pickup and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to put the information on the electronic sign and upcoming utility bills.

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

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

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department.

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

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Byam told the Council that JPR had conducted the meeting with the large users of the wastewater utility and had reviewed the project for additional savings, resulting in the removal of alternate 5. Kim Slavick appeared on behalf of Baker Tilly and provided the Council with a comparison graph regarding the proposed rate changes. The Council discussed the graph. Ms. Slavick also noted that the Council would need to notify SRF by October 8, if it wanted to participate in the upcoming pool. Mr. Byam submitted the engineer's report.

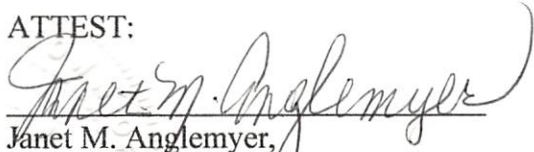
Mr. Leman described the meeting with the large users of the wastewater utility and stated that he wanted to delay any decisions about the project until after the first of the year. He acknowledged that he was hoping to see lower interest rates in the future and that he wanted to release Thieneman from the bond in the meantime. Mr. Mikel made a motion to reject the bids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant/Interceptor project, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

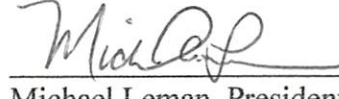
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COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were made.

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

ATTEST:


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


Michael Leman, President

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