

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
August 26, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 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; 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; Eric Vance, Town Mechanic; Ken Jones, Town Engineer and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

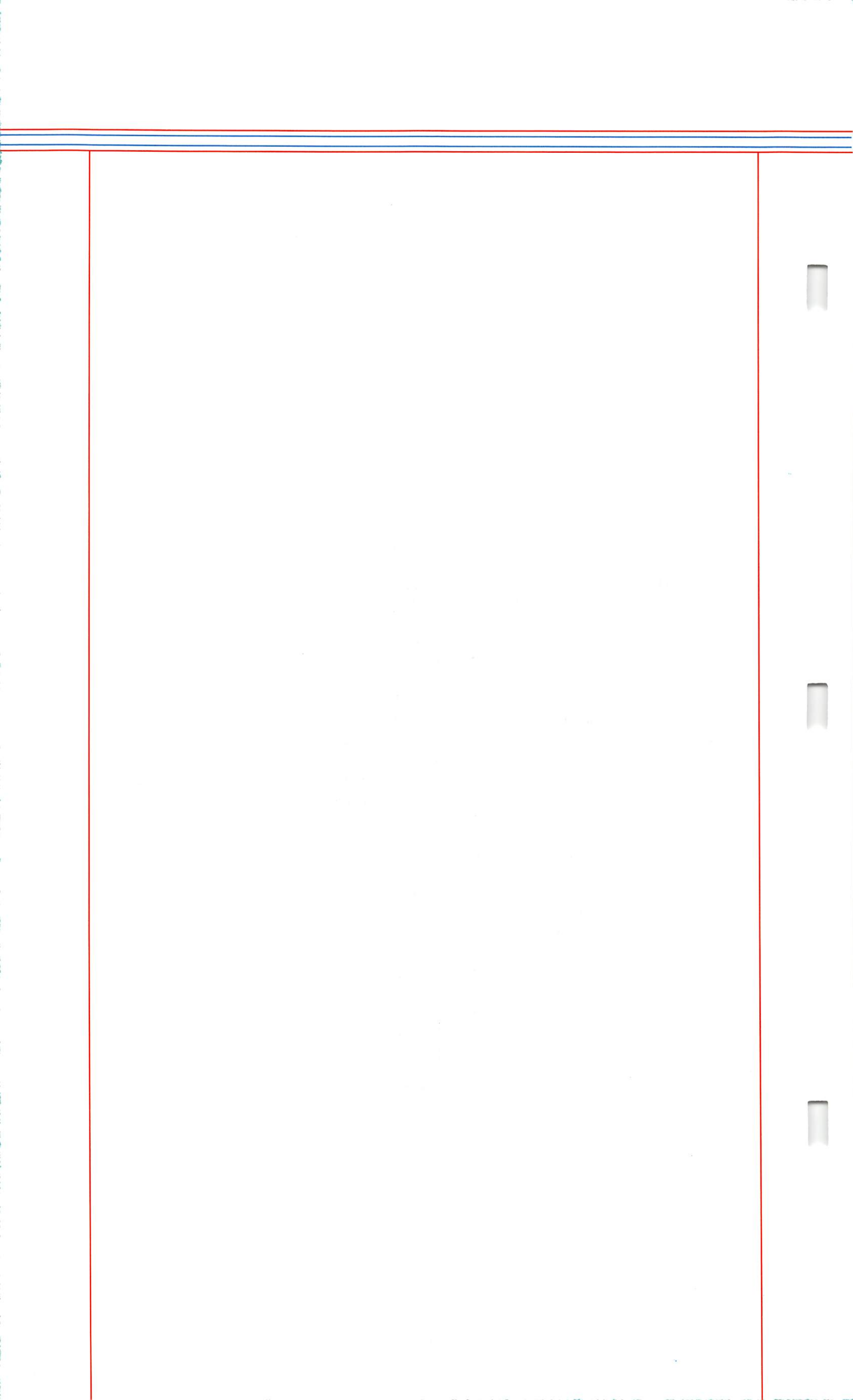
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily 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. Ms. Anglemyer presented Ordinance 12-2024, regarding the 2025 budget, for first reading. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-2024 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented pay application number 7 for the aquatic center, payable to Brown and Brown in the amount of \$137,550.49. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve pay application number 7 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented the second and final pay application for the 331-water project, payable to Selge Construction in the amount of \$141,968.55. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the final pay application as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented pay application number 4 for the pickleball project, payable to Brown and Brown in the amount of \$1,567.50. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve pay application number 4 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also submitted pay application number 5 for the pickleball project, payable to Brown and Brown in the amount of \$14,700.00. Ms. Anglemyer noted that this was the retainage to be paid upon completion of the project. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve pay application as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer added that the reimbursement for the pickleball project had been approved by the Regional Development Authority.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner gave a brief presentation regarding the finalized READI application to be submitted on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Wagner asked the Council to approve Resolution 2024-12, supporting the application. After discussion, Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner also submitted a petition from Graber Commercial Properties for annexation of certain property on Destiny Drive. Mr. Wagner asked for permission to proceed with the physical report and to begin working with Mr. Wright on acquiring the electric territory. Mr. Mikel made a motion to proceed with those actions in anticipation of the annexation, which was seconded by Mr. Daily 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 made to the Council.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report and described the successful Summer's End Festival to the Council; he thanked the various departments for their help in creating a successful event.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright asked the Council to promote Seth Snider and Brody Beasley to linemen second-class, year one, effective August 26, 2024. Mr. Mikel made a motion to promote Seth Snider and Brody Beasley to the position of lineman second-class, year one as of August 26, 2024, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department and gave a brief explanation of the power supply equipment available for future festivals. Mr. Leman said that the Latin Fest Committee would donate some of the converters they used.

Chief Kile had no new information to report on behalf of the Police Department.

Mr. Main thanked the Council for their support of the READI application and told them that the Park Board was considering its agreement later that night. Mr. Main told the Council that the splash pad was still in the testing phase but the soft-open should occur sometime soon. He also told the Council that the Department Heads would have a training session regarding the new facility before it opened.

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

Mr. Langdon told the Council that the contractor had poured the last ADA ramp for the recent sidewalk project. Mr. Leman and Mr. Mikel told Mr. Langdon that they had received complaints about the catch basins, and Mr. Langdon and Mr. Cunningham explained their discussions with the contractor responsible for installation. They told the Council that Rieth Riley will come back in to touch up the basin locations after they were fixed. Mr. Miller asked if the millings from the project would be applied in the alleys, and Mr. Langdon replied that they would start to be used that week.

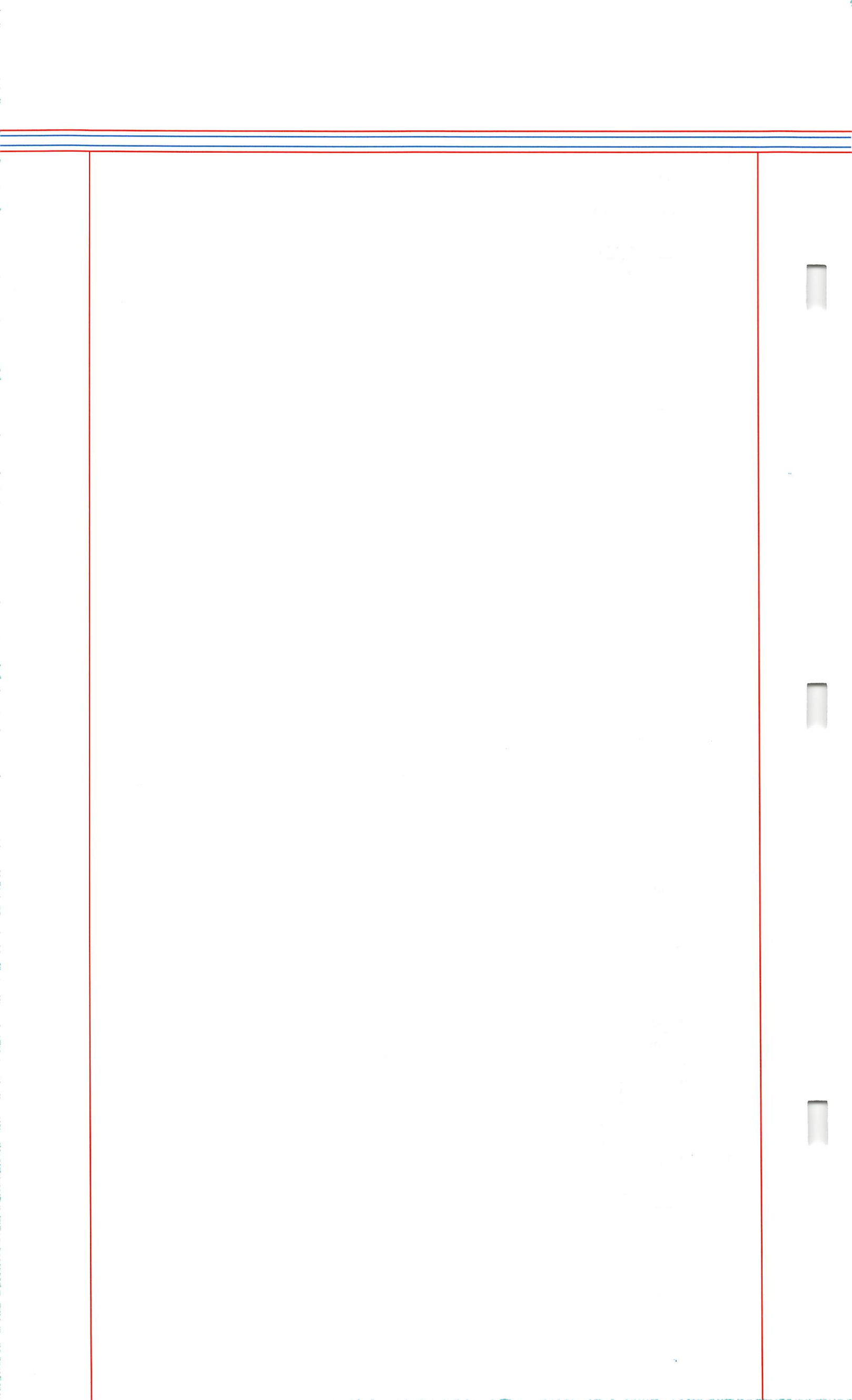
Chief Neher left the meeting on an emergency call prior to his opportunity to report.

Mr. Vance had no new information to report on behalf of the Maintenance 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 gave the Council an update on the wastewater treatment plant project. He told the Council that a meeting of industrial customers would take place on Wednesday at 2:30, and the Council discussed having a public hearing specifically to address possible rate increases. Mr. Jones noted that any increase in rates would have a public hearing built into the process. Mr. Mikel asked Mr. Jones whether SRF zero percent financing would be available based on the projected rate increases, but Mr. Jones replied that he believed the Town would still be ineligible for subsidized rates, but that would check with Baker Tilly.

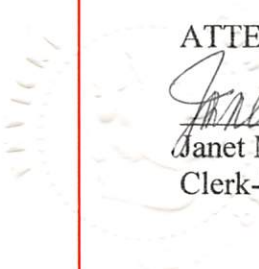
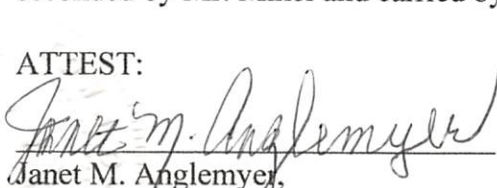
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Mikel asked whether the Council should cancel the interceptor project to release the bond. The Council discussed the status of the projects and the bid with Mr. Jones. Mr. Cunningham confirmed that the wastewater treatment plant was the priority, and Mr. Jones added that the project would be ready whenever funds became available. Mr. Mikel made a motion to reject the bids submitted as to the interceptor project, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leman asked about the status of the Center Street parking lot




improvements, and Mr. Jones replied that the project was still in design and projected to have up to 38 spaces. Mr. Jones said that the cost estimate was lower than the previous drafts but that the Town would need to discuss the type of dumpster enclosures built into the project. Ms. Anglemyer noted that funding was not available to do the project this year. Mr. Leman asked if the alley would be included as part of the project, and Mr. Jones said that a portion of the alley would need to be re-done as the boundary to the parking lot. The Council discussed sources of funding for that portion of the project.

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

ATTEST:



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



Michael Leman, President

