

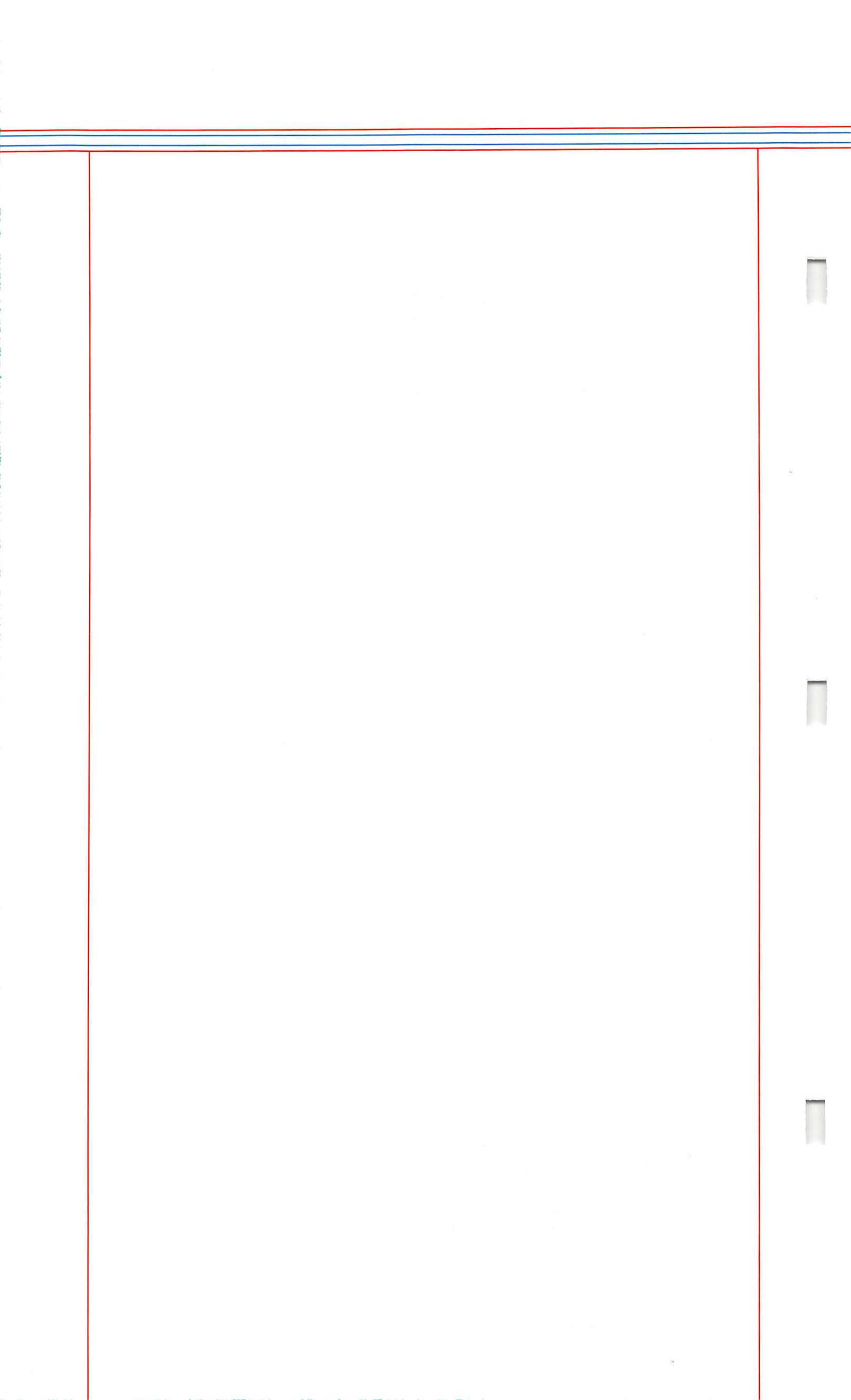
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
November 27, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2023, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members William Daily, Michael Leman, 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; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented a contract from JPR for services on the interceptor project. The Council discussed the contract. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the contract as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to approve pay application number 4 for the Jackson Street project, payable to Brown and Brown in the amount of \$188,747.78. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve pay application number 4, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer reminded the Council Members of the upcoming awards banquet and asked them to approve 10 additional vacation days to be raffled off among the Town employees. Mr. Leman stated that he would not be able to attend the banquet as he would be travelling and asked to approve an additional 5 vacation days to be raffled as a fund raiser for the Fire Department holiday program. Mr. Daily and Mr. Leeper agreed. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve a total of 15 vacation days to be raffled off at the awards banquet, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer informed the Council that Judge Bowen would attend the January 8, 2024 meeting to swear all the officials upon their oaths for their new terms and noted that it would be his last opportunity to do so as he would be retiring at the end of 2024. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to set the last meeting of 2023; the Council discussed their December calendars and agreed that the last meeting should be on December 21, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to take action on the 2024 wage ordinance, but the Council tabled the ordinance for further discussion.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 2-2023, regarding golf carts for third reading. He briefly discussed the amendments to the ordinance. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2-2023 on third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner then presented Ordinance 14-2023, creating a READI fund, for first reading. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Ordinance 14-2023 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner also told the Council that he and Mr. Fraine were working on developing a fire pit use policy. The Council discussed the information that they had received so far, and asked Mr. Fraine to investigate additional technology for the site.



OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Daily asked Mr. Wagner about the status of the old Mama Rinna's building on Plymouth Street. Mr. Wagner explained that he and Mr. Fraine had been trying to find community members to serve on the Unsafe Building Committee, and that they had several members lined up with a few more positions still remaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Blakley appeared before the Council and stated that he was glad that the Council had already begun work on a fire pit policy. He asked whether Oktoberfest would be returned to downtown once the Jackson Street project was finished, and Tara Beasley told the Council that the Oktoberfest Committee had made a significant investment in live bands that would be at risk of loss in the event of bad weather. Mr. Wagner asked whether this was an issue solely for 2024, which Ms. Beasley confirmed. Mr. Daily told Mr. Blakley that the site would be determined sometime after the project was finished. Mr. Blakley also asked several questions about the electricity generated by the IMPA Solar Park, which were addressed by Mr. Wright.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report to the Council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Aguayo submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department and requested that the Council promote Ken Moser to class A operator. Mr. Aguayo explained in detail what Mr. Moser had done to warrant the promotion. Mr. Leman made a motion to promote Ken Moser to class A operator as of December 4, 2023, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Aguayo also asked the Council to promote Mike Balsley to class B operator and explained what Mr. Balsley had done to warrant the promotion. Mr. Leman made a motion to promote Mr. Balsley to class B operator as of December 4, 2023, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

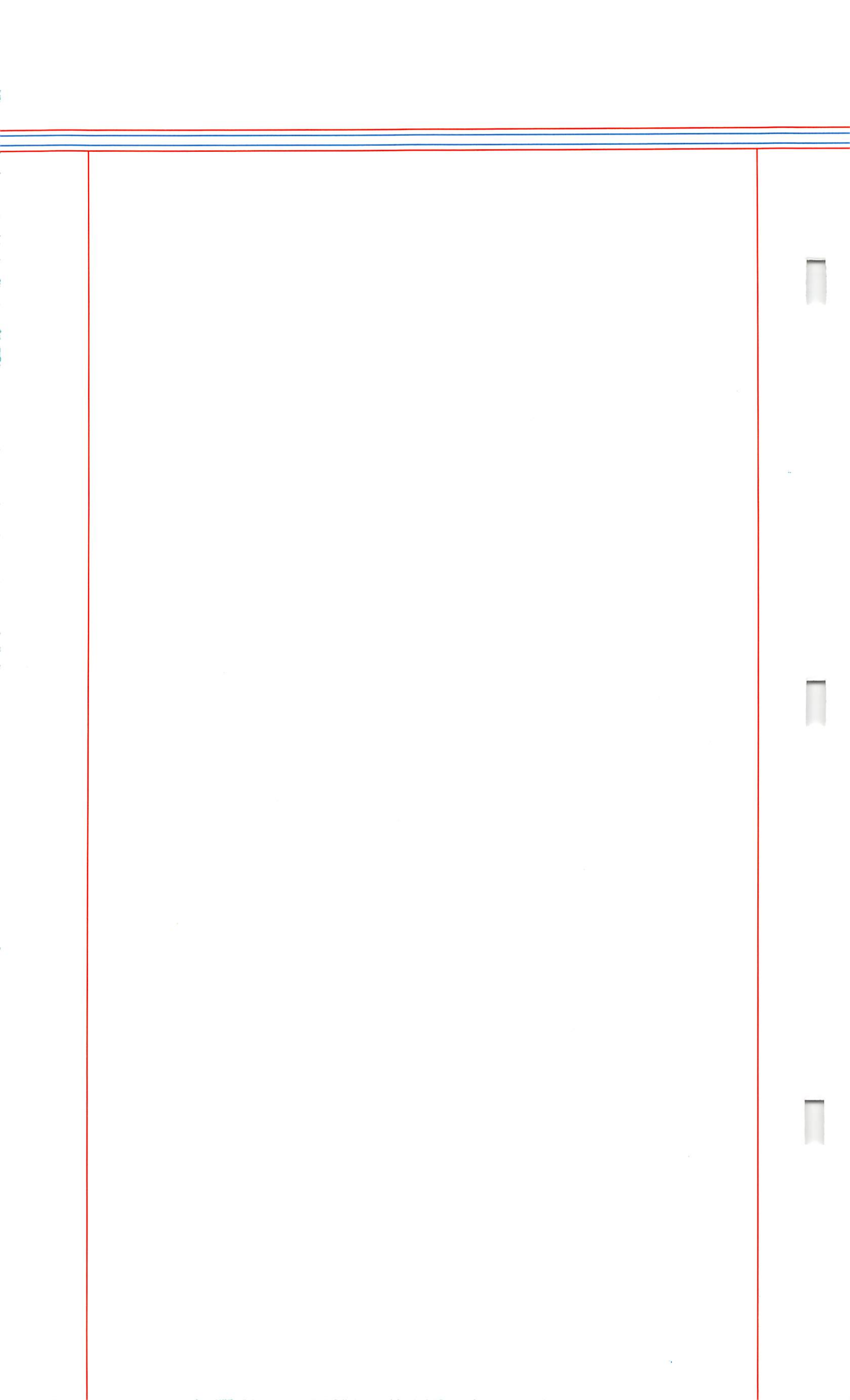
Chief Kile told the Council that no bids had been received for the department SUV. Mr. Wagner said that he would speak with Chief Kile to develop a plan of disposing of the vehicle.

Chief Neher reminded the Council Members of the Fire Department's Toy drive and said it would conclude on December 16, 2023.

Mr. Langdon told the Council that leaf pickup would end on November 30, 2023. Mr. Daily asked Mr. Langdon if he had ordered additional handicap parking signs for the downtown area, Mr. Langdon said that the signs had been ordered, but the final placement had not been determined. The Council discussed the number of handicap parking spots available in the downtown area and asked the Street Committee to prepare recommendations for placements of these signs.

Mr. Cunningham reported that he had received two quotes to complete the Harding Street lift station project, and that Haskins Underground submitted the low quote in the amount \$52,537.00. Mr. Leman made a motion to accept the quote from Haskins Underground in the amount of \$52,537.00, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Cunningham also asked the Council to promote Anthony Schrock to class A operator and explained that Mr. Schrock had passed his class 1 operator test. Mr. Leeper made a motion to promote Mr. Schrock to class A operator as of November 20, 2023, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Main reminded the Council that the Holy Walk would be taking place at West Park this weekend. He also told them that the aquatic facility was being fenced off at the moment and that he was attempting to dispose of unneeded equipment from the pool. Mr. Wagner volunteered to talk to Mr. Main about surplus property as well.



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

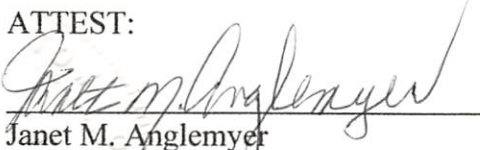
Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones told the Council that the wastewater treatment plant project was on schedule to advertise for bids in December, award a bid in February and then close later on in the spring of 2024. Mr. Jones asked whether the claims for property owners affected by the interceptor project had been approved, which Ms. Anglemyer confirmed. He then submitted a revised agreement with the USDA with additional language from the original agreement. Ms. Anglemyer noted that the copy that had been sent to the Town had marked revisions, Mr. Jones stated that he would obtain a clean copy for signature if the Council would authorize Mr. Daily to sign it. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the agreement as revised, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

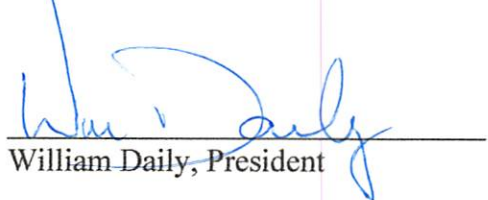
COUNCIL COMMENTS: No council comments were offered.

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

ATTEST:



Janet M. Anglemyer
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen



William Daily, President

