

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
October 10, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 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; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

AQUATIC CENTER BID OPENING: Mr. Wagner opened two bids for the Aquatic Center project. The bids were announced as follows:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt. 1</u>	<u>Alt. 2</u>
• Brown & Brown, Inc.	\$2,812,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$23,300.00
• R. Yoder Construction	\$3,652,388.00	\$31,267.00	\$19,080.00

Mr. Leeper made a motion to take the bids under advisement, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

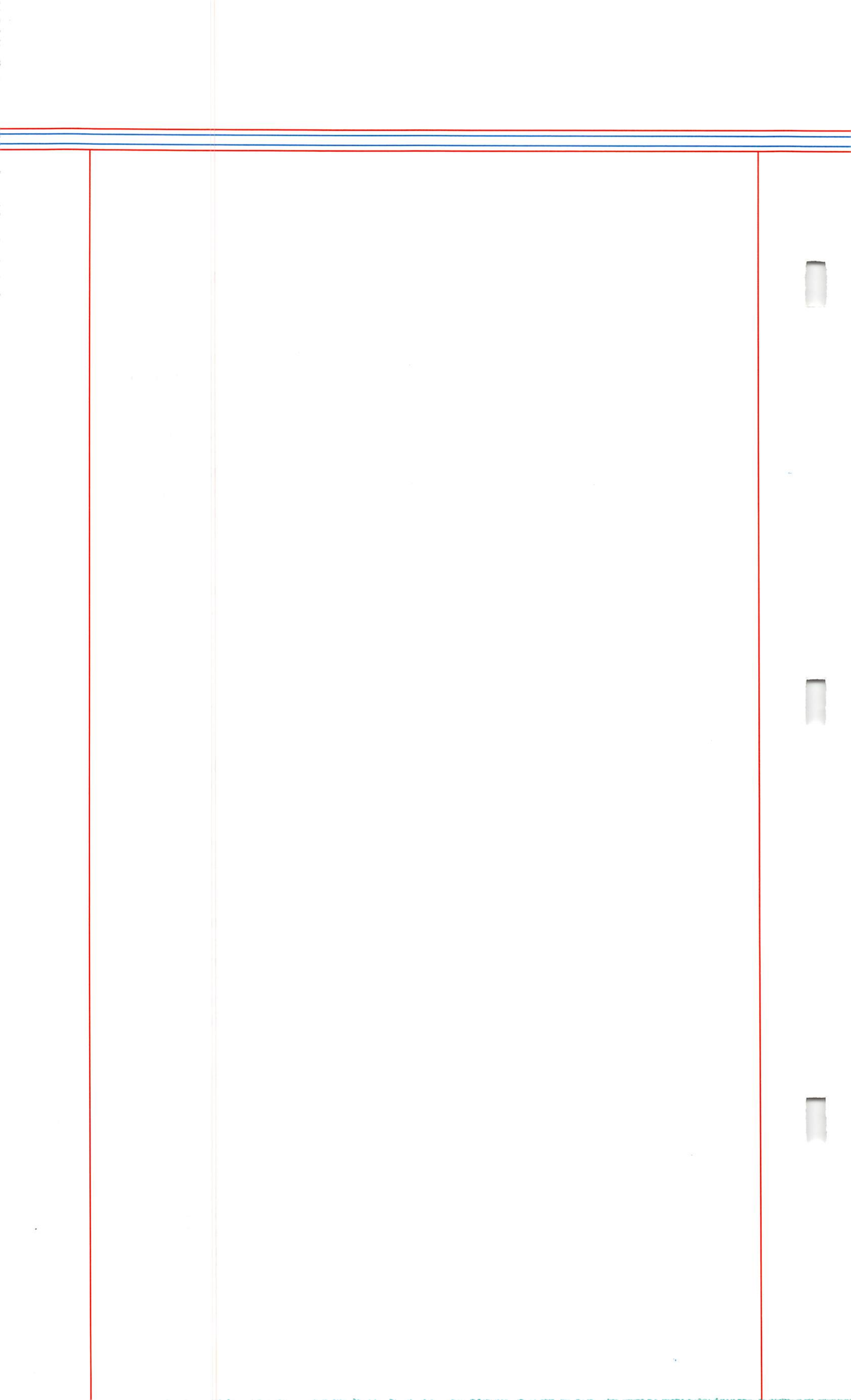
CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment and the payroll docket for review; Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 11-2023 for first reading and explained that the ordinance amended the Cemetery Code to increase grave fees, open/close fees, and add a chapel fee. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2023 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented pay application number 2 for the Jackson Street project in the amount of \$214,378.67; Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve pay application number 2 for the Jackson Street project as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner had no new information to report.

OLD BUSINESS: No old matters were brought before the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine told the Council that Adam Mann would be moving soon and needed to be replaced on the BZA and that he recommended Brian Shumaker for the position. Mr. Leman made a motion to appoint Mr. Shumaker to the BZA, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Fraine then asked the Council for permission to order additional flowers for the 15 new boxes that would be added by the Jackson Street project, which the Council approved. He also told the Council that the standpipe report had been submitted and



that he would be meeting with JPR to review it in the near future. Mr. Fraine told the Council that Jackson Street should be paved on October 23 and 24, and that he had received an offer from the Trustee's office to pay \$50,000.00 per year for two (2) years to enhance the project with a bathroom, a roof over the stage, or other improvements. Mr. Lemman asked whether there was space for a bathroom, and Mike Reese from the Troyer Group replied that there was not a good location for it. Mr. Reese described a few other options. The Council discussed estimated costs and the rehabilitation of the existing alley bathroom.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Mr. Aguayo had no new information to report on behalf of the Water Department.

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

Mr. Lockwood submitted a proposal to purchase a utility vehicle for the Cemetery Department and explained that it was safer and more useful than the current equipment used by the department. He told the Council that the Cemetery Board was supportive of the request as well, and that the price was achieved through CO-OP purchasing. Ms. Anglemyer explained that she would transfer funds out of the repair fund to cover the purchase. The Council asked questions of several departments to understand how they might all be able to use the vehicle. Mr. Fraine added that he supported the request, and that the vehicle would have been used daily during his time at the department. The Council approved the request.

Mr. Langdon had no new information to report on behalf of the Street Department.

Mr. Cunningham told the Council that the lab had passed its annual lab testing, and that he would provide new quotes to re-vamp the Harding Street lift station, now that the generator had arrived.

Mr. Main told the Council that the Park Board had a meeting with the league heads to discuss the draft golf cart ordinance and that the group was comfortable with either decision. He noted that the Park Board still said that golf carts should be treated like vehicles.

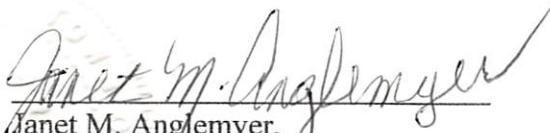
Mr. Lemman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

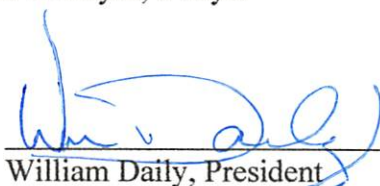
TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones told the Council that the cost of renovating and repairing the standpipe would be high due to the age and historic status of the structure. He told the Council that the project may be eligible for grants, but that the specific landmark status would need to be determined. The Council discussed the gravity of the issues with the standpipe.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Lemman 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

