

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
May 28, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 28, 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; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Ken Jones, Town Engineer, and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

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

MINUTES: Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting, 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 without amendment; Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also presented Resolution 2024-05, to declare the now-empty old police pension accounts dormant. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer told the Council that she would have her exit conference for the State Board of Accounts 2022 audit the next day. The Council set their budget meetings for June 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 6-2024, regarding the amendment of the trash ordinance and its application to apartment complexes. Mr. Wagner explained the amendment, consisting of a single line, and asked the Council to declare an emergency and approve the ordinance on all three readings. Mr. Miller made a motion to declare an emergency and approve Ordinance 6-2024 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

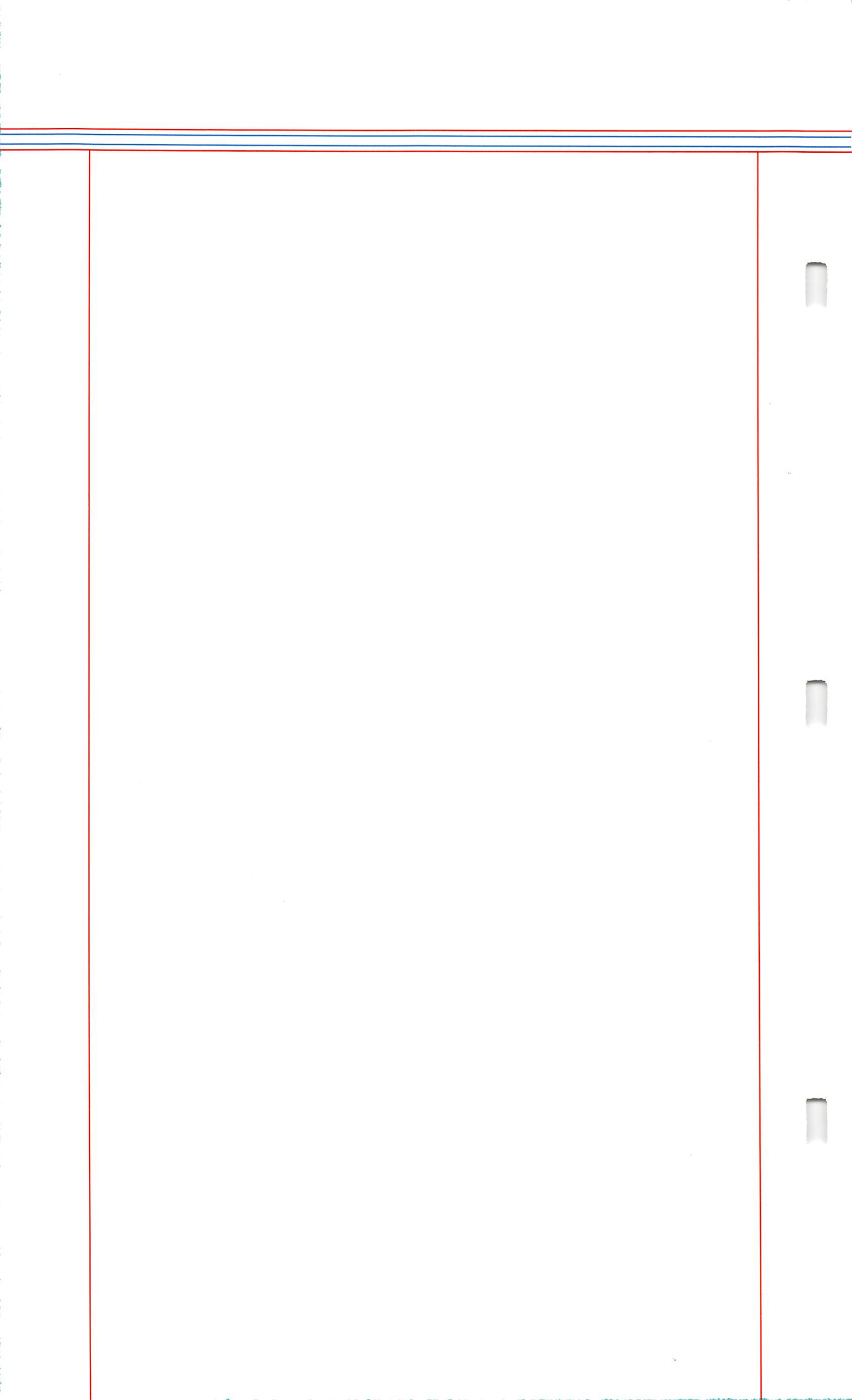
OLD BUSINESS: No old business was brought before the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made to the Council.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report. Mr. Fraine also submitted 6 CF-1 forms for Mr. Leman to execute. Mr. Fraine thanked all of the Town Departments who were willing to loan employees to the Cemetery Department to catch up on trimming; Mr. Fraine told the Council that the cemetery looked very good and that he was grateful for and proud of the Town employees. Mr. Fraine shared an award presented to Brown and Brown and the Michiana Builders Association ceremony, for their work on the Jackson Street project.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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



Mr. Aguayo thanked all the departments that assisted the Water Department during the emergency main problems on 331, and also expressed his appreciation for the patience from Precision Painting and Lake City Bank. Mr. Aguayo described the status of the problem in more detail.

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

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

Mr. Main told the Council that the Park improvement projects were both progressing, and that the summer workers had started that day.

Mr. Lockwood expressed his appreciation for the help from the other departments that he received at the cemetery.

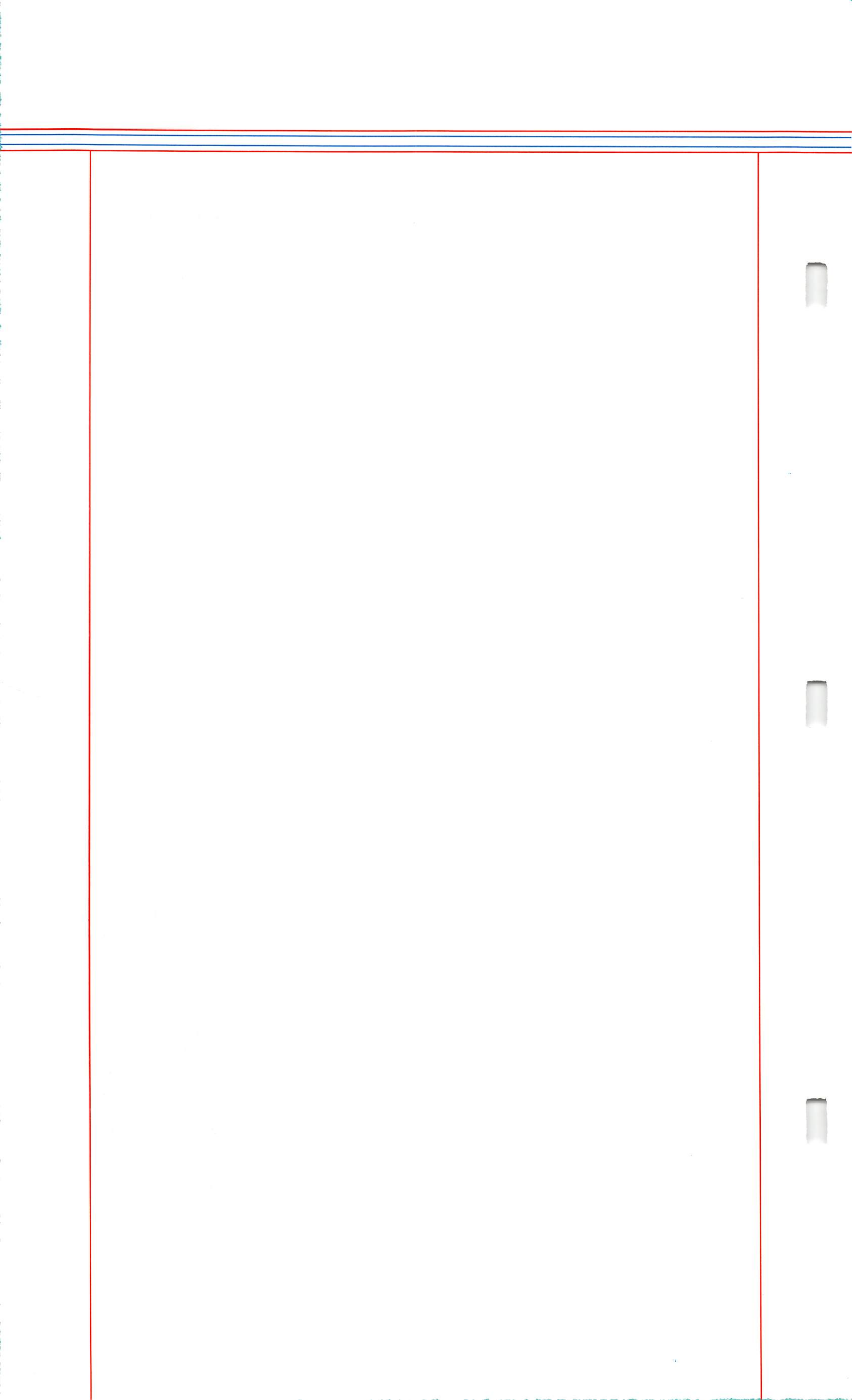
Mr. Cunningham had no new information to report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

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. Jones gave a detailed explanation of the problems that caused the emergency repairs of the 331 water main. He explained in detail that the water main materials were in poor condition, most likely due to the acidity of the soil. He added that the line is part of the system's "backbone" and can not be down for a long period of time. Mr. Jones also suggested that the Water Department evaluate several other infrastructure points to see if there are similar issues before those materials might phase. He told the Council that the main would be replaced with a type of PVC pipe, which would be the first time being used on a large scale in the Town but that it was appropriate for the soil conditions. Mr. Jones also explained that the proposed contractors that JPR sought out for the project were picked on the basis of ability to respond and availability. He recommended HRP and Selge Construction, and Selge Construction in particular. Mr. Jones shared the quote from Selge, in the amount of \$387,630.00, and noted that was under his estimate of \$400,000.00. Mr. Jones and Mr. Wagner discussed the documents that would be circulated for a file to be maintained by the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the emergency nature of the project. Mr. Jones and Mr. Aguayo mentioned other areas that should be reviewed, and Mr. Mikel asked about other sources of funding. Mr. Wagner said that TIF funds may be available for a portion of the project and that the matter should be brought before the RDC. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the contract with Selge Construction subject to the review of Mr. Wagner and with authorization from Mr. Fraine to execute the documents on behalf of the Town of Bremen, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

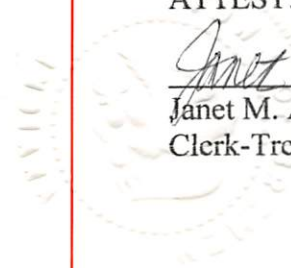
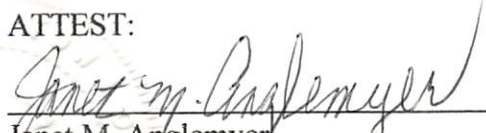
Mr. Jones also told the Council they would be seeking permission to bid the Community Crossings Matching Grant project at the next meeting. Mr. Leman asked about the amounts held in the Water Department's accounts, which Ms. Anglemyer reported; she also noted that the costs turned out to be more manageable than she had feared. Mr. Miller asked if the project cost more due to the emergency nature, and Mr. Jones replied that there was certainly a premium because the contractor was pulling workers from other projects for this one.

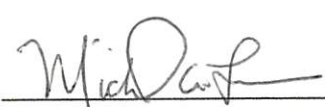
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Mikel asked about the condition of the standpipe. Mr. Fraine directed him to the JPR study. Mr. Miller asked if it had been declared a historic structure, and Mr. Jones explained that it had National landmark status, but not State. The Council discussed getting State landmark status, and Mr. Mikel stated that the standpipe was one of only two of its type in the United States.



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

