MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
September 23, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 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; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; 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 September 9, 2024, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel 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. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented Ordinance 12-2024, regarding the 2025 budget, for third reading. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-2024 on third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer reminded the Council that the next meeting would take place on October 15, 2024.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 13-2024, regarding amendments to the Municipal Code regarding curfew, for first reading. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-2024 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner explained several other ordinances that would be approved at upcoming meetings.

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. Mr. Fraine explained the proposed extension of the trash contract with Republic and told them that varying levels of interest from other contractors. Mr. Wagner pointed out that this would not be a new contract, so much as an extension of the original contract. Mr. Fraine said that he would have more information at the next meeting. Mr. Fraine also told the Council of an opportunity to get fill dirt from Pro Tec from their upcoming construction project. He told the Council that it had been tested and was usable for several projects that the Town would have in the near future. Mr. Leman asked where it would be stored, and Mr. Langdon explained several storage and use sites.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright and Mr. Wagner explained the requirements for the AMI agreement that had been tabled from the prior meeting. Mr. Wagner explained that the services were exempt from bidding requirements by statute and that it made sense to utilize the

services through IMPA. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wright asked for permission to replace the department's 2012 ¼-ton truck, which would still be kept as a department vehicle. Mr. Wright reviewed the three quotes that he had received and suggested that the department purchase a ¾-ton Chevrolet 2500 crew cab from McCormick Motors for $54,500.00. Mr. Vance added that the new truck would be better suited for towing some of the department's equipment than the current vehicle. Mr. Wright told the Council that his department often borrowed vehicles from other departments to pull some of its equipment. Mr. Mikel asked whether the old truck was worth keeping and Mr. Wright stated that he thought it was but Mr. Vance acknowledged that it was having some little problems. The Council approved the request. Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Aguayo told the Council that his department would start hydrant flushing the following week, and that the department was still changing meters.

Chief Kile asked the Council to approve Trick-or-Treat hours. The Council agreed to set Trick-or-Treat hours for October 31, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Chief Kile presented a schedule of equipment to be declared worthless. He explained that the equipment were obsolete radios and related towers. Mr. Miller made a motion to declare the property worthless for disposal, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Mr. Vance had nothing new to report.

Chief Neher had nothing new to report on behalf of the Fire Department but invited everyone to the Okoberfest event this weekend.

Mr. Cunningham asked the Council to promote Eric Ringer to Class 3 Operator, effective September 23, 2024. Mr. Daily made a motion to promote Eric Ringer to Class 3 Operator as of September 23, 2024, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Mr. Daily 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 submitted his report and described a grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources historic preservation department. He explained that the rehabilitation of the Standpipe would have four (4) phases, and that the grant would cover the first two phases in the amount of $150,000.00. He explained that the grant would provide $75,000.00 for a $75,000.00 match. Mr. Jones told the Council that JPR would donate $25,000.00 in-kind services toward that match and the Town would only need to provide $50,000.00 in funding. He stated that the project would need the letters of support from the community, and the Council discussed funding options. Mr. Jones re-stated that the estimated total cost of the project would be approximately $460,000.00. Mr. Miller made a motion to pay $50,000.00 toward the matching grant from the tourism funds, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Jones also told the Council of the progress with the Center Street parking lot. He explained that JPR was trying to divide the contract into several parts, including demo and site grading and for the installation of one sewer structure. Mr. Jones asked to meet with Mr. Wagner regarding procurement. Mr. Jones added that the Town would need to address dumpster storage, but that the estimated cost should be under $200,000.00 with the possibility of finding additional savings.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Mikel suggested that the Town vehicle be provided to the Director of Operations. The Council discussed how the vehicle might still be used for employee trips. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the grant to the Town vehicle to the Director of Operations, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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

ATTEST:

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

Michael Leman, President