

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
November 13, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 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; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 11-2023: Mr. Daily opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance 11-2023. No public comments were offered. Mr. Daily closed the public hearing. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2023, regarding amendments to the cemetery ordinance, on second and third reading, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

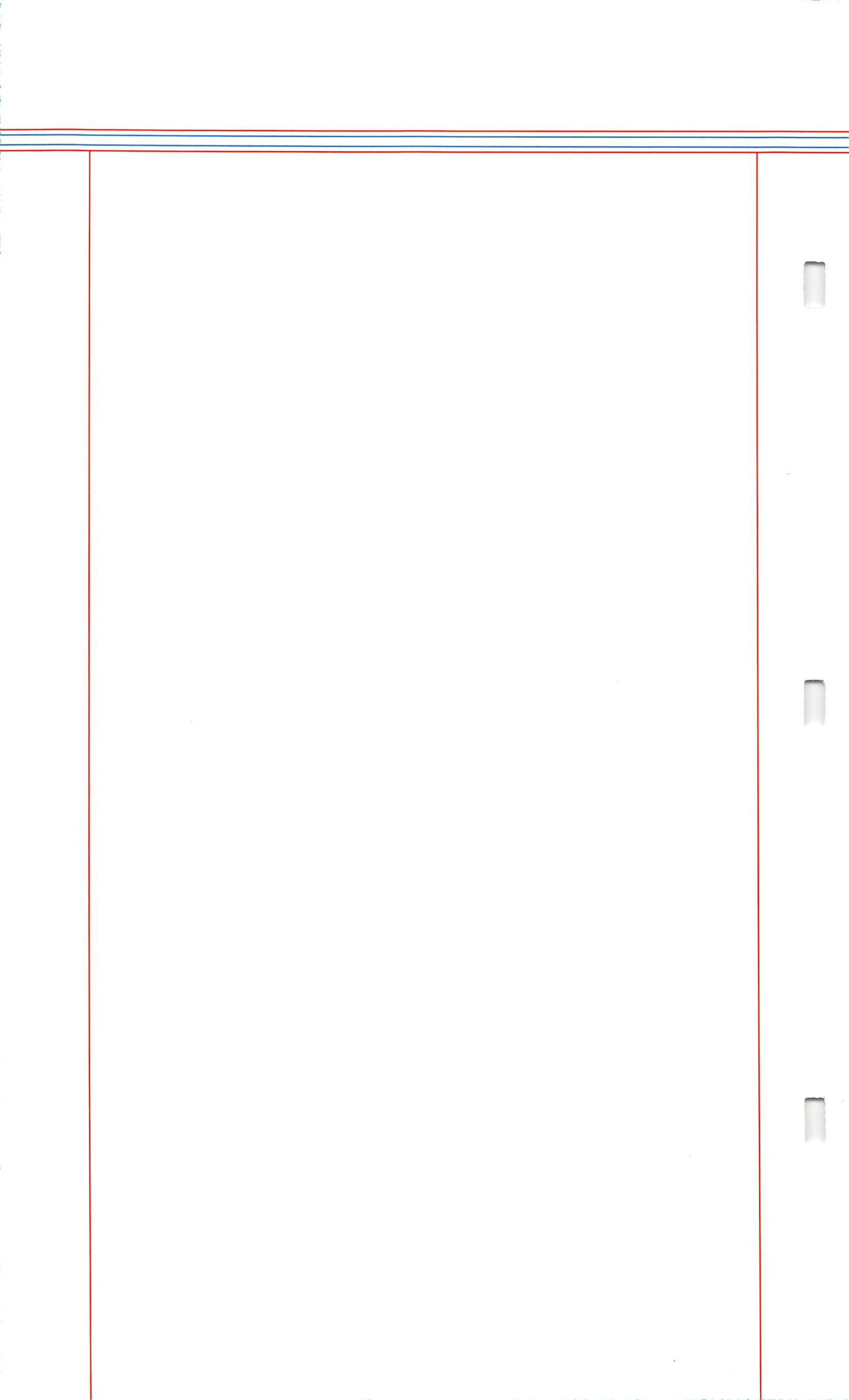
MINUTES: Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims along with the payroll docket; 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 pay application number 3 for the Jackson Street project, payable to Brown & Brown for \$271,341.98. Mr. Daily signed the pay application. Ms. Anglemyer presented Ordinance 13-2023, the 2024 Wage Ordinance. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-2023 on first reading which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he was working on an Ordinance to create a READI Fund, and that the ordinance would be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 2-2023, the new Golf Cart Ordinance, for third reading. The Council discussed the revised ordinance. Mr. Leman requested that the registration fee be reduced to \$10.00 per year. Mr. Wagner said that he would make the amendment and submit it for the next meeting. Mr. Wagner also presented Resolution 2023-16, which appointed Mr. Fraine as the ADA Coordinator. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Blakley appeared in front of the Council and expressed concern about the use of tractors on town streets for non-agricultural purposes. Mr. Daily suggested that he contact the Marshall County prosecutor to have tickets written to those operators, and Mr. Wagner suggested that the Council could prohibit those vehicles in an upcoming utility vehicle ordinance.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report and discussed the other ADA documents prepared by JPR. Mr. Jones added that the Town was merely implementing existing policies and was not obligated to change anything substantive. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the submitted ADA plan, which was second by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Fraine asked the Council to appoint him to the Marshall County Unsafe Building Board; Mr. Leeper made a motion to appoint Mr. Fraine to the Marshall County Unsafe Building Board, which was



seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Daily signed the Certificate of Board Appointment. Mr. Fraine also asked the Council to approve Matt Neher as the replacement for Tim Orcutt on the Bremen Park Board. Mr. Leeper made a motion to appoint Mr. Neher to the Bremen Park Board, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright reported that the Electric Department had applied for a Grid Resiliency Grant that would require a 38% match by the Town and could result in a savings of several hundred thousand dollars. He requested permission to hire Baker Tilly to assist with the grant preparation and presented a contract for their services. He noted that the estimated fees would fall between \$20,000.00-\$25,000. 00. Mr. Leman asked if the contracted sum would be paid through the Electric Department, which Ms. Anglemyer confirmed. Mr. Wright noted that the entire amount for the future project had been budgeted to be entirely by the department, so the savings would be worth it if they could obtain any grant funding. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the contract with Baker Tilly, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Mr. Main reported to the Council that he was working on alternatives for swim lessons and open swim for the next summer season when the pool would be under construction.

Mr. Langdon submitted his report on behalf of the Street Department.

Chief Neher reported that the department would be erecting a flagpole near the Jackson Street project location and discussed the size and proximity of the flag relative to a nearby light pole. Mr. Fraine asked if the size of the flag was too big, and Chief Neher explained that vendor had sized the flag according to the national flag code.

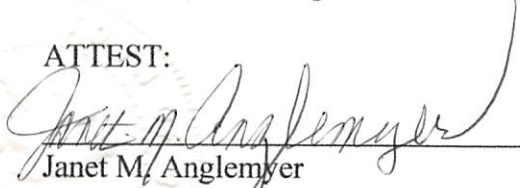
Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

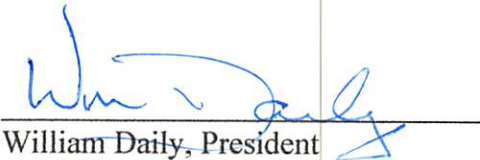
TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones told the Council that the Wastewater Treatment Plant project was on track, and that the project could be bid in December and closed in January. He explained that they had obtained all the easements for the interceptor project, and asked the Council to approve the payments to the property owners at a future meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No council comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leman 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

