

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
July 11, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members Mike Leman, James Leeper, William Daily and Rick Graverson were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Ben Wright, Foreman of the Electric Department; Alex Mikel, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Brad Thornton, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Mr. Thornton submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Leeper and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he had reviewed certain ADA documents prepared by JPR, and Mr. Weldy added that the documents would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy presented Resolution 2022-13, regarding Indiana Carton's application for a standard personal property tax abatement for a new litho-dispenser. Mr. Weldy told the Council that the machine cost approximately \$46,600.00 and was necessary for Indiana Carton to remain competitive in the marketplace. Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-13, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy then presented Resolution 2022-14, regarding Indiana Carton's request for a standard personal property tax abatement on a new ink mixer machine. Mr. Weldy explained that the machine cost \$7,400.00 and again was necessary for Indiana Carton to remain competitive in the marketplace. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-14, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy told the Council that the elevator contractor had been back to inspect the elevator in anticipation of its replacement, and that he would be calling to get an estimate on the installation of string lights downtown. He told the Council that he had met with Republic Services regarding their unsatisfactory performance and he explained that Republic's representative had told them that they had made personnel changes to resolve the issues. Mr. Weldy said that the Town would have until October 1, 2022 to cancel the contract, and the Council Members expressed their continued concern with trash blowing off the trucks. Mr. Weldy and Mr. Jones told the Council that they were working with Mr. Haskins to resolve an issue with the South Street project. Mr. Daily asked if the issues with the Lincoln Street project would be corrected as well. Mr. Jones said that he would talk to Mr. Haskins about fixing Lincoln Street as well.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

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

Chief Kile told the Council that Officer Lopez has submitted his resignation to join the Mishawaka Police Department on August 2, and requested permission to apply for academy certified applicants after first posting the position internally. The Council asked him to proceed accordingly.

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

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

Chief Neher had no new information to report to behalf of the Fire Department.

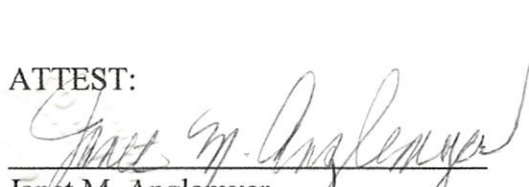
Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones told the Council that SRF had released its draft priority list and Bremen's Wastewater Treatment Plant project had landed at 65, most likely due to the lack of need for rate mitigation. He reminded the Council that they were still waiting on the USDA application results, and discussed the application of any SRF funds to the interceptor portion of the project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Weldy asked the Council to set an Ambulance Board meeting for August in order to put out bids for a new contract. Mr. Leman asked if the County Council had entertained implementing LOIT tax to assist with payments for emergency services. The Council discussed contacting the County Commissioners in that regard.

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

ATTEST:


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


Michael Leman, President

