

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
April 12, 2021**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council members James Leeper, Michael Leman, Rick Graverson, and William Daily were present. Also present were Trend Weldy, Director of Operations; Jay Stoneburner, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Ken Jones, Town Engineer; Janet Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer; and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

MINUTES: Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

KELSEY LAWMASTER: The Council welcomed Kelsey Lawmaster and congratulated her for winning the Indiana Distinguished Young Woman title. Mr. Leeper read Resolution 2021-5 honoring Ms. Lawmaster.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Anglemyer submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented a contract from BakerTilly for their services in regard to the asset management plan review. Mr. Jones added that the water side of the report was complete and that JPR was now working on the wastewater side, but acknowledged that the storm sewer system had not been discussed. He also credited Mr. Mikel and Mr. Cunningham with reducing the expense to the Town by assembling the data for their respective departments. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer presented a second contract from BakerTilly for assistance with the American Recovery Plan. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer asked the Council to open the public hearing on Ordinance 5-2021, regarding the Cumulative Capital Development Fund rate, and approve the ordinance on second and third readings. Mr. Leeper opened the public hearing, and no comments were offered. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Ordinance 5-2021, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer then presented Ordinance 6-2021, regarding the establishment of Fund #244 for the Jackson Street Revitalization project, and requested that the Council declare an emergency and pass the ordinance on three readings. Mr. Graverson made a motion to declare an emergency and pass Ordinance 6-2021 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Anglemyer also asked the Council if they were prepared to act on a COVID-19 pay policy. The Council discussed several options for such a policy. Mr. Graverson made a motion to extend the 2020 coverage from January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented an amended Resolution 2021-7a and Resolution 2021-9, both of which pertained to tax abatements from the Center Street annexation. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-7a, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Leman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner discussed the processes for annexing the IMPA parcel and the new Digger Specialties parcels.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Anna Salazar appeared before the Council and expressed concern about the amount of horse droppings left in the street. Mr. Weldy said that other communities had adopted bag ordinances, and Mr. Langdon explained that using the street sweeper on the remains made the sweeper difficult to clean. Mr. Weldy told the Council he would investigate options for the Council to consider.

Henry Aguayo appeared and complained that the new step outside his building at 115 N. Center Street was installed incorrectly. He explained that the Marshall County Building Inspector had found it to be out of code. Mr. Weldy told the Council and Mr. Aguayo that the problem had been raised with the contractor and the step was to be fixed.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Weldy submitted Resolution 2021-8, regarding a standard five year personal property tax abatement for Indiana Carton for the purchase of a \$3.85 million dollar die cutting machine. Mr. Weldy explained that the purchase would add six new jobs and noted that Indiana Carton had made substantial investments in equipment for several years. Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-8, which was seconded by Mr. Leman and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy then submitted a compliance statement from Indiana Carton; Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the statement, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Weldy also presented a compliance statement from Patrick Industries; Mr. Graverson made a motion to approve the statement, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays as Mr. Leman abstained. Mr. Weldy noted that the trees would be installed downtown beginning the next day, and explained that the contractor was now looking to address a problem with the pole base covers after the traffic signal poles had been lowered. Mr. Weldy asked the Council if it intended to proceed with a chicken ordinance, and the Council discussed the matter. The Council declined to take any action on a chicken ordinance.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Chief Kile told the Council that Officer Lopez would be in the police academy in South Bend until July 2021, and that the annual basketball benefit had gone well.

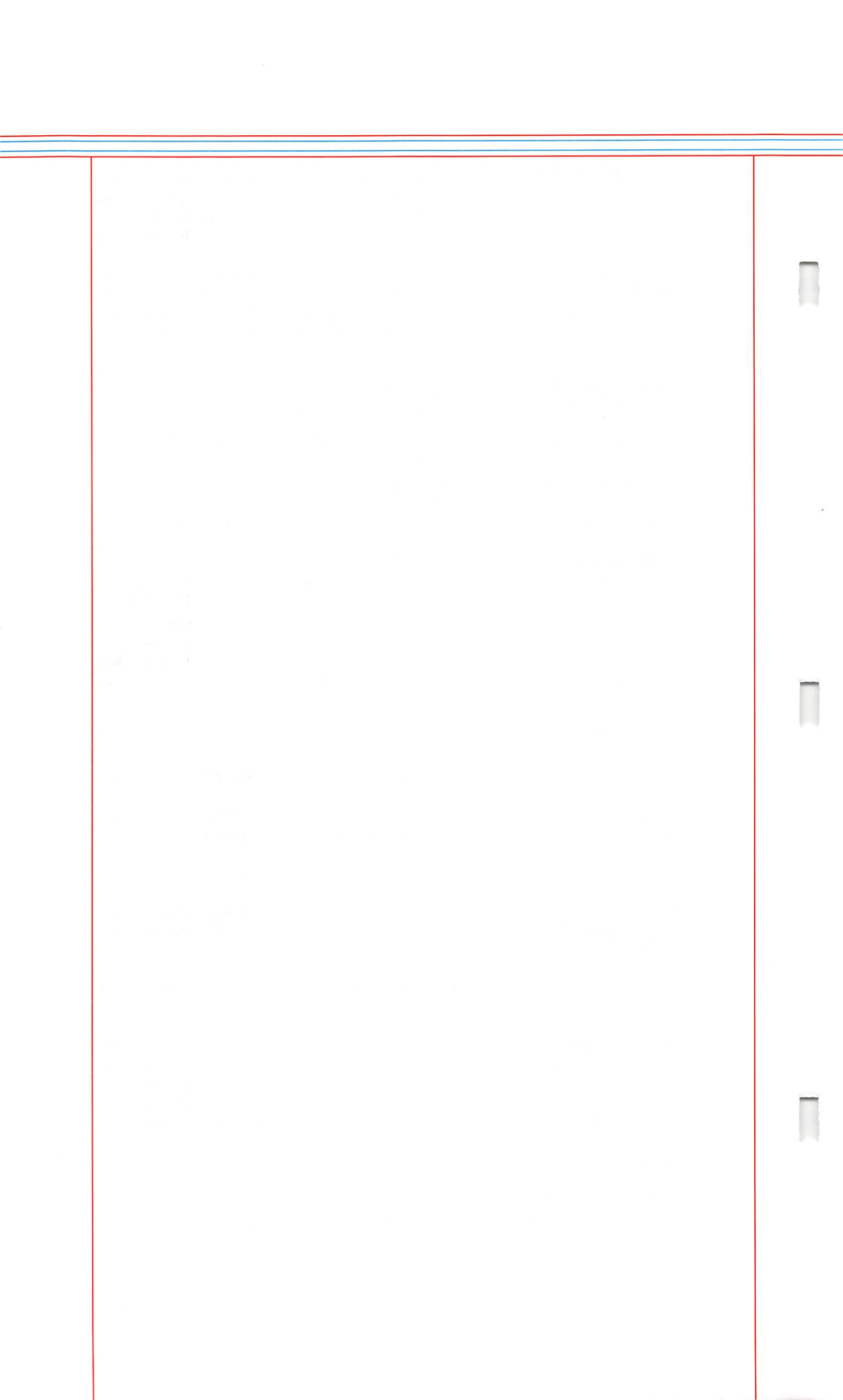
Mr. Langdon submitted his report on behalf of the Street Department.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department, and told the Council that the Firemen's Festival was scheduled for June 15 through June 19, with fireworks on June 19.

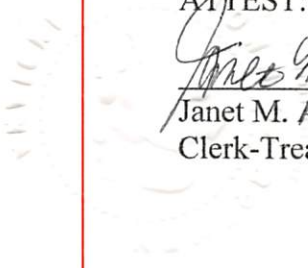
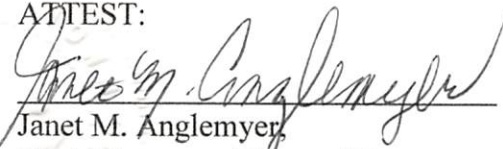
Mr. Leman made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Graverson and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Jones told the Council that the filter inspection report showed that it could be repaired. Mr. Graverson asked whether the 2021 Community Crossroad grant issue had been resolved, and Mr. Jones explained that it had. Mr. Jones also told the Council that Center Street utility project had revealed several issues with existing leads that will require full-depth restoration in some places. He also noted that three trees had been removed due to sidewalk issues and that the sidewalk would be replaced.

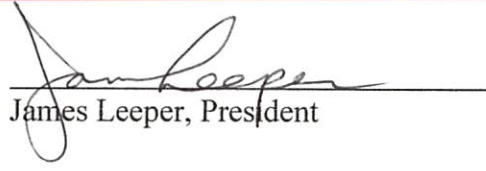
ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Leman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.



ATTEST:

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



James Leeper, President

