

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
August 25, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Michael Leman, Alex Mikel, Bryan Miller, Bill Daily and David Bailey were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Meghan Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; 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 August 11, 2025, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

BID OPENING: Mr. Wagner opened the bids for the sale of a surplus generator from the Wastewater Department. Mr. Wagner opened the following bids:

- IMB Automotive, LLC: \$3,000.00
- Farmer's Drainage, LLC: \$5,250.00

Mr. Mikel made a motion to accept the bid from Farmer's Drainage, LLC, in the amount of \$5,250.00, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Atkins submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins asked the Council to approve pay application number 4 for the Community Crossing Matching Grant 2024-2 Project, but the Council Members could not find the document on their devices. Ms. Atkins left the meeting to reupload the document.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he was scheduling public hearings on the annexation petitions pending before the Council for September 22, 2025.

CLERK-TREASURER CONTINUED: Ms. Atkins returned to the meeting and confirmed that the Council Members could access the document on their devices. She requested approval of the CCMG 2024-2 pay application number 4 in the amount of \$568,092.99. Mr. Mikel confirmed that this amount was for everything but the retainage. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve pay application number 4 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was brought before the Council.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Deborah Bollenbacher appeared before the Council and expressed concern regarding automobiles and auto parts accumulating on a neighboring property on 1st Road. She described what she could see from her property. Mr. Fraine and Mr. Wagner reminded the Council of previous results of investigations into business activity on the parcel. Mr. Fraine agreed to go and view the property from the backyards of neighboring homeowners.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report. Mr. Fraine asked the Council to approve Resolution 2025-5, regarding a tax abatement for Southwire on

personal property worth \$25,060,000.00, as well as Resolution 2025-6, regarding a tax abatement for Southwire on real estate worth \$62,650,000.00. The Council discussed the two requests and the abatement structure. Mr. Wagner asked Greg Hildebrand, the Director of Marshall County Economic Development, to describe the status of abatements in other communities in Marshall County. After discussion, Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-5, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Miller then made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-6, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fraine told the Council that his office was setting up a meeting for September 4, 2025 regarding the prospective DORA. Mr. Fraine thanked JPR for hosting approximately 90 employees and their families at the South Bend Cubs game on the previous Friday, and he thanked Tara Beasley for her work in organizing the event. Mr. Fraine requested permission to move forward with posting the position of meter tech for hiring. The Council discussed the position and the job requirements. Mr. Mikel asked whether the position should require a CDL. The Council discussed the requirement and how a prospective employee could obtain the license; Mr. Wagner suggested a reimbursement program, similar to the Police and Electric Departments training cost agreements. The Council directed Mr. Fraine to advertise the position.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright told the Council that Brody Beasley and Seth Snider were both eligible to be promoted the lineman 2nd class year 2 as of August 25, 2025. Mr. Mikel made a motion to promote Mr. Beasley and Mr. Snider to the position of lineman 2nd class year 2 as of August 25, 2025, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Main told the Council that the Assistant Park Superintendent position was open and that the applicant pool looked strong. Mr. Main also told the Council that the Aquatics facility may close early for the year if temperatures remain low.

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

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

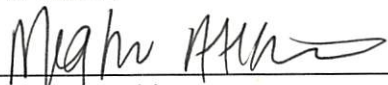
Mr. Lockwood submitted his report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.


Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leman thanked the Town employees who worked on the Summer's End festival.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Mikel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:


Meghan Atkins,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen


Michael Leman, President

