

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
April 28, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Michael Leman, William Daily, Alex Mikel, Bryan Miller and David Bailey were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Meghan Atkins, 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; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Dan Byam, 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 April 14, 2025, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Atkins presented the docket of claims Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Atkins asked the Council to approve the Baker Tilly Scope of Work Agreement. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the agreement as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins also submitted pay application number 1 for the 2024-2 Community Crossings project, payable to HRP in the amount of \$18,207.78. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve pay application number 1 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins told the Council that Baker Tilly had recommended a 17% increase in the water rates and asked the Council to approve that amount for the upcoming ordinance. Mr. Mikel asked Ms. Atkins if the municipal fire hydrants were paid for from the general fund, which Ms. Atkins confirmed. Mr. Daily made a motion to include a 17% staggered rate increase in the upcoming water ordinance, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner and Ms. Atkins said that they would have the ordinance prepared for the next meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he hoped to submit the ordinance amending the parking chapter at the next meeting, and asked them to submit any other edits.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Mikel asked about the status of the employee phone stipends, and Ms. Atkins told the Council that the stipends would be paid at the end of the next quarter. Mr. Leman asked whether the bicycle code should be amended to ban electric scooters, and Mr. Wagner and Chief Kile explained that the current state statute required electric scooters to be treated as bicycles. They also suggested that the Council consider actions to improve safety and change unsafe behaviors rather than an outright ban. The Council discussed several ideas to promote safety.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered to the Council.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report, and told the Council that preparations for the broadcast of Council meetings were proceeding. Mr. Fraine presented several CF-1 statements for Universal Bearings, which Mr. Leman signed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Kile told the Council that he was conducting interviews for the SRO officer.

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department and told the Council that meters were being swapped out in town. Mr. Leman asked why the meter replacement had been outsourced, and Mr. Wright explained that his department could physically swap the meters, but that the contractor could match the individual meters to the new software much more quickly and easily.

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

Mr. Main told the Council that the Park Board did not hire any applicants for the new position, and that it would probably not be considered again until the fall.

Mr. Lockwood told the Council that one of his mowers had resigned and the he would be looking to replace them in the near future.

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

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

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

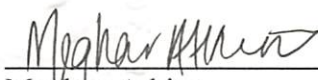
Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Byam told the Council that JPR was moving ahead with splitting the wastewater treatment project into separate contracts, and that they should be on track to receive bids in June. Ryan Anderson from JPR also appeared and told the Council they would be advertising for the 2025-1 Community Crossings paving project soon. Mr. Wagner asked Mr. Byam if the interceptor project was part of the split wastewater treatment project contracts, and Mr. Byam confirmed that it was not. The Council asked Mr. Fraine to work with JPR to get a legal description for an easement for the Center Street section of the interceptor line.

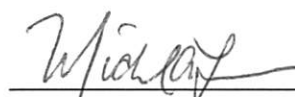
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Mikel asked Mr. Wright if the Electric Department had received any applications for a journeyman lineman, and Mr. Wright told the Council that there had been several. The Council discussed whether it needed to change how it advertised for open positions to attract more applicants.

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

