

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA  
June 9, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Michael Leman, William Daily, Alex Mikel 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; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Dan Byam, Town Engineer and Anthony Wagner, Town Attorney.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2025, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays

**CLERK-TREASURER:** Ms. Atkins presented the docket of claims with the payroll allowance docket. She noted that the initial payments for the Grant Street project were included in the docket. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 6-2025, regarding amendments to the Town Code regarding parking, for public hearing on second reading. Mr. Leman opened the floor for public comments regarding Ordinance 6-2025; no public comments were offered. Mr. Wagner briefly described minor amendments to the ordinance after the first reading. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-2025 on second and third readings, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Wagner also presented Ordinance 7-2025, regarding amendments to the Water Utility Rates, for public hearing and second reading. Mr. Wagner told the Council that the tap fee had been raised to \$1,600 but the ordinance otherwise remained unchanged from the first reading. Mr. Leman opened the floor for public comments; no public comments were offered. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Ordinance 7-2025 on second and third readings, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Wagner told the Council that he and Mr. Fraine would work on a resolution to honor Luke Kincaid, who recently received the mental attitude award at the State Track meet.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments were offered.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Mr. Fraine submitted his report. Mr. Fraine asked the Council to consider contributing to the cost of signage for the mural in the Jackson Street pavilion. He explained that Sheila Reed, working on behalf of the Bremen Arts Collective, had obtained an estimate for signage in the amount of \$2,000.00. Mr. Fraine noted that the mural might only be in that location for 5 years, and the Council





discussed whether the signage could move with the mural. The Council also discussed what funds would be available for the sign and focused on the tourism funds. Mr. Wagner noted that the first thousand dollars from the Tourism Fund had been paid towards the Standpipe Project grant. Mr. Mikel made a motion to authorize Mr. Fraine to contribute toward the sign, not to exceed \$2,000.00, after investigating other sources of funding, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fraine also told the Council that Deron Heller of Woodies Supermarket had inquired for funding for a new music festival that Woodies Supermarket is hosting in September. The Council discussed the request including tourism funds. The Council tabled the request to allow Mr. Fraine to speak with Mr. Heller and other interested entities regarding funding.

Mr. Fraine told the Council that he had contacted local businesses regarding a preliminary meeting for the proposed DORA and asked the Council Members to take the park trail survey.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Main had no new information to report on behalf of the Park Department.

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

Mr. Wright told the Council that the Electric Department would be declaring some equipment as surplus property.

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

Mr. Aguayo told the Council that the water main was mostly installed in the Grant Street project and that testing was ongoing. Mr. Leman asked if the project was on schedule, which Mr. Aguayo confirmed.

Mr. Lockwood had no new information to report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

Chief Neher asked the Council to consider putting some of the remaining tourism funds into paving at the park buildings. He told the Council that the estimated cost was approximately \$60,000.00 at the last time the Fireman's Association sought a quote. Chief Neher told the Council that he would also request township funds for the project as well. Chief Neher also expressed support for the DORA.

Mr. Mikel 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.

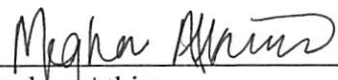
**TOWN ENGINEER:** Mr. Byam told the Council that the SRF fall pool closing was too far out to bid the wastewater project at this time, but that JPR would re-work the schedule so that it could be bid in July. The Council discussed the status of the project. Mr. Byam also noted that he had seen a draft of a local agreement with the Lake of the Woods Sewer District and that he would forward to Mr. Wagner soon.


**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mr. Daily asked Mr. Langdon when the repairs on Stewart Street would begin, and Mr. Langdon told him that the repairs were scheduled for August.



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

ATTEST:

  
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Meghan Atkins,  
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

  
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Michael Leman, President



