

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
June 23, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 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; 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. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Atkins presented 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 provided a brief update on the recent State Board of Accounts audit and activity with Baker Tilly.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner gave the Council an update on three upcoming annexations, and told the Council that he would report to them from his upcoming municipal law conference as well. Mr. Leman asked Mr. Wagner about the status of the DORA ordinance and Mr. Fraine told Mr. Leman that his office was trying to organize a meeting of the stakeholders to coordinate logistics.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Greg Hildebrand appeared on behalf of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation and presented its annual report.

Jonah Best, a Member of the Bourbon Town Council, a Member of ONE Marshall County, appeared and gave a report on ONE Marshall County activities. In his presentation, Mr. Best stated that ONE Marshall County was not asking for a funding request at this time; Mr. Wagner asked if a funding request would come later in the year, and Mr. Best said that it was not planned.

Dave Pierce and asked the Council for help with a newly installed streetlight that is too bright for his backyard. The Council asked Mr. Wright to meet with Mr. Pierce regarding solutions.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report and reminded the Council that the current meeting was being recorded while the next meeting will be a live-streamed. He encouraged persons addressing the Council to speak up so that they could be heard.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Chief Kile had no new information to report on behalf of the Police Department.

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

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

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

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Chief Neher thanked the Council and the various departments for their assistance with the Fireman's Festival and stated that he found the budgeting and funding session with Baker Tilly to be helpful.

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

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

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Byam told the Council that JPR was developing a plan for the tank issue at the water plant.

Mr. Byam asked the Council to waive the conflict to allow JPR to work for Graber Commercial Properties, LLC, regarding their new development. Mr. Wagner told the Council that JPR had been forthcoming about the conflict and that he and Mr. Fraine were comfortable allowing them to work for Graber. Mr. Miller made a motion to waive the conflict to allow JPR to be employed by Graber Commercial Properties, LLC, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

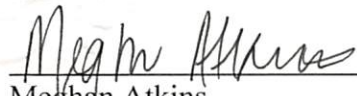
Mr. Byam told the Council that the wastewater treatment plant group conducted a meeting last week and developed a new schedule for bids. He explained that the bids would be advertised in early July and collected to be opened at a special meeting on August 6, 2025. Mr. Mikel asked if the Town's application was guaranteed to be included in the SRF funding pool, which Mr. Byam confirmed.

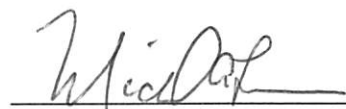
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Daily asked Mr. Wagner about the status of several dilapidated buildings. Mr. Wagner told the Council that the Unsafe Building Commission would be issuing warrants to access the properties for inspections soon. Mr. Daily also asked Mr. Wagner what steps would need to be taken to stagger the Council positions in future elections, and Mr. Wagner explained that the Council would need to take action in 2026 to change the terms for the 2027 election.

Mr. Miller asked whether the property owner of the site that was recently destroyed by fire on North Center Street would need to replace the sidewalks, and Mr. Wagner and Mr. Fraine told the Council they would investigate that question.

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

ATTEST:


Meghan Atkins,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen


Michael Leman, President

