

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA  
May 27, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Michael Leman, William Daily, Alex Mikel and Bryan Miller 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; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Ken Jones, 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 May 12, 2025, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays

**CLERK-TREASURER:** Ms. Atkins presented the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins asked the Council to approve Ordinance 8-2025, regarding certain additional appropriations to move INDOT funds for the Grant Street project and disburse Opioid funds pledged in 2024. Mr. Miller made a motion to declare an emergency to approve Ordinance 8-2025 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mr. Wagner reminded the Council that the hearings on the water rate ordinance and the parking code revision ordinance would take place at the next meeting. Mr. Wagner also told the Council that he had prepared a draft DORA ordinance, but that Mr. Fraine should meet with downtown business owners to discuss how the DORA would work.

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

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

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:** Mr. Fraine submitted his report

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Lockwood had no new information to report on behalf of the Cemetery 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. Jones recommended that the Council award the Community Crossings matching grant – 2 contract to Reith Riley in the amount of \$648,649.01. The Council discussed the project. Mr. Mikel made a motion to award the contract to Reith Riley in the amount as stated, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Jones also presented a new contract related to the Center Street parking lot project and explained that it would expand the project to repair the adjacent alley. He also noted that some funding would be provided from the Stormwater Fund as it included several drainage improvements. Mr. Jones told the Council that the contract amount was for \$67,124.02, with Kent's Excavating, the contractor working on the main project. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

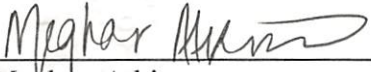
Mr. Jones presented Change Order No. 1 for the Grant Street project and explained that the change order revised the total contract price to \$1,665,533.31. He told the Council that the change order implemented some cost increases but also some decreases that led to a total increase of the contract value of approximately \$850.00. The Council discussed the change order. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.


Mr. Jones told the Council that the wastewater plant project was ready to bid the next phase, with an estimated cost of \$9.5 million dollars. He told the Council that the project could be advertised in June, the bids opened in July, and the closing conducted in September. The Council directed Mr. Jones to advertise for bids.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mr. Mikel asked Mr. Langdon if the older dump truck returned from the Park Department was going to be kept or sold as surplus property, and Mr. Langdon responded that the department would keep it. Mr. Mikel expressed concern that all Town Departments were keeping older equipment with little value. Mr. Mikel also expressed concerns that the pool and splash pad fees were too high, which the Council discussed. The Council asked Mr. Miller to discuss the matter with the Park Board and report back.

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

ATTEST:

  
Meghan Atkins,  
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

  
Michael Leman, President

