

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
August 11, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 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; Cathy Holderman, Deputy 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; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park 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 July 28, 2025, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he and Mr. Fraine were working on obtaining new members for the Plan Commission and had reached out to the democratic party for candidates due to the political balance requirements. He also told the Council that the Plan Commission had recently decided against a petition, which would be presented at a subsequent meeting. He also told the Council that he and Mr. Wright had begun working on determining easement boundaries to ensure that the Electric Department had sufficient access to its equipment.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Wagner presented a copy of the draft DORA ordinance, and told the Council that it was not ready to move forward until certain logistical information had been settled. The Council discussed the decisions that needed to be made and Mr. Wagner and Mr. Fraine said they would proceed to set a meeting of the downtown business owners.

Mr. Wagner told the Council that he had done additional research into the horse manure ordinance and recommended against pursuing it at this time due to litigation taking place in other jurisdictions. He told the Council that he would raise the issue of additional lights and signs on slow-moving vehicles at the upcoming County executive meeting.

Mr. Wagner and Chief Kile told the Council that they recommended additional safety education for children using electric scooters, and Mr. Leman suggested that it might be a good project for Officer Atkins to take up as the School Resource Officer.

The Council discussed the status of the apartment building. The Council decided to proceed with a market analysis to determine the value of the building, and Mr. Wagner suggested using the RFP process if they chose to dispose of the building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Al Bartley appeared on behalf of Hooples Bar and asked what to do with his outdoor fencing if the DORA was going in. Mr. Wagner explained that some of that fencing may actually be required to be removed, and he and Mr. Fraine

said that they would work with the business to communicate the requirements before they made any further investment.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report and reminded the Council of the upcoming budget meetings.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Main told the Council that the Park Board would meet the next day to approve a modified Assistant Superintendent job description and that the position would be posted shortly thereafter.

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

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

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

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department and told the Council of the upcoming Fire Department community appreciation event.

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.

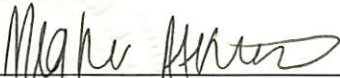
TOWN ENGINEER: Dan Byam appeared and presented a report regarding the wastewater treatment plant bids and told the Council that the estimated user rates were under review with Baker Tilly based on the updated SRF pool interest rates. He told the Council the JPR recommended that they accept the report and to tentatively award the contract A base bid, contract A voluntary alternate bid number 1, and the contract B base bid to Thieneman Construction, Inc., in the total amount of \$8,636,000.00. Mr. Mikel stated that he would like to see the rate impact first, and the other Council Members agreed. Mr. Byam said that the letter could be re-issued in September once that information was available and the Council tabled the matter until then.

Mr. Jones told the Council that the Grant Street project would be wrapped up shortly, and that the CCMG project was proceeding as well. He also told the Council the JPR had submitted a grant request to the Marshall County Community Foundation for the standpipe project and asked if the Town would be interested in creating a donation portal on the Town's website. The Council discussed creating a fundraising campaign for the repairs. The Council expressed its interest, and Mr. Jones explained the fundraising goals difference between the preservation expenses versus the amount required for restoration. Mr. Wagner suggested involving Bremen Community Cares and Historic Bremen in the campaign. Mr. Mikel asked if the Town had sought a grant for the wastewater treatment plant, and Mr. Byam confirmed that they had applied for EDA subsidization for phase two of the project.

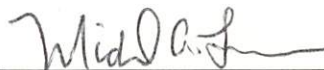
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leman thanked the Town employees for their help with Latin Fest.

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

ATTEST:



Meghan Atkins,
Clerk & Treasurer, Town of Bremen



Michael Leman, President