for $6,351.00 to add in additional water main that had been removed from the project in change order number 3 and subsequently determined to be necessary after all; Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve change order number 4 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Byam told the Council that he was still waiting for a response back from SRF regarding phase 2 financing and provided an update on the Legner Street storm sewer project. Mr. Byam told the Council he was waiting to receive the close-out letter for CCMG 2025, while the payments for CCMG 2026 had just been approved earlier in the meeting. Mr. Byam told the Council that the Stock Street project would begin in September and that planning had begun from CCMG 2027.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Mikel reported that he had met with the Cemetery Department regarding its budget and requested an updated breakdown of tax distributions for the budgeting discussions.

Mr. Bailey reported that he had met with Ms. Atkins regarding her office as well.

Mr. Leman asked Mr. Fraine to express appreciation to the Town's trash contractor after he had received reports that the truck operator manually picked up trash that had been blown out of cans during the recent storm. He also thanked all the Town employees that helped with the Latin Festival.

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

ATTEST:

Meghan Atkins,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen

Michael Leman, President

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
August 10, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Mike Leman, Brian Miller, Alex Mikel and David Bailey were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department, Chief Trent Stouder, Police Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Cordell Matteson, Assistant Superintendent of the Electric Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton and Dan Byam, Town Engineer.

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

MINUTES: Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2026 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Atkins submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins also submitted the allowance docket; Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the allowance docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins presented pay application number 1 for the Bowen Street paving project, payable to E & B Paving in the amount of $366,381.58. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve pay application number 1 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins also submitted pay application number 2 for the Bowen Street project, also payable to E & B Paving in the amount of $327,054.80. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve pay application number 2 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins confirmed that these were the final payments for the project. Ms. Atkins then presented pay request number 19 for the wastewater treatment plant project, payable to Thieneman Construction in the amount of $854,281.55 as pay application number 7. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve pay application number 7 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins then submitted pay request, number 20 for the wastewater treatment plant project, for the escrow payment in the amount of $26,421.08. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve pay request number 20 for the escrow payment as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Atkins presented Ordinance 9-2026, amending the wage ordinance to create classes of pay for the meter technician position, and explained that Mr. Aguayo had requested to promote Anthony Buck, but that the wage ordinance would need to be amended to do so. Mr. Mikel pointed out an incorrect position reference in the ordinance and Mr. Wagner explained that they had attempted to use a previous version of the ordinance to keep the formatting the same. Mr. Mikel asked whether the position could be divided four ways to include the storm water fund, and Ms. Atkins confirmed that it could. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 9-2026 on all three readings, but with the corrected position, the division of the costs among the four utility departments, and the promotion of Mr. Buck to begin on August 10, 2026, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented a street sweeping contract from the State of Indiana for Plymouth Street. The Council discussed the contract. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the contract as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Wagner reported that he had made contact with another commercial realtor and had contacted Mr. Fraine to set up a walk-through.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Matteson told the Council that Seth Snyder and Brady Beasley had both graduated from their linemen apprenticeships and should be promoted to linemen first-class. Mr. Mikel made a motion to promote Seth Snyder to linemen first-class as of August 10, 2026, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Mikel also made a motion to promote Brady Beasley to linemen first-class as of August 10, 2026, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Stouder submitted his report on behalf of the Police Department and asked the Council to set the date and times for trick-or-treating. The Council selected October 31, 2026 from 5p.m. – 7p.m.

Mr. Main told the Council that the Park Department had closed the pool for the season but that the splash pad would remain open as weather would allow. He also reported that the pool had substantially higher guests than in previous years and also advised that he would be working on laying out the center line for the trail with the trail contractor next week. Mr. Leman asked whether the Special Olympics softball game had been able to take place and Mr. Main reported that it had been cancelled due to the weather, but that the group was already planning for next year's event. He also told the Council that he had received the report back from the ADA consultants and asked to form a committee to review the recommendations. The Council discussed the objectives for the committee and asked Mr. Leman, Mr. Fraine, Mr. Main, Chief Neher and Mr. Wagner to serve on the committee.

Mr. Aguayo submitted his report on behalf of the Water Department.

Mr. Lockwood told the Council that a Boy Scout had begun his Eagle Scout project at the cemetery to improve the area around the cemetery's historic cannon. The Council discussed the project.

Mr. Cunningham submitted a quote for re-lining 22 manholes at a cost of approximately $67,000.00. Mr. Cunningham confirmed that it had been budgeted and that the purchase was made through the Purchasing Cooperative of America from Advance Rehab Technology. Mr. Leman asked how long the product would extend the life of the manholes and Mr. Cunningham said that the service came with a minimum 10-year warranty. The Council directed him to proceed.

Chief Neher reported that he had obtained the county public safety grant and invited the Council to Fire Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 15, 2026. In order to host the event at the fire station, Chief Neher requested that the Council order the closure of Jackson Street on Friday night and Jackson Street and South Street on Saturday until 5:00 p.m. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the street closures as requested, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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 gave his report on the wastewater treatment plant project and submitted change order number 4. He explained that the change order was