MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
June 8, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Mike Leman, William Daily, Brian Miller, Alex Mikel and David Bailey were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Meghan Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department, Chief Trent Stouder, Police Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park 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. Mikel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Atkins presented the Fund Report and submitted the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the docket of claims as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins presented pay request number 13 for the wastewater treatment plant project in regard to pay application number 5, payable to Thienman Construction in the amount of $664,705.02. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve pay request number 13 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins also presented pay request number 13 for the project, payable into the Retainage Escrow Account in amount of $26,557.88. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve pay request number 14 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins asked the Council to approve a payment to Mr. Fraine in the amount of $15,425.00 to correct the underpayment of his longevity benefit. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the payment as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins presented Resolution 2026-11 regarding the distribution of the financial institutions tax proceeds and Resolution 2026-12, regarding the distribution of commercial vehicle excise tax proceeds. She explained that both resolutions divided the proceeds among the various funds in the same proportions as used in 2025. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-11 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-12 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 the Marshall County Commissioners had expressed concerns regarding the operation and funding of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation. The Council discussed Bremen's current commitment to MCEDC. Mr. Fraine told the Council that One Marshall County could provide some of the same activity and would be worthwhile to support.

Mr. Wagner asked the Council to consider appointments to the Bremen Economic Development Corporation and suggested that Mr. Fraine be nominated as the Director of Operations. Mr. Daily asked Mr. Fraine if he was able to serve in the role which Mr. Fraine affirmed. Mr. Daily made a motion to appoint Mr. Fraine to the Bremen Economic Development Corporation as the Council's nomination, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Wagner also gave the Council brief update on the DORA ordinance.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Leman asked the Council if it was ready to take action on the VC3 proposal for cyber security services. The Council briefly discussed the proposal. Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the agreement for one year of services, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bern McGrane appeared before the Council and submitted additional petition signatures regarding a rumored gas station and told the Council that the total signatures on the petition had now risen over 900, although he noted that some signatures were from German Township residents.

Andrea Koontz appeared before the Council and read a statement from Dr. Robert Kolbe, who could not attend the meeting.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report and told the Council that the Bremen Village Shops appeared to have a great opening weekend. Mr. Fraine submitted a CF-1 form from Patrick Industries, which was signed by Mr. Daily.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Stouder submitted his report on behalf of the Police Department and described some changes to the report format. He expressed interest in amending some traffic and golf cart regulations and told the Council that the e-bike had been used by several different officers. The Council discussed establishing a cut-off date for golf cart registrations.

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

Chief Neher thanked the other departments for their help in setting up for the Fireman's Festival.

Mr. Main told the Council that the Clean & Sober Rally event had been postponed and was likely to be rescheduled for the fall.

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

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department and told the Council that he would submit quotes for a manhole relining project. He also told the Council that the department would be replacing its camera truck in the near future.

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

Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Byam gave the Council a progress report on the wastewater treatment plant project and noted that Theinman was 31% through the timeline and that 23% of the total costs had been incurred.

Mr. Byam told the Council that the Indiana Finance Authority had rated phase 2 of the wastewater treatment plant project as its #4 project which put it in the range where the Town could receive forgivable BAN funds. Mr. Byam stated this was due in part to the fact that the application was scored together with the Lake of the Woods project. Mr. Byam also told the Council that the Stock Street utility project was out for repricing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Leman noted that the Bremen community had a number of good projects going on and expressed his hope that those efforts could continue on to fundraising for the Standpipe Preservation Project.

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