

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA  
July 13, 2026**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 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; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department, Chief Trent Stouder, Police Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; 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 June 22, 2026 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**CLERK-TREASURER:** On behalf of Ms. Atkins, Mr. Fraine submitted the docket of claims for approval; Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Fraine 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 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 7-2026, regarding the establishment of the DORA district and explained that the ordinance was ready for public hearing and approval on second reading and possibly third. Mr. Mikel made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 7-2026, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Kevin Dante, the Town Manager for the Town of Culver, Indiana, expressed support for the ordinance. The Council Members briefly discussed the ordinance. No other public comments were offered. Mr. Miller made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 7-2026 on second and third readings, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Wagner also presented the Plan Commission ordinance recommending certain amendments to the Bremen Zoning Ordinance regarding gas stations, convenience stores, alcohol retailers and tobacco retailers and told the Council that he would have the revised ordinance ready for the next meeting.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Kevin Dante appeared on behalf of One Marshall County and gave a presentation regarding the group's activities. At the conclusion of the presentation, he asked for \$7,500.00 in funding from the Town. Mr. Mikel asked if all communities received the same request, which Mr. Dante confirmed, but Mr. Fraine noted that Culver and Plymouth had paid more as well. Mr. Wagner reminded the Council that the Redevelopment Commission had made the payments to the Bremen Chamber of Commerce and the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation on behalf of the Town for several years, and this could be paid in the same fashion. The Council thanked Mr. Dante for his presentation.

Derek Jenson appeared on behalf of the Bremen Arts Collective and Historic Bremen and expressed his support of One Marshall County. The Council discussed funding sources.

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

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

Mr. Main told the Council that a local Special Olympic softball team was scheduling a double header for August 1, 2026 that would allow them to continue through the Special Olympic games. Mr. Main explained that the park would host and support the event but would not be the organizer. The Council expressed its support for the program.

Mr. Wright told the Council that the new poles at the high school soccer field would be installed the following week.

Chief Stouder submitted his report on behalf of the Police Department and told the Council that Detectives Miles and Sergeant Sahlhoff each received commendations for recent case work.

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department.

Mr. Fraine added that all of the Departments had participated in a touch-a-truck event at the Bremen VFW and that the event was great for public interaction.

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.

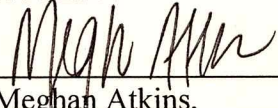
**TOWN ENGINEER:** Mr. Byam provided a status report on the wastewater treatment plant project. Mr. Byam presented change order number 3 for the project in the amount of \$18,351.00 and explained that it was a credit. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve change order number 3 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Byam then submitted pay application number 6 for the project, payable to Thieneman Construction in the amount of \$761,135.25; Mr. Miller made a motion to approve pay application number 6 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Byam also presented pay application number 17, for the retainage fund in the amount of \$26,844.34; Mr. Miller made a motion to approve pay application number 17 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Byam briefly discussed the possible schedule for phase 2 of the project and explained that the current cost of just over \$20 million dollars included the interceptor portion of the project and could be subsidized by state funding up to a total of \$5 million dollars. The Council discussed the possible project.

Mr. Byam noted that the Bowen Avenue asphaltting had begun.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mr. Leman noted that flock cameras were recently used to apprehend the kidnapper of a Marshall County infant. Mr. Daily thanked members of the public who had attended several public meetings in support of the amendments to the zoning ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Mikel 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