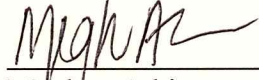


ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Mikel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

ATTEST:



Meghan Atkins,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen



Michael Leman, President

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
July 27, 2026**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Mike Leman, Brian Miller and Alex Mikel 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; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street 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 13, 2026 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3 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 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins then submitted pay application number 18 to JPR in the amount of \$30,650.00 for their work on the wastewater treatment plant project. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve pay application number 18 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Fraine presented Ordinance 08-2026, regarding amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to gas stations, convenience stores, alcohol retailers, and tobacco retailers. The Council asked if they needed to do separate readings, and Mr. Fraine stated that this was the only reading necessary. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-2026 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Fraine also presented the development agreement with Collins Equity Group for the READI project and explained that the agreement had already been approved by the other necessary bodies and that Mr. Leman only needed to sign it. Mr. Leman executed the agreement.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: David Hummel appeared and asked where he was allowed to operate his golf cart as a disabled person. Mr. Leman responded that he had spoken with Mr. Hummel, and Mr. Leman and Mr. Hummel each described their version of the conversation. Mr. Hummel explained that he uses the golf cart to access that area of the park in order to enjoy nature and watch his grandchildren's sporting events. Mr. Leman and Mr. Hummel agreed on the importance of safe operation of any vehicles in the park for the safety of patrons, especially children. Mr. Hummel suggested using stickers to identify mobility devices and Mr. Leman suggested a speed limit. After more discussion, Mr. Mikel asked Mr. Main if the park had a policy for the walking path; Mr. Main explained that the park's policy followed current ADA law in that it allowed any person with a disability that required a mobility device to be treated as a pedestrian. The Council continued to discuss golf cart use at the park and Mr. Mikel asked Mr. Main to work with the Park Board to present proposals to the Council for consideration.

Andy Wolf appeared before the Council and suggested that signs with golf cart rules be posted in the park.

Jay Bunge appeared before the Council and thanked the Council for approving the Zoning amendments and briefly reminisced about the community.

Andy Wolf reappeared before the Council and asked whether the Council was re-evaluating the use of Flock cameras. Mr. Leman expressed his support for the cameras and described how they have been used successfully; he also described the guardrails for accessing the data. Mr. Wolf asked about the process for approving the installation of the cameras and Chief Stouder explained that the cameras have been provided by the Marshall County Prosecutor's Office approximately five years ago. Mr. Wolf asked how many cameras the Town had in total, and Chief Stouder replied the Town had five that it had access to. Mr. Mikel asked if the department had a policy for using the cameras and Chief Stouder confirmed the department had its own policies but added that a county-wide policy was under consideration. Mr. Wolf ultimately expressed his concern that the cameras were invasive.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

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

Mr. Langdon reported that the Bowen Avenue project was complete and the street had been opened.

Mr. Cunningham submitted his report on behalf of the Wastewater Department.

Chief Neher told the Council that the Fire Association had applied for a grant for a UTV in anticipation of the upcoming trail project. He also told the Council that he would be appearing before the County Commissioners for a \$50,000.00 fire safety grant.

Mr. Lockwood submitted his report on behalf of the Cemetery Department.

Mr. Wright submitted his report on behalf of the Electric Department.

Mr. Main reported that the trail construction project should begin later in the week.

Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Byam appeared and submitted his report. He gave the Council a brief update on the wastewater treatment plant project and told the Council they were still waiting on a funding request response from SRF for phase two. He also provided an update on the Community Crossings grant application, and the proposed location of the next project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.