

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
March 23, 2026**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2026, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Mike Leman, William Daily, Bryan Miller and David Bailey were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Meghan Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Chief Trent Stouder, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire 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. Daily made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CLERK-TREASURER: Ms. Atkins presented the docket of claims without amendment; Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the claims as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins presented pay request number 4 for the wastewater treatment plant project, payable to JPR in the amount of \$7,765.00. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve pay request number 4 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins also presented pay request number 5 for the same project, payable to Thieneman Construction in the amount of \$8,755.36, and explained that it was for a correction on the retainage. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve pay request number 5 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Atkins told the Council that she had received an invoice for the initial down payment on the Village Shops project structures. Mr. Wagner explained that the Redevelopment Commission and Bremen Community Cares had both approved the Memorandum of Understanding and that the project could proceed. Mr. Leman asked Ms. Atkins if she knew where she would draw the funds from, which Ms. Atkins confirmed. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the payment of the invoice as submitted in the amount of \$51,640.00, payable to Sunrise Structures from Rochester, Indiana, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner explained that he had made an error on the number of the previous ordinance amending the 2026 wage ordinance and told the Council that it should have been labeled Ordinance 4-2026. He then presented Ordinance 5-2026, regarding changes to the Police Department Sergeant and detective positions and the Park Department's pool manager and assistant manager positions. The Council discussed the changes. At the end of discussion, Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 5-2026, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner told the Council that he hoped to have DORA ordinance ready for the next meeting, and he presented the TIF report to the Council. The Council accepted the report.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Miley, Nelson "Nathaniel" Chipman and Derek Jensen appeared on behalf of the Marshall County America 250 committee. Mr. Miley

briefly described celebration events taking place around the County, which would culminate in a July 4, 2026 parade in Plymouth. The group encouraged the Town of Bremen to submit an entry. Mr. Jensen also spoke about public art projects, and Mr. Miley briefly explained the America Gives volunteerism project. The group thanked the Council for their time.

Matt Van Soest appeared before the Council on behalf of Bremen Community Cares and gave brief updates on the Village Shops project, the upcoming Farmer's Market season and the façade program. Amber Reed also thanked the Council for their support of the Village Shops project.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report to the Council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Stouder asked the Council for permission to sell a large volume of abandoned bikes that had accumulated in the Police Department over the years; the Council authorized him to proceed. Chief Stouder also requested permission to transfer one of the Department's 2016 Ford Explorer vehicles to the Town of LaPaz instead of selling it. The Council briefly discussed the request and authorized him to make the transfer.

Mr. Main had no new information to report on behalf of the Park Department.

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

Chief Neher had no new information to report on behalf of the Fire Department.

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

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

Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. Byam gave a brief explanation of the wastewater treatment plant project report and told the Council that Thieneman Construction would arrive on site to begin the project on March 31, 2026. Mr. Byam presented change order number 1 for the project and explained that all of the items resulted in a net deduction of \$218,193.85. He explained that the change order removed the engineering field office, removed the screen that the Wastewater Department would purchase by other means, added in concrete testing and then briefly described other changes. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve change order number 1 as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Byam noted that leftover funds from the project could be used for the second phase, which the Council briefly discussed.

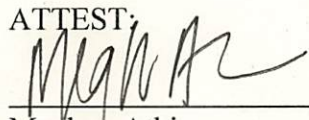
Mr. Byam asked the Council to approve the Asset Management Plan Certification and SRF funding application. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve both items as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Byam told the Council that JPR would recommend awarding the CCMG project contract to E&B Paving at the next meeting.

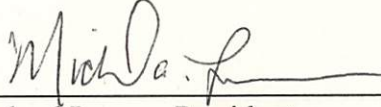
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Wagner told the Council that he and Mr. Fraine had been notified earlier in the day that Indiana Economic Development Corporation had awarded the READI 2.0 grant to the Town of Bremen's project.

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

ATTEST:



Meghan Atkins,
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Bremen



Michael Leman, President