

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA
December 8, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2025, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Mike Leman, Bryan Miller, Alex Mikel and David Bailey were present. Also present were Keith Fraine, Director of Operations; Meghan Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer; Ben Wright, Superintendent of the Electric Department; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Chief Brad Kile, Police Department; Austin Langdon, Superintendent of the Street Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; Chief Matt Neher, Fire Department; Brian Main, Superintendent of the Park Department; Nate Lockwood, Cemetery Sexton; Ken Jones and Dan Byam, Town Engineers 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 November 24, 2025 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. Miller made a motion to approve the docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins also submitted the allowance docket without amendment; Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the allowance docket, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Ms. Atkins presented Ordinance 25-2025, regarding certain additional appropriations, for the Council to approve on three readings. She noted that the appropriations totaled \$266,975.33. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-2025 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins asked the Council for direction on where to deposit the CVIT and FIT funds and suggested that she distribute the deposits across the same funds as used in 2024. The Council agreed. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the deposit of the CVIT and FIT funds as proposed, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner submitted his contract for 2026 for the Council to review. Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 24-2025, regarding the codification of observed holidays, for approval, and explained that the ordinance would add the holidays to the Town Code with Christmas Eve as a full-day holiday. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-2025 on three readings, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner also introduced the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake of the Woods Sewer District regarding the wastewater treatment services to be provided by the Town. The Council discussed the agreement and asked JPR to present a more detailed explanation of the operation at the next meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Fraine told the Council that the survey of the apartment building was ongoing, and Mr. Jones added that he had looked at the deed and original plat of the building and determined that part of the property extends into the sidewalk area, which would need to be addressed as part of any transfer. Mr. Wright asked if he could obtain a copy of the survey when it was completed.

BID OPENING POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015 FORD EXPLORER AND 2017 FORD EXPLORER: Mr. Wagner opened one (1) bid submitted by Arndt Co., LLC in the amount of \$2,865.00 for the 2015 Ford Explorer. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Arndt Co., LLC for the 2015 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$2,865.00, which was seconded by Mr. Mikel and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Chief Kile asked what he could do with the remaining vehicle that received no bids. After discussion, Mr. Miller made a motion to declare the 2017 Ford Explorer to be salvaged, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Blakley appeared before the Council and asked if there was any business involving the Hooples Bar during the meeting and Mr. Fraine replied that there was none that he was aware of. Mr. Blakley expressed his interest in purchasing the hotel.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Mr. Fraine submitted his report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 told the Council that the wastewater treatment plant bond would close sometime next week, and requested permission to order the mechanical screen as soon as possible after the closing. The Council directed him to do so and asked Ms. Atkins to prepare an ordinance appropriating the funds for the next meeting.

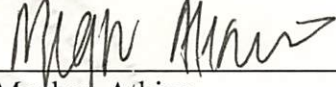
Mr. Jones submitted JPR's 2026 contract for the Council to review. Mr. Mikel made a motion to approve the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Mikel also made a motion to approve the attorney contract for 2026, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Mikel made a motion to award Chief Kile his service firearm upon his retirement, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Leman asked Mr. Main if the Holy Walk event had gone well, and Mr. Main replied that it had. Mr. Leman thanked the Park Department for hosting all the visitors that the event brought to Town.

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