

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

The Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Bremen Town Hall pursuant to notice previously published. Council Members Mike Leman, William Daily and Bryan Miller were present. Also present were Tara Beasley, Executive Assistant; 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; Henry Aguayo, Superintendent of the Water Department; Matt Cunningham, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department; 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 23, 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. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins also submitted the allowance docket; Mr. Daily made a motion to approve the allowance docket as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins presented Ordinance 6-2026, regarding additional appropriations in the amount of \$350,000.00 from the Rainy-Day Fund for the Bremen Village Shops project. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-2026, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Atkins also presented pay application number 3 for the wastewater treatment plant project, payable to Thieneman Construction in the amount \$337,198.51. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve pay application number 3 for the wastewater treatment plant project as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Mr. Wagner presented Resolution 2026-4 and 2026-5, regarding tax abatements for previously annexed property. He briefly explained the status of the abatements and asked the Council to approve both resolutions. Mr. Daily made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-4, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Daily then made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-5, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Wagner then explained the DORA ordinance process and some upcoming changes to the most recent draft. Mr. Daily asked Mr. Wagner to investigate repurposing the alley on the south side of Plymouth Street for some kind of art installation, and Mr. Wagner replied that he would inquire with Matthew Van Soest about a potential project.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jeff Arndt appeared before the Council and expressed concern regarding apparent ordinance violations taking place at a neighbor's home. Mr. Wagner told Mr. Arndt and the Council that Mr. Fraine, Ms. Beasley and he had already discussed the property and had begun the code enforcement process.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Ms. Beasley submitted the report on behalf of Mr. Fraine. Ms. Beasley also told the Council that Kent Koontz had created a replica of the

Standpipe to use as a Fireman's Festival parade entry and invited any volunteers interested in walking with the entry to contact her.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

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

Mr. Main briefly described the progress in correcting the pool epoxy coating issue and told the Council that the initial repairs should not delay the pool opening.

Mr. Langdon asked if the Community Crossings grant contract was ready to be awarded, but Mr. Byam stated that he was not certain that he had all of the necessary information.

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

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

Chief Neher submitted his report on behalf of the Fire Department and told the Council that he had worked with Ms. Atkins to find funding for the departments' radio equipment for 2026 and 2027.

Mr. Daily 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 briefly reviewed the contents of the pay application with the Council and informed them that Thieneman had started their site work early in the previous week. He also told them that JPR had submitted an SRF application for the phase 2 funding of the wastewater treatment plant project. Mr. Byam advised the Council that the water system PIR remained ongoing and that IDEM had denied the initial Standpipe grant, but that the Town could reapply in June. Mr. Langdon stated that he thought the Council had enough information to make a formal award of the CCMG contract and Ms. Atkins stated that she believed that information had been delivered to the Council already. The Council discussed the amount to be awarded. Mr. Miller made a motion to award the Bowen Avenue CCMG project to E&B Paving at a cost of \$719,918.08, but the Council discussed a discrepancy in the amount. Mr. Miller withdrew his motion. Mr. Miller made a new motion to award the project to E&B Paving with a maximum amount of \$719,918.08, which was seconded by Mr. Daily and approved by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Byam told the Council that JPR had received the CAD files for the Stock Street project and had begun that work as well.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Daily 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