

Bremen Village Council

Council Meeting Minutes December 8, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order December 8, 2025, by Mayor A. Taylor at 5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor A. Taylor- Aye, Councilman T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Employees: L. Carter, T. Achenbach, T. Mullett and B. Robinette.

Guests: M. Hoffman

Business of Guests: N/A

Mayor's Report:

November 10, 2025, meeting minutes distributed and approved.

Motion: J. Schmeltzer **Second:** J. Cline

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

November 17, 2025, special meeting minutes distributed and approved.

Motion: J. Schmeltzer **Second:** J. Cline

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Administrator's Report:

T. Tripp council resignation letter for December 31, 2025, due to traveling.

Christmas decorations will be plugged in tomorrow.

Truck is being purchased and the bed is being put together.

Electric installed for Christmas lights by AEP.

Walking path ground down the edges for strollers and safe walking. Will be completed in the spring.

N. Broad sidewalks have started. The weather is slowing the process, but the conduit is done on the east side. Cooper has to break through the roots to proceed with the task.

Grant update: the contract for the playground equipment and the shelter house should be coming through. We just received the W9 for the concession doors. We are in the process of applying for backup water generator.

EPA conducted a Sanitary Survey for the water plant for information we have. We have not received the results.

There are three letters of Intent for Council, January 2026 seat: Christopher Allerton, Janet Schmeltzer and Kathryn Graham.

J. Cline requests that the EPA be contacted regarding the outstanding public records request and seeks clarification as to why the cited violation has not been removed. He also recommends providing a summary of previous meeting dates and related discussions. J. Cline suggests that council members also be included in the email correspondence for informational purposes.

Mayor A. Taylor suggested that Council consider looking for a new solicitor due to delayed responses currently being experienced by the Village. Council agreed to assess whether such a change would be beneficial. Additionally, Mayor A. Taylor requested that he reach out to the EPA concerning the ongoing issues. Council recommended that an email from the office be sent prior to contacting the solicitor in relation to the EPA.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance Report: Councilman J. Cline- December 1, 2025, meeting minutes approved.

Planning & Zoning: Councilwoman J. Martinez– December 2, 2025, meeting minutes approved.

APV / Police Ordinances: Our solicitor has provided additional revisions. The documents have been forwarded to Pleasantville and their solicitor for review and advice.

Administrative Process: Councilwoman N. Bailor– No meeting.

Safety & Infrastructure: Councilman T. Tripp – No meeting.

Tree Board: Councilman T. Tripp – No meeting.

Park and Pool: Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer – No meeting.

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Committees:

Motion: K. Graham **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Finance:

Name change from Lydia Coakley to Lydia Carter.

December bank reconciliation approved.

Payment listing for the months of November and December 2025 approved.

Revenue/Appropriations reports for December approved.

Regular Blanket Certificate 37-2025 approved.

Regular Blanket Certificate 38-2025 approved.

Regular Blanket Certificate 39-2025 approved.

Regular Blanket Certificate 40-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 124-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 125-2025 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 126-2025 approved.

Old Business:

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-18-O (Annual Appropriations): N. Bailor **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to pass Resolution 2025-9-R (Establish prices and fees for the Village of Bremen for WWTP Contractor): N. Bailor **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Second reading Resolution 2025-11-R (Agreement between Village of Bremen and Village of Pleasantville for the Provisions of Police Protection Service).

Motion to waive three reading rule for Ordinance 2025-20-O (Ordinance to adopt the operations of golf carts, and all-purpose vehicles in the Village of Bremen): J. Cline **Second:** N. Bailor

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-20-O (Ordinance to adopt the operations of golf carts, and all-purpose vehicles in the Village of Bremen): N. Bailor **Second:** K. Graham

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

New Business:

Motion to waive three reading rule for Ordinance 2025-21-O (Water / Sewer Rates for January 2026): J. Cline **Second:** K. Graham

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-21-O (Water / Sewer Rates for January 2026): N. Bailor **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to waive three reading rule for Resolution 2025-12-R (Approval of Unlimited Diesel Annexation): J. Cline **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Abstain, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to pass Resolution 2025-12-R (Approval of Unlimited Diesel Annexation): J. Cline **Second:** K. Graham

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Abstain, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to waive three reading rule for Resolution 2025-13-R (Approval to change Vinton County Bank account from Lydia Coakley to Lydia Carter): N. Bailor **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

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Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to waive three reading rule Resolution 2025-14-R (Authorizing transfer to various funds): J. Cline **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to pass Resolution 2025-14-R (Authorizing transfer to various funds): K. Graham **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to go into executive session at 7:45 PM: J. Cline **Second:** K. Graham

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Executive Session:

Executive Session 121.22 (G)(1). To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of changes or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Except as otherwise provided by law, no public body shall hold an executive session for the discipline of an elected official for conduct related to the performance of the elected official's official duties or for the elected official's removal from office. If a public body holds an executive session pursuant to division (G)(1) of this section, the motion and vote to hold that

executive session shall state which one or more of the approved purposes listed in division (G)(1) of this section are the purposes for the executive session is to be held, but need not include the name of any person to be considered at the meeting.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:03P.M.: J. Cline Second: N. Bailor

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

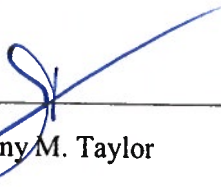
Motion to waive three reading rule for \$400.00 bonus for all full-time employees on December 12, 2025: K. Graham Second: J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

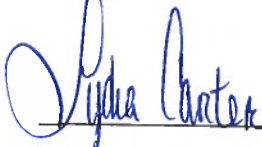
Motion for \$400.00 bonus for all full-time employees on December 12, 2025: J. Cline Second: N. Bailor

Roll Call: T. Tripp-Absent, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman K. Graham-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to Adjourn: J. Cline Second: J. Schmeltzer Time: 8:09 P.M.



Anthony M. Taylor
Mayor



Lydia J. Carter
Fiscal Officer

