

Bremen Village Council

Council Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order January 12, 2026, by Mayor A. Taylor at 5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor A. Taylor- Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent. Councilman M. Brown-Aye.

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

Guests: Ethan Featheroff, Janet Schmeltzer, Kathryn Graham and Christopher Allerton.

Business of Guests: E. Featheroff inquired whether the village could waive penalties and interest, stating that he was not notified of his municipal tax obligation in a timely manner and believes the circumstances were beyond his control. Fiscal Officer L. Carter will reach out to RITA for more information.

Mayor's Report:

Motion to go into executive session at 5:45P.M.: N. Bailor **Second:** J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-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 6:03P.M.: J. Schmeltzer **Second:** N. Bailor p

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to appoint Janet Schmeltzer for open council seat January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029: N. Bailor **Second:** J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to appoint Christopher Allerton for open council seat January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029:
M. Brown **Second:** J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent.

Motion to pass Rules of Council approved based on suggested edits: N. Bailor **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Aye.

Motion to appoint J. Cline to President Pro Tempore: J. Schmeltzer **Second:** N. Bailor

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Abstain, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Aye.

President Pro Tempore J. Cline assigned Council Committees:

Zoning committee members are Chairperson M. Brown.

Safety & Infrastructure members are Chairperson J. Martinez, C. Allerton and M. Brown.

Parks, Pool & Events are Chairperson N. Bailor, J. Schmeltzer and C. Allerton.

Administrative Process are Chairperson J. Schmeltzer, J. Cline and Chris Allerton.

Motion to approve December 8, 2025: J. Cline **Second:** N. Bailor

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Abstain, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Abstain.

Motion to approve December 22, 2025: J. Cline **Second:** J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Abstain, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Abstain.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator B. Robinette would like four decorative light poles on each side of N. Broad Street.

Christmas decorations have been stored at 136 Marietta Street building.

N. Broad Street sidewalks 50 % complete, will be finished once weather improves.

Grant update: NRG walk through with engineer. The village is planning to widen, pave, add curb and some sidewalk on Highland Blvd. EPA grant has replaced one watch valve and two hydrants. ODNR grant for shelter house at NE corner of the park. J. Cline would like a set of swings.

Soccer agreement approved, waiting on Soccer Club response.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance Report: Councilman J. Cline- No meeting.

Planning & Zoning: Councilwoman J. Martinez– January 6, 2025, meeting minutes approved.

Administrative Process: Councilwoman N. Bailor– No meeting.

Safety & Infrastructure: Councilman T. Tripp (resigned December 31, 2025) – No meeting.

Tree Board: Councilman T. Tripp (Resigned December 31, 2025) – No meeting.

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

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Committees:

Motion: J. Cline **Second:** N. Bailor

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Abstain, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Abstain.

Finance:

December bank reconciliation approved.

Payment listing for the months of December 2025 and January 2026 approved.

Revenue/Appropriations reports for January 2026 reviewed and approved.

Then and Now Purchase Order 127-2025 approved.

Then and Now Purchase Order 128-2025 approved.

Then and Now Purchase Order 129-2025 approved.

Super Blanket Certificate 13-2026 approved.

Regular Blanket Certificate 1-2026 approved.

Regular Blanket Certificate 2-2026 approved.

Regular Blanket Certificate 3-2026 approved.

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Regular Purchase Order 40-2026 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 41-2026 approved.

Then and Now Purchase Order 42-2026 approved.

Regular Purchase Order 43-2026 approved.

Then and Now Purchase Order 44-2026 approved.

Then and Now Purchase Order 45-2026 approved.

Audit reviewed and approved.

Rita abatement for a resident, being tabled for further discussion.

Old Business:

**Motion to pass as an emergency Resolution 2026-1-R (Authorizing the Village Administrator to sign and approve the Police Contract with the Village of Pleasantville for the Village of Bremen): J. Cline
Second: M. Brown.**

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Aye.

Motion to pass Resolution 2026-1-R (Authorizing the Village Administrator to sign and approve the Police Contract with the Village of Pleasantville for the Village of Bremen): J. Cline Second: M. Brown

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Aye.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-2-R Contract for the Village of Pleasantville Police Protection: J. Schmeltzer Second: M. Brown

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Aye.

New Business:

Motion for Ordinance 2026-1-O (Amending and Replacing Section 12.16 of the Employee handbook establishing the Village's credit card policy to pass as an emergency): N. Bailor Second: J. Cline

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Aye.

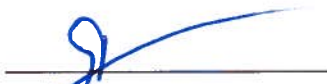
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Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Aye.

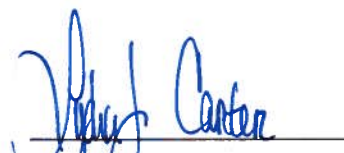
Splash pad discussed and may be too costly.

Motion to Adjourn: J. Cline Second: J. Schmeltzer Time: 8:03 P.M.

Roll Call: Councilman M. Brown-Aye, Councilwoman N. Bailor-Aye, Councilwoman J. Schmeltzer-Aye, Councilman J. Cline-Aye, Councilwoman J. Martinez-Absent, Councilman C. Allerton-Aye.



Anthony M. Taylor
Mayor



Lydia J. Carter
Fiscal Officer



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January 12, 2026 Village of Bremen meeting sign in sheet.

1. Christopher Allector

2. Janet M. Schumly

3. Tracy Shahan

4. ~~Ethan~~ Featheroff

5. Mary Hoffman

6. Kathryn Graham

7. Sally Cannon

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