

Bremen Village Council

Council Meeting Minutes August 10, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order August 10, 2026, by Mayor A. Taylor at 5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor A. Taylor- Aye, Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Aye, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson M. Brown- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Aye.

Motion to approve agenda as presented: J. Schmeltzer **Second:** M. Brown

Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Aye, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson M. Brown- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Aye.

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

Guests: Joe Bateman.

Business of Guests: J. Bateman would like to discuss adding a coffee shop on Main Street and would like a letter of recommendation for the loan officer from council.

Council will consult the village solicitor to determine whether the village may provide a letter of support. If the solicitor has no concerns, Councilperson J. Cline will draft a general letter stating that the village welcomes additional businesses.

Mayor's Report:

Motion to approve July 13, 2026 minutes: J. Cline **Second:** M. Brown

Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Aye, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson M. Brown- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Aye.

Approved Pay Application #2 for Saorsa for the Highland Blvd. Project for the amount of \$35,125.60.

Approved change order #1 from Saorsa for the Highland Blvd. Project for the amount of \$88,863.55.

Council feels it would be a great idea for Co Ed Softball Benefit for Onna.

Administrator's Report:

136 Congressional Grant for Skate Park discussed. Council would like to look at the top two larger options and see pricing. Council would like to keep the project close to the \$250,000.00 grant amount. The location will be at parcel #0350195800.

The next OPWC Project will be for West Main Street and Northridge Drive paving.

NRG Grant Projects are finished.

NatureWorks Grant finished and received reimbursement.

The Fort Street extension is recorded with the Fairfield County Map Room, and the village has already installed a water line. Marvin Shipman plans to build one to four houses on the property. The Planning and Zoning Commission will determine whether he or the village is responsible for installing the sewer line.

Building pad at garage started and the building is 7-8 weeks out.

Councilperson J. Martinez left at 6:34 P.M.

Highland Blvd. update.

Digester maintenance at WWTP.

Fort Street and Carter Street storm and sewer jetted out.

285 Strayer Avenue.

217 South Broad Street.

142 South Broad Street received a letter of violation in March 2026 and has not done repairs. The village solicitor Brian Zets said we can take it to court to enforce issues.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance Report: Councilperson J. Cline- July 28, 2026, meeting minutes distributed.

Planning & Zoning: Councilperson M. Brown – July 14, 2026, meeting minutes distributed.

Administrative Process: Councilperson J. Schmeltzer– No meeting.

Safety & Infrastructure: Councilperson J. Martinez – No meeting.

Park, Pool and Events: Councilperson N. Bailor – August 4, 2026, meeting minutes distributed.

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Committees: J. Cline Second: N. Bailor

Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Absent, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson M. Brown- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Aye.

Finance:

July bank reconciliation approved.

Payment listing for the months of July and August 2026 approved.

Revenue/Appropriations reports for August 2026 approved.

Bank Statement approved.

Then and now Purchase Order 111-2026 approved (Bonded Chemicals).

Regular Purchase Order 112-2026 approved (DBA Davis Wholesale Supply, Clarity Salt Co.).

Regular Purchase Order 113-2026 approved (Verdantas).

Old Business:

Second reading of Ordinance 2026-6-O (An Ordinance to Amend the Salary and Wage Schedule for the Village of Bremen).

Rita tax increases half a percent on employees working outside the village.

Police.

J. Cline, L. Carter, and T. Achenbach are preparing an Excel spreadsheet outlining rates for the school, the Village of Rushville, and other customers.

New Business:

First reading of Ordinance 2026-8-O (An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2025-18-O Annual Appropriations).

Motion to go into executive session at 6:54 P.M. Mayor A. Taylor, B. Robinette and L. Carter asked to stay: J. Cline Second: J. Schmeltzer

Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Absent, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson M. Brown- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Aye.

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.

Returned from executive session at 7:30 P.M.

Motion to give T. Achenbach added title of Fiscal Officer Assistant and annual raise of \$3.00 for payroll date October 2, 2026 (September 14, 2026 – September 27, 2026): J. Cline Second: M. Brown

Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Absent, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson M. Brown- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Aye.

Motion to give B. Horn 90-day raise of \$1.50 for payroll date September 18, 2026 (August 31, 2026 – September 13, 2026): C. Roush Second: J. Schmeltzer

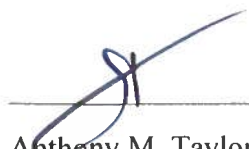
Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Absent, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson M. Brown- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Aye.

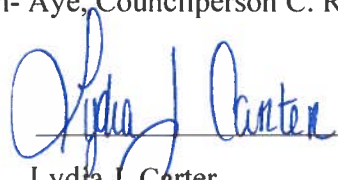
Motion to add Tina Achenbach to the Vinton County Bank account for the Village of Bremen and to the UAN system with check signing ability: J. Cline Second: C. Roush

Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Absent, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson M. Brown- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Aye.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:44 P.M.: N. Bailor Second: M. Brown

Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Absent, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson M. Brown- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Aye.



Anthony M. Taylor
Mayor

Lydia J. Carter
Fiscal Officer