

Bremen Village Council

Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order September 14, 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 C. Roush- Absent.

Motion to approve agenda as presented: N. Bailor **Second:** J. Cline

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

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

Guests:

D. Elkins and Village of Rushville Ken Dean.

Business of Guests:

D. Elkins talked about his love for the Village of Bremen and wanting to give back and applied for the open council seat. K. Dean discussed future water rates for the Village of Rushville.

Motion to go into executive session at 5:47 P.M.: J. Cline **Second:** N. Bailor

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

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.

Council returned from executive session at 5:59 P.M.

Council would like to leave the seat open for candidates to apply up to the 30 days. Open seat is tabled until the next council meeting October 12, 2026.

Mayor's Report:

Motion to approve August 10, 2026, meeting minutes: J. Schmeltzer **Second:** J. Martinez

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

Administrator's Report:

2025 pageant refund. Only two people paid their money of \$200.00 for 2025 Oktoberfest Pageant. B. Robinette would like to be fair and refund those two people with councils' approval.

Motion to reimburse the two Oktoberfest 2025 pageant recipients that paid: N. Bailor **Second:** J. Cline

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

332 Highland Blvd. had a water leak. The village office gave a sewer credit but the residents would like to be reimbursed further back to April. Village office informed them there was a leak in April of 2026. The village employees checked and there was not a leak on the village side. B. Robinette does not feel we should pay further back because the residents were aware and didn't do anything to fix it during that time frame. Council does not feel a need to credit any more money back due to the long-time frame of it not being fixed. Residents are not supposed to tamper with water meter and did. The village needs to advise resident to not tamper with the meter in the future.

Highland Blvd. Street Project will have full depth repair Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

Leaf box is being built to replace the failing one the village has. It will fit and work with our switch and go truck.

Change zoning meeting date for the future.

Fort Street Extension was recorded. Easement water line was installed. Owner paid water tap last week. There is not water in the line but the village has not found the valve to turn it on. B. Robinette asked if we should pay or put in the sewer line? B. Robinette does not feel the village is responsible per the zoning book. Council feels we are not responsible that the owner is.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance Report: Councilperson J. Cline- August 26, 2026, meeting minutes distributed.

Planning & Zoning: Councilperson M. Brown – August 11, 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 – No meeting.

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Committees:

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

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

Finance:

August bank reconciliation approved.

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

Revenue/Appropriations reports for September 2026 approved.

August Bank Statement approved.

Regular Purchase Order 117-2026 approved (DOW Construction Corporation).

Regular Purchase Order 119-2026 approved (M&E Pump & Equipment Co.).

Then and Now Purchase Order 120-2026 approved (Government Accounting Solutions).

Then and Now Purchase Order 121-2026 approved (BJ's Electric Inc.).

Regular Purchase Order 122-2026 approved (Buckeye State Pipe).

Regular Purchase Order 123-2026 approved (Natural Creations).

Regular Purchase Order 124-2026 approved (M&E Pump & Equipment Co.).

Regular Blanket Certificate 23-2026 approved (Sewer).

Old Business:

Motion to pass Ordinance 2026-6-O (An Ordinance to Amend the Salary and Wage Schedule for the Village of Bremen): N. Bailor **Second:** J. Cline

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

Grant Director job description tabled.

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

Police tabled.

Ohio basic code discussed. Administrator B. Robinette would like to continue using this. Council agreed that would be okay and beneficial to the village now and in the future.

Special duty for Oktoberfest has been set up and scheduled. L. Carter will verify that we have enough coverage for the day.

New Business:

First reading of Ordinance 2026-10-O (ROW).

First reading of Ordinance 2026-11-O (2026 Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Village of Bremen).

First reading of Ordinance 2026-12-O (Amending the Village of Bremen Water and Sewer Rates, Rules, Regulations, and Procedures).

First reading of Resolution 2026-5-R (A resolution establishing the prices and fees for the village of Bremen WWTP Contractor).

First reading of Resolution 2026-6-R (A Resolution approving the contract with Shackleford's Disposal for Solid Waste Removal in the Village of Bremen).

First reading of Resolution 2026-7-R (A Resolution setting customer rates for solid waste removal in the Village of Bremen).

First reading of Resolution 2026-8-R (A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates determined by the Fairfield County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor).

First reading of Resolution 2026-9-R (A Resolution authorizing transfers of various funds for the Village of Bremen).

First reading of Resolution 2026-10-R (A Resolution authorizing the mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and / or local transportation improvement program (s) and to execute contracts required) for Northridge Drive.

Motion to approve Highland Blvd. OPWC Project disbursement #2: J. Cline Second: J. Schmeltzer

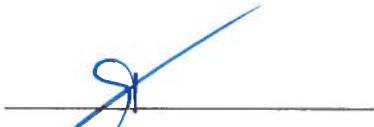
Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Aye, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Absent.

Motion to approve Mayor Taylor to prepare and submit application to participate in WPCLF/WSRLA nomination for Digester Replacement Project for the sewer plant: N. Bailor **Second:** J. Martinez

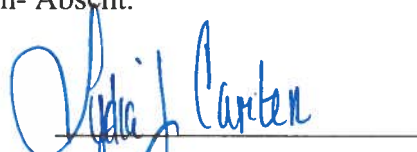
Roll Call: Councilperson N. Bailor- Aye, Councilperson J. Cline- Aye, Councilperson J. Martinez- Aye, Councilperson J. Schmeltzer- Aye, Councilperson C. Roush- Absent.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:40 P.M.: N. Bailor **Second:** J. Cline

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



Anthony M. Taylor
Mayor



Lydia J. Carter
Fiscal Officer

