

Bremen Chamber Minutes

January 15, 2008

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce was held on January 15, 2008. A trade show was open for exhibits, which began at 5:30pm. Guests were served hors d'oeuvres and greeted by Jodi Motta of the Friendly Bremen Bank. Pastor Debbie Nance led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer.

Vice President Eric Mahler introduced the 2007 new business owners and gave a synopsis of each business. 2007 had 10 new businesses open in the Bremen Area.

- Rienschild's Gourmet Sausage – Katie & Kenny Rienschild
- Scholl Veterinary Service – Dr. Susan Scholl
- Ohio Agrifuel – David McCandlish
- Lines Auto Service – Rich Lines
- Checkerboard Bakery – Marilyn Stephenson
- Crafty Grannies – Laurie Knowlton
- School Havens LLC – Merle Ashbaugh & Beth Smith
- Eaton Enterprises – Harold Eaton
- Tracy Lecrone, CPA
- Main Street Quilters – Susan Garber

The Bremen Historical Society provided a delicious candlelit dinner while pianist Jackie Winegardner entertained the guests.

President Connie Moyer outlined the many accomplishments of 2007 and advised where the Chamber is headed in 2008 under the direction of the current administration. Moyer ended her presentation with a story of a father who was very tired and wanted to take a nap but was watching his young son. He looked down at the newspaper and noticed a picture of the world and decided to cut it into many pieces and make a puzzle for his son to complete while he napped. Within a short period of time the son awoke his father who was astonished that the task was complete let alone correct. The small son informed his father that there was a man's picture on the back of the world and once he figured the man out, the world just came together. Once we can put the people together, the Village of Bremen is a beautiful picture. The Chamber's mission statement is "Business & Community Building the Foundation for a solid future". She pointed out the "Unity" in community means working together. The Chamber is proud that we are making the Village of Bremen a beautiful picture.

Trustee Dave Myers gave the "State of The Township" Address. Dave pointed out that during 2007 a second LifePak-12 unit was obtained through a grant for the fire department. Also purchased was a used emulsion tank along with a rock box for chip & sealing the Township roads. The Township will be able to perform this work "in-house" instead of paying a private contractor saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars. The Township and Village are working more closely together in order to benefit the

taxpayers. Trustee Myers thanked the citizens for their support in 2007 for the Road Levy.

Mayor Tad Moyer stated that he had only been Mayor for 14 days and much of the accomplishments of 2007 were done under David Ray's direction. He felt that in order to establish where we are going it is necessary from time to time to reflect on where we have been. Therefore Mayor Moyer spent most of his "State of The Village Address" going over the history of Bremen pointing out why our founders of the Village made many of the decisions that were made. Because of these decisions we have been able to benefit and succeed as a Village. Looking ahead into 2008; leaf pickup will be made on a schedule that the residents will be aware of; focus will be on fixing the curbing; separation of the storm drain and sanitary sewage as mandated by EPA is continuing. The Village Water Department will complete the separation rather than hiring outside contractors which will save the taxpayers approximately 3 Million. Grass growing in streets & gutters will be eliminated because the Street Supervisor who researched and found EPA approved herbicide.

Many businesses donated items for a silent auction which raised \$380.00 for the Chamber.