

**Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2007**

President Connie Moyer opened the meeting at 12:00 and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Pastor Deborah Nance offered grace.

Secretary Report – Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer Report – Activity report by Mr. Lecrone.

Mayor Ray introduced the new Village Administrator, Terry McGrath. Eric Mahler, President of the Council, also welcomed Mr. McGrath and gave details about his long list of credentials. Mr. McGrath stated that he intends on spending time getting to know us and our businesses and is happy to be a part of the Village.

Anthony & Carolyn Craig were introduced and thanked for hosting our meeting at The Liberty Bell. Anthony discussed the different events that are scheduled at the facility in the future. The banquet room of The Liberty Bell can accommodate 150 people and is open for reservations. Mike Sigler, who conducts the musical entertainment at The Liberty Bell on weekends spoke about some upcoming events that will be held there.

A database for Bremen Area businesses has been compiled by President Connie Moyer and we are at 102 currently. Membership letters were distributed by mail. Also, hard copies of the monthly announcement were sent to area businesses that do not have access to email.

A special welcome was extended to new members Harold Eaton with Trans-Dermal Innovations, Inc. and Dr. Jeffrey Wilson.

A discussion was held concerning no-shows. Reservations are usually confirmed the Friday prior to the meeting. At that time, the Chamber becomes responsible for payment of those reservations made.

Bremen Area Chamber receives money requests from different organizations, many of which we have contributed to in the past. This year, organizations requesting money, will be invited to the meeting to give us a brief overview of their project before any financial support will be considered.

Rushcreek Grange sent a thank you note for recognizing them last month which was circulated.

The 2008 Annual Meeting of The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce has been set for January 14, 2008. The Friendly Bremen Bank has agreed to aid in the planning. A special thank you was extended to Jodi Motta.

The Towne Crier did a beautiful article on the Bremen Chamber. The Chamber really appreciates the coverage that the Towne Crier is doing in our community and encourages local businesses to continue supporting this newspaper.

All three logos for the Chamber office sign were delivered to Gene's Sign Company to provide us with choices and prices. We will report at the next meeting.

Ed Pool spoke on the fire department levy. Fairfield County Emergency Management Assoc. has contacted the Township advising that the Township is in need of a second siren in Bremen. EMA has obtained some refurbished units. The Township wishes to remove the current siren from atop the firehouse and place both sirens on hills surrounding the Village. This would allow coverage not only to

Village residents but also Township residents. The Rushcreek Grange has donated \$1,000.00 towards this expense.

Checkerboard Bakery has opened the kitchen and is doing some baking but they are not yet ready to open the facility to the public.

Sheridan Funeral Home has finalized the Millersport facility. The building is complete and they are waiting on the final inspections in order to open the facility. Regarding the Bremen location, appointments are scheduled to meet with the Architect and Contractor to go over the final plans in order to provide the certificate to file with the State Board.

David McCandlish reported that he has completed a test run and the fuel is currently being tested.

Melody spoke about Downtown Revitalization efforts and grant applications, inviting businesses and/or individuals to write letters of support for these grant monies. Brian Mahler made a motion permitting Chamber officials to provide letters of support on behalf of the Chamber. Rev. Deborah Nance seconded said motion. The motion carried.

Featured speaker Susan Scholl discussed her new veterinary clinic on Main Street. Jim Herd, Superintendent, Fairfield Union Schools spoke on the upcoming levy and the building plans for Bremen Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned: 1:00 pm.