

**Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2007**

The September 18, 2007 Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting was opened by David McCandlish owner of Agrifuel, LLC. The minutes from the August meeting was presented for approval. John Schmelzer made a motion to approve the minutes, with Dee Mowry seconding said motion. The motion carried. Tracy Lecrone had the financial report at the door for anyone wishing a copy.

The website www.bremenvillage.com has business listings on one of the links. Only a few businesses had been updated since 2005. A notice was sent to each business listed requesting their information be updated by September 14, 2007. If they did not respond they will be removed from the site. In 2008, only Chamber members will be listed on this site.

Motion carried to purchase computerized checks & envelopes in the amount of \$120.00. Moved by Marilyn Boyd, seconded by David McCandlish.

Tracy Lecrone will be opening his CPA business on October 1, 2007. The location is 101 Main Street in downtown Bremen. Tracy will be offering personal & business tax returns, payroll, bookkeeping, and financial statement preparations.

Also coming in the downtown area is Main Street Quilters. This will be located in the old Bank, post office and now The Tripp building which is 111 W. Main Street. Owner, Susan Garber will be opening the doors during the Oil Derrick Days however the Grand Opening Celebration will be November 3, 2007. She will be having a special celebration for Chamber members with the time to be announced later.

The Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee has decided to purchase banners for the winter season for the street lamps on Main Street. The proposed banners will be taken to the Design Review Board for their approval. A special thank you was extended to the Bremen Bank for donating \$190.00 to be used for this project and to date the Farmer's Market has received \$110.00. The banners are \$48.00 each with the hardware being around \$60.00 each.

The Chamber office now has a beautiful sign hanging outside of our building.

Jean Doan presented members with upcoming events that will take place at the Historical Society with the Key Ingredients Smithsonian Exhibit.

Local candidates are invited to speak at the October Chamber meeting. All residents of the community are encouraged to attend. It will be held on October

16th at **The Liberty Bell Restaurant**, 102 N. Broad St., Bremen, OH. Treasurer Tracy Lecrone will begin collecting the \$8.00 lunch fee at 11:45am. Meeting will begin promptly at 12:00. Reservation deadline is Friday, October 12th. Any candidate wishing to speak must contact the Chamber office before October 12th at 740-569-9150 or email @ bremen_chamberofcommerce@msn.com After the meeting, attendees will be given a private tour of the display at the Historical Society.

Kim from Gene's Sign was present to discuss the new sign that will be placed along the St. Rt. 37 & 664 junction. The body was presented with two different sign designs along with lettering type and colors to make a decision so that permits can be obtained.

The 5th Annual Pumpkin Walk will be held Saturday evening October 27th at Howell Park between 6:00pm & 9:00pm. Pumpkin carving in preparation for the walk will be Thursday & Friday nights from 6-8 at the Village Office. Already carved pumpkins can be dropped off at the Village Office between those times. This is a family-friendly event for children of all ages.

Featured Speaker was Terry McGee CEO of Westerman Companies. Terry's presentation made each person present very proud that "Bremen" was chosen to be the home of Westerman Companies. Thank you very much Terry!