

**Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2007**

The October 16, 2007 Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting was opened by President Connie Moyer. The minutes from the September meeting was presented for approval. Tracy Lecrone had the financial report at the door for anyone wishing a copy.

Tracy Lecrone opened 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.

Susan Garber opened her quilting business Main Street Quilters at 111 W. Main Street which is the old Bank, post office and now The Tripp building. A 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.

Congratulations was extended to both Tracy Lecrone and Susan Garber.

The new Village of Bremen Welcome sign that Chamber body voted on last month was presented for all to view. This 13 X 9' sign will be placed along the St. Rt. 37 & 664 junction. A special thank you was extended the Bremen Lumber for allowing us permission to place the sign on their property. Mike from Gene's Sign had reported to Connie that he has applied for the necessary permits. A decision on the sign had to be made prior to any permits being obtained. There are still spaces for local businesses or community organizations to purchase the 18 X 24" panels. All interested parties should contact Eric Mahler at 569-4117 for further details.

Westerman Companies was one of the companies honored in Business First as a member of the 2007 Fast Fifty. On behalf of the Chamber, a letter was sent congratulating them on this accomplishment. We are so proud of Westerman and share in their excitement.

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. Pre-carved pumpkins can be dropped off at the Village Office between those times. This is a family-friendly event for children of all ages. Troy Trip was present and requested financial support from the Chamber for this event. Motion carried to donate \$250.00 towards this event was made by Rev. Deb Nance, seconded by Marilyn Boyd. The motion carried.

River Valley Rods & Customs is having a Car Show on October 28, 2007 in downtown Bremen from 11:00am to 4:00pm to benefit Brittany Castle. Brittany is a 12 year old who suffered a stroke and has been diagnosed with a disease. For additional information contact either Bixler's 653-6488 or Michelle 808-9933.

The featured speakers were: Fairfield County Sheriff Candidates: Darrell Ball & Dave Phalen; Bremen Mayor Candidates: Tad Moyer & David Ray; Fairfield County Board of Education: Eric Mahler & Jim Bope; Rushcreek Township Trustees: Brian Irwin, Scott Arnold, John Graham, & Dave Myers; Rushcreek Township Fiscal Officer: Mary Foltz & Connie Moyer.

Ed Pool encouraged all present to support the Rushcreek Township Road Levy that will be on the November 6th ballot.

Next month's speaker will be Steve Magill President & CEO Superior Fibers.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Annamarie L. Qualls, Secretary to the Chamber.