

# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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## **Council & Committee Meetings**

Members of the public should feel welcome to attend and participate at the following meetings regarding Village business:

- Planning & Zoning Commission: March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- Village Council: March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee: March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Planning & Zoning Commission: April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM
- Recreation & Facilities Committee: April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM

If you would like to speak at the Council meeting, please contact the office by noon of the previous Friday so you can be added to the agenda.

These are the meetings scheduled as of the time this newsletter is going to press. Should the need for other Village meetings arise, they will be publicized by legal advertisement in the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette.

Meetings are held at the municipal building, 9090 Marietta Road, SE.

## **Village Office Hours**

The Village offices will be closed on March 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.



## Village Council Vacancy

Much to her disappointment, council member Liz Lehman recently submitted her resignation, so she can devote the proper level of attention caring for an elderly relative.



As such, village council is seeking letters of interest to fill the vacant council seat and complete the remaining part of that four-year term.

In accordance with ORC 731.43, Village Council has 30 days to appoint a replacement. If Council does not appoint a replacement, then the Mayor shall appoint the replacement.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12th and the new council member is expected to be selected at that time.

Letters of interest must be received by Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Address them to the Council President, Village of Bremen, P.O. Box 127, Bremen 43107.

Candidates must be a registered voter, presently live within the village, and have lived in the village for at least one year.

#### **Employment Opportunities**

The Village is currently accepting applications for Swimming Pool Manager and Lifeguards at the community swimming pool for the 2018 swim season.



For detailed position descriptions and application instructions, contact the village office at 740-569-4788 or see the village website at BremenVillage.com/employment.

The application deadline is 12:00 Noon on Friday, March 16, 2018.

#### The Village Tree Board's Future



The committee responsible for making decisions about managing the village's street trees has not been active over the past year due to lack of members.

If not enough people step forward to serve on the tree board, then the village

council will need to consider options such as eliminating the board and assigning those responsibilities to another committee such as Safety & Infrastructure.

If you are interested in serving, and are a resident within the village, please contact the village office very soon.

## **Yield to Pedestrians in Crosswalks**

Deputy Sheriff Busby wants to remind drivers that they are <u>required by law</u> to STOP and give right of way to a pedestrian crossing a roadway within any marked crosswalk or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.



#### Ways to pay your utility bill

Utility customers can make payments in four ways:

- ✓ Via US Mail, to P.O. Box 127, Bremen;
- The drop-box outside the front door of the municipal building (9090 Marietta Road);
- Hand-deliver to the municipal building office during normal office hours 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM (except Noon to 12:30);
- ✓ At the Friendly Bremen Banking Center (119 West Main Street). NOTE: If you choose to pay at the bank, only the local Bremen branch participates in this service. Other branches will not accept payments.

#### **Income Survey to Help Bremen**



The Village might qualify for various state and federal funds and low-interest loans that would help pay for projects to improve streets, sidewalks, sewers and other infrastructure.

In order to qualify for those funds and loans, we must prove the level of financial need in the community.

To do that, information must be gathered from village residents following a standard procedure prescribed by the federal government.

Recognizing the significance of the potential state and federal funding, village council has decided to move forward on gathering the community financial data.

This will involve designated representatives conducting a door-to-door survey of residences.

The questions for each household are very brief and generic, and the results will be compiled in a manner that will summarize the community-wide income status, not tied to specific persons or names.

Information gathered will be handled confidentially and not be utilized for any purpose other than producing the statistics needed to characterize the community's income status.

Persons conducting the survey will display an official identification badge issued by the village office. Your participation will be very much appreciated and may enable us to eventually move forward on some much-needed infrastructure projects.

#### **Newsletter Versions**

As a cost-saving measure, *The Village Voice* newsletter is printed in black-and-white. The color version, however, is available on the website at <u>BremenVillage.com</u>.