



The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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March Council & Committee Meetings

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

- Zoning & Planning @ 6:30PM:
April 1st
- Village Council @ 7:00PM:
April 8th
- Parks & Recreation @ 6:00PM:
April 9th
- Financial Process @ 6:00PM:
April 24th

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.



First Economic Development Meeting A Success!

The Village of Bremen held its first official meeting in memory if not ever regarding Economic Development. The turnout and the discussion were

exceptional in beginning to plan for what these leaders want Bremen to become in the future. There are currently five members of the committee, with the mayor and administrator participating and we had four other interested parties in attendance participating as well as the Fairfield County Economic Development Director, Patrick O'Malia. Details on the next meeting will be published as soon as they become available!

Bremen Community Easter Egg Hunt!

The Bremen Activities Committee has scheduled a community Easter Egg Hunt at Howell Park on Saturday April 20th from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Those who would like to assist in the setup and preparations should reach out to Tracy Shahan at tshahan@columbus.rr.com

Employment Opportunities

Water/Wastewater Technician

The Village of Bremen, Ohio is currently accepting applications for a permanent, full-time, Water/Wastewater Technician. Preference will be given to candidates who currently hold a Class 1 Wastewater License. For a detailed position description and application instructions, contact the village office at 740-569-4788 or see the website at www.BremenVillage.com/employment. The position is open until filled.

Zoning Inspector

The Village of Bremen, Ohio is currently accepting applications for a permanent, part-time, Zoning Inspector. For a detailed position description and application instructions, contact the village office at 740-569-4788 or see the website at www.BremenVillage.com/employment. The position is open until filled.

Pool Manager

The Village of Bremen, Ohio is currently accepting applications for a seasonal, Pool Manager. For a detailed position description and application instructions, contact the village office at 740-569-4788 or see the website at www.BremenVillage.com/employment. The position is open until filled.

Head Lifeguard / Lifeguard

The Village of Bremen, Ohio is currently accepting applications for their seasonal, Head Lifeguard and Lifeguard positions. For a detailed position description and application instructions, contact the village office at 740-569-4788 or see the website at www.BremenVillage.com/employment. The position is open until filled.



Employee Spotlight



Crystal D. Pritchard, Fiscal Officer / Clerk of Council

Crystal has been with the Village for a few years but has moved up in the world to the Village Fiscal Officer! She is still responsible for the utility billing on top of her duties as the fiscal officer!

Modernizing The Village Website

At the March Council meeting; members of Council and those in attendance heard from our IT contractor, Adam Lepp of AdaMedia. He proposed upgrades to the Village Website that would bring the design into a more modern format that also works with mobile devices. The greatest feature of what we are looking at with the website upgrade is to offer the availability of online payments for the water, sewer, and trash utilities. As the website progresses we will keep everyone informed.

Swimming Pool Dates to be set at Parks & Recreation Meeting

This question is asked several times a day from Village residents regarding the open dates for the swimming pool this year. At the April 9th Parks and Recreation Meeting we will be discussing the following specifics regarding the pool specifically:

- Opening & Closing Dates
- Pricing for the Pool
- Projects that need done in order to open
- Hiring schedule for manager and guards
- Pay ranges for manager and guards
- Rules for the 2019 Season

If you have information that you would like to share with the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding the pool or the parks in general please join us on April 9th at 6:00 PM.

An Effort to Explain Water Prices

A few residents at the March meeting expressed their frustrations with the minimum water bills and how the Village charges a minimum. First just a reminder that the bill includes three separate charges; 1. Water 2. Sewer 3. Trash.

Let's "assume" for this explanation that you pay for only what water you use instead of the minimum. If you use 5,000 gallons of water for the month, billed at \$0.01 per gallon you would be paying \$50 on the water bill alone before adding the sewer and trash charges. We understand that it may seem more feasible to only pay for what you use but the minimum is in your favor and saves you money! Currently the minimum charge is good up to 9,000 gallons of water each month.

The other part of this equation is what has to be taken into account when looking at your water bill. You have employee salaries and benefits, the chemicals for water treatment, infrastructure maintenance and replacement, certification expenses, inspection expenses as well as unforeseen events when something goes terribly wrong! There is a long list of things that go into figuring the rates for utilities and while it may seem frustrating most of the time, the pricing is put together to make the best quality product that we can at the most affordable price while still providing exceptional service for the residents and customers of our wonderful village.