



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:
April 2nd at 6:30 PM
- Recreation & Facilities Committee:
April 3rd at 6:00 PM
- Village Council: April 9th at 7:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee:
April 25th 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 Government Update

During the March 12 village council meeting, Scott Snider was selected to fill the council seat that was vacated by Liz Lehman.



Mayor Mike Henwood administering the oath of office to Scott Snider

Employment Opportunity

The Village is currently accepting applications for Water-Wastewater Technician, who will perform duties concerning operation of the village's water and wastewater systems.

This individual will be expected to obtain their Ohio EPA Class I Water Certification within one year.

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

Applications shall be reviewed as received and will be accepted until the position is filled.

Village's 2018 Budget Adopted

Development of the village's 2018 budget was challenging. Operating costs are continually rising while revenue has been flat. Costs include everything needed to run the village such as employee compensation, maintenance of lands, buildings and equipment, utilities, and road asphalt to name just a few examples.

In formulating the budget, both the Financial Process Committee and the entire village council looked at ways to improve efficiencies and reduce spending. Ultimately, however, the budget is limited by the revenue. A very cautious approach was taken in projecting the revenues for the coming year.

To balance the budget, planned spending was slashed for many aspects of the village's operations. This means that much needed high-cost infrastructure improvements like street paving, curb/gutter repair, and storm drain and catch basin replacements will need to be deferred.

Following the public hearing on February 28, which gave citizens an opportunity to discuss the proposed budget, the 2018 budget was formally adopted during the special village council meeting.

The revenue side of the budget equation remains a looming issue for the Village.

Just One More Volunteer Needed for the Village Tree Board



Thanks to several village residents stepping forward during the past month, it appears the Tree Board *might* have new life. All we need is just one more person to become a member.

This is the committee responsible for making decisions about managing the village's street trees.

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.

The Door-to-Door Bremen Income Survey is Underway

Just three quick easy questions and you're done...



We are now gathering the data needed for determining whether the Village is eligible to receive certain state and federal funds and low-interest loans that would help pay for projects to improve streets, sidewalks, sewers and other infrastructure.

The method for conducting the survey information is following a standard procedure prescribed by the federal government.

The workers who are conducting the door-to-door survey can be identified by a Village-issued photo identification badge.

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.

Your participation will be very much appreciated and may enable us to eventually move forward on some much-needed infrastructure projects.

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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 BremenVillage.com.