

# Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met at noon on April 27, 2023, at the Bremen United Methodist church. Those present: Chad Belville, Jay Boyd, Marilyn Boyd, Vince Carpico, David Foltz, Sue Henwood, David Maple, Dee Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Ken Shofter, David Weber and guest Sara Stebelton with Perry County Homeless Coalition, Linda Ward, Tim Woodard, Heather Yontz and guest Sandra Yerian, Denise Wingard, and speaker, State Senator Tim Shaffer.

President David Foltz called the meeting to order, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Pastor Linda Ward to give the invocation. Following lunch served by the ladies of the church, the business meeting was opened with a review of the minutes of the March meeting; these were approved as emailed prior to this meeting on a motion by Marilyn Boyd, seconded by David Weber and carried. The treasurer reported the completion of the transfer of CD's to a better rate, resulting in increases in interest that have already more than paid for the penalties for early withdrawal. Balances for March and April were:

	March	April
Checking:	\$8 612.35	\$10 157.35
Community fund	6 783.00	5 633.29
CD	13 242.54	13 290.99
CD	11 966.42	12 101.20

The report was filed for audit on a motion by Dee Mowry, seconded by Chad Belville and carried. The president noted that the plaques for the sign at the 37/664 intersection have been updated and that the village has received a grant for street improvement.

## In announcements:

- Bremen Bank is hosting a diaper drive from May 1 through 6;
- the state of the schools will be discussed at the Trocchia Performing Arts Center at the Fairfield Union High School on May 26;
- the first Fairfield County Senior Expo will be held at the fairgrounds on August 25 from 10 to 3; there are sponsorship and participation opportunities

Speaker for the day was State Senator Tim Shaffer. Redistricting has him representing Fairfield, Licking and northern Perry Counties as the 20th district. He is pleased when he's able to connect constituents to people with needed areas of expertise. Some areas of concern:

< funding for township roads in the 60 minute radius of the INTEL development

as it will affect local traffic - this includes the Bremen area  
< Solar Farms legislation would give county commissioners authority to vet proposals; also consider state of the land when leases end, possible drainage system damage

<Bill 91 to fight fraud by elected officials

<Bill 16 making attacks on first responders and their vehicles a felony

Tim addressed legislation pending:

on solicitation of a minor for sex - would mandate prison time on a first conviction,

on state education funds following the student,

on Emergency Powers Act not permitting the confiscation of defensive weapons in the event of a state emergency.

Much time is also spent on the state budget; the bill from the House is many reams of paper long ,and the Senate bill must reconcile with it.

David adjourned the meeting. We will next meet on May 25 at Bremen UMC.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schmitz, secretary

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