

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of September 24, 2020 Meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church. Members and friends present were Alyssa Barnecut, Marilyn Boyd, Brenda Carney, Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Laura Kennedy, Eric Mahler, Dee Mowry, David Ray, Nicole Scott, Linda Ward and David Weber. A quorum of members, as set forth in the constitution adopted July 26, 2018, was present.

President Mowry called the meeting to order at noon and Pastor Linda Ward opened with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance. Lunch was served by the women of the church.

The next meeting of the BACOC will be October 22, 2020 at noon at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church. There will be no meeting in November. The annual meeting will be held on December 10, 2020 at noon at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church. Election of officers for 2021 will be held at that time along with the State of the Village and Township addresses.

The minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting had been circulated by e-mail. Hearing no objections, President Mowry stated they were approved as circulated.

Treasurer Sue Henwood reported that balance of the checking account was \$8,921.07 and the Community Fund balance was \$7,702.56. The report was received as submitted.

President Mowry reported the following items that had been discussed by the board at the September 17, 2020 meeting:

Donation to Fairfield County Junior Fair Auction: David Weber made a motion with a second by Toni Harper to approve a donation not to exceed \$250. The motion passed unanimously. David Foltz will represent the chamber at this sale.

Military Banners: American Legion Post 20 will be responsible for this project. Mike Henwood will represent the Chamber.

Chamber Sign at Route 664 and 37: Dee sent a letter to Mike Qualls in April regarding repair of this sign. He has not received a response. He will follow up with another letter.

Scarecrow Project: Toni Harper made a motion with a second by David Ray to donate \$100 to this project. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting: The 2020 annual meeting will be held on December 10, 2020 at noon at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church. The 2021 election of officers and the state of the Bremen Village and Rushcreek Township will be held at this time. Due to the Pandemic, the Bremen Elementary December meeting will be cancelled.

Oil Derrick Sign: The Bremen Village Park Committee would like to have the sign located on the oil derrick in Howell Park be refurbished. Dee will send a letter to the Park Committee for an estimate of the cost. More information will be needed before a decision can be made.

2021 Membership Dues: Due to the amount of cancelled meeting in 2020 the board recommended that those who paid dues in 2020 will not be charged for 2021 dues.

Nominating Committee: President Mowry assigned Marilyn Boyd, David Ray and Toni Harper to be on the committee.

Nicole Scott, Branch Service Manager, at the Bremen Office of the Vinton County National Bank was our speaker. She spoke regarding how the Pandemic has affected bank fraud. Nicole shared many examples of how she personally has helped many local customers who have become victim of this terrible problem and cautioned everyone to be vigilant regarding any letter or offer that sounds too good to be true. She also spoke on internet fraud and the problems it causes today.

With no other business to conduct President Mowry adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Submitted by Marilyn Boyd, Secretary

Date