

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the October 28, 2021 Meeting

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church. Those present: Alyssa Barnecut, Cenell Boch, Jackie Hardman, Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Mary Hoffman, Laura Kennedy, Dee Mowry, Sue Schmitz, Linda Ward. There was a quorum on members, as set forth in the constitution adopted on July 26, 2018. At noon, President Mowry called the meeting to order, Pastor Linda Ward offered a prayer and the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Lunch was served by the ladies of the church.

As the minutes had been sent out, a reading was dispensed with. The treasurer reported the following:

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| checking account: | \$4 838.82 |
| community fund: | 7 256.42 |
| CD | 10 585.01 |
| CD | 2 590.74 |
| CD | 2 634.01 |
| CD | 4 838.82 |
| CD | 7 256.42 |

The CD's will be move to an investment program as directed last month when an investor is selected.

Toni Harper reported there were 21 entries in the scarecrow competition. Local winners were posted in "You know you're from Bremen if..." and Rushcreek Township. The Fairfield County District Library's entry is in the running for the County "people's favorite."

Dee noted the passing of long-time member Dale Shaw. The State of the Village/Township will be hosted at the Bremen Area Historical Society on Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m. The mayor and township trustees will speak.

We received a thank you letter for our support of the Junior Fair Livestock Sale and an invitation to their banquet.

Nominations for officers for 2022 are due by the next meeting. The sign at the route 37/664 entrance to the village will be addressed at an executive meeting.

Dee introduced Mary Hoffman who reviewed the history of village planning and development goals. The section of Broad Street from the American

Legion building to the Pub and Grub has been identified as a visual entrance to the village that needs work. A questionnaire distributed to 14 residents was returned by 9; they cited speeding, sidewalks heaved by tree roots and feral cats as concerns. Mary reported that the county health department deals only in external issues of buildings unless there is a health hazard; there is no housing code. The village signed on to the Fairfield County building inspection, but it is only usable with new buildings or usages. We are on a vacant building registration to attract potential businesses. Viewing rehabs done in other towns gives ideas to fuel making Bremen a destination, not a pass through. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Submitted by Sue Schmitz, secretary
