May 11th, 2022 Bremen Chamber of Commerce Hosted at VFW 8:00am

- We are still receiving Membership dues via mail and Window decals have already been sent to current members
- Corner sign is currently displaying "Chamber members only". No specific advertisement but chamber recognition with business name included. We are rotating businesses weekly in the order the membership dues were received
- Newsletter Updates:
 - o June:
 - Member Spotlight: Library renovation
 - Community Spotlight: Fireman's Festival (June 14-18)
 - o July:
 - Member Spotlight: Indiana Carton
 - Community Spotlight: "Good Town" poem
 - o August:
 - Member Spotlight: Bremen Pool/splash pad renovation
 - Community Spotlight: Summers End Festival
- VFW updates
 - o New floor is in and it looks great. \$300 fee to rent dining hall
 - o Cancer event June 3rd. There will be a roast and a raffle to raise money. Tickets can be bought on Facebook and in person at the VFW
 - o VFW will be leading the parade this summer
 - o 1st Fridays will be Spicy Spaghetti days
 - o Unfortunately Bounthanh's won't be returning to cook on a regular basis because of his health
- Town Trash Days May 13th and 14th (6am-1pm)
- Kayak launch is COMPLETE! Looks great and it's already been used. Kayaks can be rented from Yoder's Hardware and VFW is thinking of doing the same.
- May 21st at 9am VFW will be placing flags at the Bremen Cemetery; Volunteers are needed to help place 1000 flags on all of our local warriors' graves to honor and to remember their legacy (meeting at the mausoleum).
- May 28th Public Pool opens: Monday-1-5, 6-8, Tuesday-1-5, 6-8, Wednesday-1-5, 6-8, Thursday-1-5, 6-8, Friday-1-5, Saturday-1-5, Sunday-2-6
 - o Memberships are \$100 for a family and \$50 for a single person
 - o They decided on a splash pad/pool combo for the renovation and it'll cost a little under 3 million. They're now moving into design phase 2
- Summers End Date: August 13th (Vendor applications have been sent)
 - o They need more craft venders
 - o VFW is looking into getting a beer tent
- Oktoberfest

- Small Business Administration (sba.gov) for new 2022 Business grants and funding
- Any new business or town updates
- Want to discuss Business of the Year (key to the city, mint award, any award thought)
 - o Thinking of doing 3 different awards: small businesses, large businesses, and non for profits
 - o VFW offered to host dinner for award ceremony
 - o Keep an eye out for email updates
 - o When should we do it? February? January?
 - o Plaques that travel around town for maybe the next 10-15 years
- Next meeting June 8th, Bremen Public Library

10 members attended: Lachmandy Moters, Creative Foam, VFW, Bremen Police, Town of Bremen, H&R Block, and Bremen Public Library