

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW BREMEN

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Roll call showed the following members present for the meeting on this date at 6:30 p.m. Larger, Wuebker, Condon, Lomakin, Elshoff and Burnell. Also, present were Mayor Parker, Fiscal Officer Speelman, Solicitor This, Chief Skinner and Village Administrator Richter.

Visitors attending were Larry Weimert with NB EMS.

Minutes from the May 8, 2023 regular meeting were approved. Motion by Wuebker. Second by Condon. Six ayes.

Larger reported total expenditures for May in the amount of \$1,822,840.60 and total receipts for April were \$1,721,645.17; noted Finance committee reviewed bank reconciliations for April. Motion by Larger. Second by Condon. Six ayes.

Mayor Parker's Report:

- Introduced Larry Weimert as new president for New Bremen Emergency Squad.

Village Administrator Richter Report:

- December 23, 24, 2022 saw temperatures drop to record lows. Due to the extreme cold weather, power plants were not able to generate sufficient power for the demand. Prairie State, Fremont and Hydro plants were able to produce more power, the village will be receiving credits on the AMP invoice for a total of 9 months.
- Tears in the pool liner have been repaired by Cotterman Roofing. Pool will be refilled this week. Opening date for the season is set for Saturday, May 27. Splash pad is open for the season.
- Resident public meeting will be held May 23 from 4-6pm at the Lockkeepers House for the SR 274 Curb and gutter project. Scheduled to begin after July 4th.
- Received OPWC funding for Plum St Reconstruction. \$500,000 grant, \$1,089,744 loan at 0% and \$2,023,311 local share based on engineers estimate.

Mayor Parker presented New Bremen Head Volleyball Coach Diana Kramer and Head Football Coach Chris Schmidt with a Mayoral Proclamation recognizing State Championships for the fall 2022 season. Parker recognized the character and community spirit displayed by NB students and citizens. The athletes of New Bremen in all sports, showcase their team and individual dedication, hard work and commitment to excellence and good sportsmanship and competition which builds strong character. The success in athletics reflects positively on players and coaches, instilling community pride and school spirit. The New Bremen School student athletes demonstrated outstanding effort and teamwork during the Fall 2022 season.

The Village's property, vehicle and equipment insurance renews on July 1. Stolly Insurance is awaiting renewal rate. Will have updates at second reading.

First Reading Resolution 2023-05-09 Annual Property, Vehicle and Equipment Insurance renewal.

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The village is planning for the Plum St Reconstruction project. The necessity of repairing certain sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway approaches on parts of South Eastmoor Dr from Margaret St south to end of South Eastmoor Dr, East Plum St to South Walnut St and Park St from East Plum St to East Front St.

First Reading Resolution 2023-05-10 Necessity for repairing parts of S Eastmoor Dr, Plum St and Park St.

The village requested sealed bids to upgrade meter reading system to allow water and electric to be read live in the utility office, eliminating the need for employees to drive around town to collect monthly meter readings. The system will also notify of power outages, turn off electric meters for non-payment and final reads. Will begin with a system overlay, purchasing the minimum number of meters needed to send live meter reads to the utility office. Additional disconnect meters will be purchased as funds are available. The system will be connected to the villages fiber ring. Will work with Reliable to place a server in house. One sealed bid was received. Anixter bid for Tantalus Overlay at a price of \$431,942.50.

Third Reading Resolution 2023-04-06 Purchase Anixter Tantalus Overlay at a price of \$431,942.50. Motion by Burnell. Second by Lomakin. Six ayes.

Councilman Condon suggested starting each meeting with an invocation.

Larger made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Second by Wuebker. Six ayes.

Robert D. Parker, Mayor

Amy M. Speelman, Fiscal Officer