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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Condon.

Visitors attending were Erin Gardner from The Daily Standard, Bill Woehrmyer, Bob Marshal, Dave and Linda Champagne and Amanda Hurley.

Minutes from the October 23, 2023 regular meeting were approved. Motion by Condon. Second by Larger. Five ayes.

Mayor Parker's Report:

- Congratulations to New Bremen Cardinals Volleyball Team on back to back state championships.
- Fines, fees and forfeitures for October were \$1,193.
- Effective January 1, one council seat is open. Anyone interested should contact the village office.

Village Administrator Richter Report:

- Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) – Installed 3 collector units to fiber and 14 test meters.

Fire Department invited German Township Trustees and Village Council to see new pumper truck purchased earlier this year.

At previous meeting council discussed concerns from residents on the installation of sidewalks on the west side of Park Street during the upcoming street reconstruction project. Mayor Parker ask council if anyone had additional questions or wanted to discuss changing the current sidewalk ordinance. There was no recommendation to change the sidewalk ordinance.

Village power supplier AMP, is updating the Master Services Agreement Participant Schedule. This recognizes the joint scheduling, interconnection and operation and transmission arrangements of AMP Members in the Western AMP Service Group (WASG) in the Dayton transmission zone.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-11-23 2023 WASG Power Pool Participation Schedule with American Municipal Power.

The passing HB 33 requires updates to the municipal income tax code. Most updates relate to remote work.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-11-24 Amend Village Income Tax Code and Regulations to adopt provisions of Ohio House Bill 33.

Residents with the SR 274 curb project expressed concerns on the project and suggestions for future projects. Requested more upfront communication before and during the project. Had concerns on if all residents in the project were able to pay the assessments. Anyone unable to pay can add the assessment to their property taxes. Discussed if the driveway approaches needed to be replaced as many

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still looked good. The project was bid for all approaches to be replaced. It's more labor intensive and inefficient to work around an existing approach. Cost is cheaper for the homeowner to replace during a project versus on their own. Mayor Parker thanked them for the feedback.

Final assessments to residents for repairs of curbs, gutters and driveway approaches on State Route 274 totaled \$129,746.93.

Third Reading Ordinance 2023-10-20 Levying Assessments of State Route 274 Curb Project. Motion by Larger. Second by Lomakin. Five ayes.

Water plant salt bid opening was October 4. Artesian of Pioneer was the sole bid at \$178/ton. A 23% increase over current price of \$145/ton.

Third Reading Resolution 2023-10-14 Accept salt bid from Artesian of Pioneer for \$178/ton. Motion by Burnell. Second by Elshoff. Five ayes.

Discussed CDL for village employees. With the increased training course cost, the village will pay for the first attempt to obtain license. If employee leaves within 3 years of obtaining license, cost of course is due back to village. Defined sick leave use for birth of a child and step plan policy.

Third Reading Ordinance 2023-10-21 Amend Employee Handbook. Motion by Elshoff. Second by Condon. Five ayes

Larger made a motion to adjourn at 7:18p.m. Second by Lomakin. Five ayes.

Robert D. Parker, Mayor

Amy M. Speelman, Fiscal Officer