

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, Condon, Burnell, Elshoff and 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.

Minutes from the December 27, 2023 regular meeting were approved. Motion by Condon. Second by Elshoff. Five ayes.

Mayor Parker's Report:

- Fines, fees and forfeitures for December were \$1,235.
- February 12 council meeting will be moved to February 5 at 6:30 pm.

Village Administrator Richter Report:

- AMI meter upgrade – Residential meter installation has begun. 310 meters are installed.

Three residents submitted interest in filling Chad Wuebker's open council seat effective January 1, 2024. Larger, Elshoff, Parker and Speelman met with each candidate. Recommend Scott Bertke to fill seat. Motion by Elshoff. Second by Condon. Five ayes. Mayor Parker swore in Scott Bertke as Councilman.

Burnell recommended Larger to serve as council president in 2024. Second by Lomakin. Six ayes.

First Reading Ordinance 2024-01-01 Adopting American Legal Publishing Ohio Basic Code 2024 Edition.

Emergency Ordinance 2024-01-02 Authorize Village Fiscal Officer to make intrafund appropriation transfers for year 2024.

Burnell made a motion to suspend the rule. Second by Larger. Six ayes. Declaring Emergency Ordinance 2024-01-02. Motion by Larger. Second by Lomakin. Six ayes.

The village contracts City of St Mary's to administer income tax collection. Contract is for years 2024 to 2026 at a flat rate of 1.75%. Rate is the same as prior contract.

Third Reading Resolution 2023-12-18 City of St Mary's Income Tax Collection years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Motion by Elshoff. Second by Larger. Six ayes.

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Discussed the passage of Ohio Issue 2 on November 7, 2023. Municipalities are permitted to prohibit or limit cannabis operators, marijuana cultivators, processors or retail dispensaries. Council felt this to be the best interest of the village.
Third Reading Ordinance 2023-12-33 Prohibit Adult use Cannabis operators, cultivators, processors and retail dispensaries. Motion by Burnell. Second by Condon. Six ayes.

Larger made a motion to adjourn at 6:45p.m. Second by Condon. Six ayes.

Robert D. Parker, Mayor

Amy M. Speelman, Fiscal Officer