

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, Burnell, Lomakin, Condon, Hurley and Bertke. Also, present were Solicitor This, Fiscal Officer Speelman, Village Administrator Richter and Mayor Parker. Chief Skinner was absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Condon.

Visitors attending were Skyler Mitchell from The Evening Leader.

Minutes from the August 26, 2024 regular meeting were approved. Motion by Hurley. Second by Condon. Six ayes.

Mayor Parker's Report:

- Fines, fees and forfeitures for August were \$2,681.
- Cider Time and Trick or Treat are scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 2024. Cider Time parade will line up at 1pm, in parking lot behind 17West. The parade will begin at 1:30pm. Trick or Treat will follow from 3:00pm – 5:00pm.
- CenterPoint has submitted a pre-filing notice with PUCO to begin process of requesting an increase in natural gas distribution rates. Last request for rate adjustment was 2018.

Village Administrator Richter Report:

- Plum St reconstruction update – Curbs were poured Sept 3 but some sections were of poor finish and will be replaced. Also replacing all storm catch basins to expansion joints. Asphalt will be poured week of September 16 .
- Library project is complete and now open to the public.

2024 budget for Plum St Reconstruction was based on village receiving full requested funding from OPWC. The engineer estimate was higher than actual bid. OPWC application was submitted at 44% OPWC funding, 56% local share. Appropriations need amended to reflect villages actual local share based on bid. An additional \$713,984.29. Fire Department has seen increased number of runs for the year. Historically the next 3 months are their busiest time of year. Based on payroll estimate, current runs use almost all appropriated wages. Requesting to move \$10,000 from fire operations that will not be used and moved to wages. This will not increase the total appropriations for the fire department, but reallocate funds. Total appropriations of \$27,902,890.32.

Burnell made a motion to suspend the rule. Second by Bertke. Six ayes. Declaring Emergency Ordinance 2024-08-26 Amend 2024 Appropriations. Motion by Bertke. Second by Lomakin. Six ayes.

OPWC Applications are due October 1. Working with engineer for a reconstruction of Second St from Jefferson Street to Water Street. Preliminary construction estimates total OPWC grant and loan of \$498,000. Local share of \$652,000. Construction in 2026. First Reading Resolution 2024-09-16 Authorize Village Administrator to submit application to OPWC for Second Street Reconstruction.

OPWC Applications are due October 1. Working with engineer for resurfacing portions of Herman Street and Pearl Street. Preliminary construction estimates OPWC grant of \$250,000 and local share of \$200,000. Construction in 2025.

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First Reading Resolution 2024-09-17 Authorize Village Administrator to submit application to OPWC for Herman Street and Pearl Street Reconstruction.

Received from Auglaize County Budget Commission amounts for general property tax of \$261,369, EMS levy of \$179,257 and \$89,214.51 in local government. Prior year amounts were \$214,529 for property tax, \$175,426 for EMS levy and \$88,706.63 in local government.

Second Reading Resolution 2024-08-15 Accept Local Government Funds and Rates set up by Auglaize County Budget Commission

Planning Commission met on August 20, 2024 to discuss conditional use permit for 420 S Washington St owned by Robert and Michelle Bambauer. Petitioned to use property to conduct business of a boutique for clothes and miscellaneous goods. Zoned as R-1 and subject to the R-C Transitional District. Planning Commission approved the request only so long as the property is used for the permitted use.

Second Reading Ordinance 2024-08-24 Conditional use of property at 420 S Washington St.

New Bremen's Subdivision Regulations need updated to include current requirements for storm sewer, street, sanitary sewer, water and street lights. These are the standards the village has been using but needs to update the documentation. These regulations are used for street reconstruction projects and new subdivisions.

Second Reading Ordinance 2024-08-25 Amend Subdivision Regulations.

Petition received from Andrew and Julie Langhals of 220 W Ash St and Congregation of St Peters Church of 303 N Franklin St to vacate an old. The alley runs north and south being 16 ½ feet wide lying between inlot number 141, 142 and 147, 148.

Third Reading Ordinance 2024-08-23 Petition to vacate alley between Langhals and St Peters Church inlot numbers 141, 142 and 147, 148. Motion by Burnell. Second by Lomakin. Six ayes.

Larger made a motion to adjourn at 6:51p.m. Second by Lomakin. Six ayes.

Robert D. Parker, Mayor

Amy M. Speelman, Fiscal Officer