

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, Chief Skinner and Mayor Parker.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Condon.

Visitors attending were Erin Gardner from The Daily Standard.

Minutes from the September 9, 2024 regular meeting were approved. Motion by Condon. Second by Bertke. Six ayes.

Larger reported total expenditures for September in the amount of \$1,653,904.56 and total receipts for August were \$1,507,625.72; noted Finance committee reviewed bank reconciliations for August. Motion by Larger. Second by Hurley. Six ayes.

Mayor Parker's Report:

- Reminder to voters with election day approaching, EMS and Fire each have levies on the ballot.
- Pumpkinfest will be celebrated September 27 and 28.

Village Administrator Richter Report:

- The liner in the swimming pool has been removed. A company is coming week of Sept 23 to test cleaning the stainless steel wall with dry ice. A welder will also try welding holes and studs.
- Plum St reconstruction update – Replaced any storm catch basins to expansion joints and sections of poor finish. The base and intermediate will be paved on September 19 and 20. The top layer will be paved on September 23.

The village is planning for the Park St, Vine St and South Walnut Street Reconstruction project. The necessity of repairing certain sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway approaches on Park St from Front St south to Monroe St, Vine St from Park St to South Walnut St and South Walnut St from Front St to Monroe St.

First Reading Resolution 2024-09-18 Necessity for repairing parts of Park St, Vine St and South Walnut St.

CenterPoint has submitted a pre-filing notice with PUCO to begin process of requesting an increase in natural gas distribution rates of 29.6%. Last request for rate adjustment was 2018.

Condon made a motion to suspend the rule. Second by Bertke. Six ayes. Declaring Emergency Resolution 2024-09-19 Opposing CenterPoint Energy's Ohio proposed rate increase. Motion by Larger. Second by Condon. 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.

Larger made a motion to suspend the rule. Second by Bertke. Six ayes. Declaring Emergency Resolution 2024-09-16 Authorize Village Administrator to submit application to OPWC for Second Street Reconstruction. Motion by Burnell. Second by Lomakin. Six ayes.

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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.

Lomakin made a motion to suspend the rule. Second by Larger. Six ayes. Declaring Emergency Resolution 2024-09-17 Authorize Village Administrator to submit application to OPWC for Herman Street and Pearl Street Reconstruction. Motion by Larger. Second by Bertke. Six ayes.

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.

Third Reading Resolution 2024-08-15 Accept Local Government Funds and Rates set up by Auglaize County Budget Commission. Motion by Lomakin. Second by Larger. Six ayes.

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.

Third Reading Ordinance 2024-08-24 Conditional use of property at 420 S Washington St. Motion by Lomakin. Second by Hurley. Six ayes.

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.

Updates will be available and discussed at public meeting on October 14 at 6:00pm in council chambers. Third reading will take place after public meeting.

Motion by Lomakin to Table Third Reading Ordinance 2024-08-25 Amend Subdivision Regulations. Second by Hurley. Six ayes.

Larger made a motion to enter executive session at 6:50pm for the purchase or sale of property. Second by Bertke. Six ayes. Larger made a motion at 7:34p.m. to exit executive session. Second by Hurley. No action was taken.

Larger made a motion to adjourn at 7:34p.m. Second by Hurley. Six ayes.

Robert D. Parker, Mayor

Amy M. Speelman, Fiscal Officer