

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Condon.

Visitors attending were Skyler Mitchell from The Evening Leader and Erin Gardner from The Daily Standard.

Bertke made a motion to approve the consent agenda items which included the following:

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes from the December 9, 2024 regular meeting.
- Approval of Finance report. Larger reported total expenditures for December in the amount of \$1,443,916.91 and total receipts for November were \$1,267,486.89; noted Finance committee reviewed bank reconciliations for November.

Second by Hurley. Six ayes with Larger abstaining from vote of minutes.

Mayor Parker's Report:

- No report.

Village Administrator Richter Report:

- Vine and Park St bid opening was Dec 19, 2024 at 11:00 am. 6 bids were received.
- Planning commission meet at Dec 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm and approved Phase III of Cardinal Subdivision. 29 lots available.
- West Shelter house bathroom renovation is was 100% complete. Suggestion was made to have an open house in the spring.

Discussed appropriations for 2025. Total is \$23,260,021.00.

Third Reading Ordinance 2024-11-29 2025 Appropriations. Motion by Larger. Second by Burnell. Six ayes.

Discussed wage increase for all employees to be 3.50%

Third Reading Ordinance 2024-11-30 2025 Wage increase of 3.50%.

Motion by Hurley. Second by Bertke. Five ayes. Lomakin abstained.

Discussed entering into annexation agreement with German Township for 21.691 acres owned by Easthaven LLC and Crown Equipment Corp. Parcels C09-014-001-01, C09-014-002-00 and C09-014-002-01. Currently water and sewer services are provided. Will add electric services. Village will pay German Township \$5,000 in lieu of tax revenues.

Second Reading Ordinance 2024-12-31 Annexation agreement with German Township 21.691 acres owned by Easthaven LLC and Crown Equipment Corporation.

On December 17, 2024 Planning Commission held a public meeting and approved the plat for Cardinal Subdivision Phase 3 and accepting the streets and easements dedicated to the village.

First Reading Ordinance 2024-12-32 Accept Cardinal Subdivision Phase 3 plat, streets and easements.

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Vine and Park St bid opening was Dec 17, 2024 at 11:00 am. 6 bids were received. 4 bids were below the engineer's estimate of \$1,325,000. Lowest bid was PAB Construction, Coldwater Ohio at \$1,188,325.00. Village received OPWC loan of \$240,000 and grant of \$240,000.
First Reading Ordinance 2024-12-33 Award Vine, Park and Walnut St Reconstruction to PAB Construction.

2024 appropriations were amended to balance actual revenue to appropriations. Total appropriations are \$21,976,708.37.
Bertke made motion to suspend the rule. Second by Lomakin. Six ayes. Declaring Emergency Ordinance 2024-12-35 Amend 2024 appropriations. Motion by Larger. Second by Condon. Six ayes.

Sewer Reserve fund was established to plan for future improvements at the waste water treatment plant. Requested to move \$200,000 from Sewer fund to Sewer Reserve fund.
Lomakin made motion to suspend the rule. Second by Burnell. Six ayes. Declaring Emergency Ordinance 2024-12-34 Transfer \$200,000 from Sewer Fund to Sewer Reserve Fund. Motion by Lomakin. Second by Larger. Six ayes.

Larger made a motion to adjourn at 6:48p.m. Second by Lomakin. ayes.

Robert D. Parker, Mayor

Amy M. Speelman, Fiscal Officer