

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. Hurley, Condon, Larger, Burnell and Bertke. Puhlskamp was excused with a motion by Burnell. Second by Bertke. Five ayes. Also, present were Chief Skinner, Solicitor This, Mayor Parker, Fiscal Officer Speelman and Village Administrator Richter.

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.

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

- Approval of agenda.
 - Approval of minutes from the August 25, 2025 regular meeting.
- Second by Condon. Five ayes.

Mayor Parker's Report:

- Cider Time and Trick or Treat are scheduled for Sunday, Oct 26, 2025. 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 3:00-5:00pm.

Village Administrator Richter Report:

- Water Plant EPA inspection is scheduled for September 10.
- Electric department is installing electric infrastructure at Cardinal Phase 3.
- Vine and Park St Reconstruction – PAB is completing storm sewer and prepping curb. Project completion estimated October 17.
- Herman St repaving project is underway Sept 4 with milling. Paving planned for Sept 16-19.

The September 22 council meeting is being moved to Monday, September 29 at 6:30pm.

Received from Auglaize County Budget Commission amounts for general property tax of \$268,527, EMS levy of \$255,485, Fire levy of \$127,742 and \$93,828 in local government. Prior year amounts were \$261,369 for property tax, \$179,257 for EMS levy and \$89,215 in local government.

Second Reading Resolution 2025-08-14 Accept Local Government Funds and Rates set up by Auglaize County Budget Commission.

On August 11, 2025 John Courtney presented to council the results of rate study. Last rate study and rate adjustment was 2019. With the increased cost of electrical supplies and capital expenditures, a rate adjustment is needed in order to meet revenue requirements. Project shortfall is 6%. This will be adjusted through the Power Supply Cost Adjustor. The increase would go into effect with meter readings on January 15, 2026 with payment date of February 10, 2026. The average resident uses 800 kwh, cost increase of \$4/month.

First Reading Ordinance 2025-09-16 Modify rate charged to electric consumers through the Power Supply Cost Adjustment.

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Larger made a motion at 6:45 p.m. to enter executive session for purchase or sale of property. Second by Bertke. Five ayes. Bertke made a motion at 7:45 p.m. to come out of executive session. Second by Condon. Five ayes. No action was taken.

Hurley made a motion to adjourn at 7:45p.m. Second by Larger. Five ayes.

Robert D. Parker, Mayor

Amy M. Speelman, Fiscal Officer