

**ST BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, December 13, 2018 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. Steven Asbach – The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed that six members were present; Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Bob Culbertson, Mr. Burkhardt, Mrs. Bedinghaus, Dr. Chastain, Mr. Ray Culbertson. Mr. Seifert was absent.

Mrs. Bedinghaus made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Burkhardt seconded the motion. Council agreed 6-0.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Estep (read by Mr. Paul) - Good evening and I would like to wish everyone an early Merry Christmas. I'm setting up our Annual Christmas for Needy Kids. The toys will be picked up from Crosley's on Friday morning by volunteers from St. Clements and distributed to needy families. Our Christmas in St. Bernard was a success despite the weather and again I would like to thank all of those who helped make it a wonderful night for all who enjoyed it. Please enjoy the holidays and don't ever take for granted all of your wonderful family, friends and relatives!

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor's office provided Council and the Administration with the end of November 2018 Expense and Revenue spreadsheets and Cash Fund Report. The year to date expenses were \$10,855,565.62 and the revenues were \$11,773,160.97. Year to date the revenues are \$917,595.35 over the expenses.

The Auditor's office has prepared Ordinance 41, 2018 for Council's vote. This is the annual budget for 2019. The total appropriations are \$13,126,053.61. This Ordinance includes four new line items:

01-2-E-6 Tax Collection Fee, which will be used to record the collection agency collecting old income taxes.

01-2-O-11 Garbage Collection Fee, which will be used to record the 5% fee the Water Works charges the Village for collecting garbage removal fees.

01-58-2 Fitness Center Employees, which will be used to pay the employees that work in the Fitness Center, since the Village no longer has Dial A Ride

01-58-9 Community Events, which will be used for various events, such as the German Luau.

I would like to wish all the residents and businesses of St. Bernard a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a Happy Birthday to Councilman Don Tobergte..

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Peck – Absent.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I printed out and distributed the Star Ohio Balance that we have with State. Our current balance at the end of November totaled \$3,449,615.15 and that is a current rate of 2.35%.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – I just want to say thank you to all the departments for making 2018 a great year for the Village.

I would also like to wish Councilman Don Tobergte a Happy Birthday. Not sure what number it is.

For those who are interested, the National Weather Service will be hosting their annual weather spotter training on Tuesday, February 19 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Grove of Springfield Twp, 9150 Winton Road. Anyone interested in joining the Skywarn Program is encouraged to attend. I will ask Heidi to post the link on the Village website and I also have some flyers available.

I have the Fire Report for the month of November 2018. Fire Incidents; 4 structure fires, 2 non-structure fires, 5 auto accidents, 3 hazmat incidents, 5 service calls and 23 others. Mutual aid given; 2 to Springfield Twp., and 1 Little Miami. Mutual aid received; 3 from Norwood and 1 from Cincinnati. EMS details; 48 transports 29 non-transports. Details of interest; 2 non-breathers, 1 unconscious, 3 overdoses and 6 auto accidents. Mutual aid given; 10 to Elmwood (yes, we are addressing that), 1 to Norwood, 1 to Reading and 3 to Springfield Twp. Mutual aid received 1 from Little Miami.

Activity for the month of October for the Fire Department;

- Hose testing continued

- Captain Mirick taught CPR Health Care Provider Class at P&G CPDF
- L-91 assisted with Retired EPFD Chief Jerry Jones Funeral Detail
- Repaired hydrant @ 172 Meadow Ave.
- Placed tablet from EMS grant in service
- Participated in confined space drill at Emery Oleochemicals
- All units received annual confined space refresher
- Participated in 3 days of Live Fire Training at Cincinnati's High Intensity Building with Montgomery and Madera-Indian Hill FD's
- Attended Thanksgiving Luncheon at St. Clement School
- Hosted arson investigation class for officers, Norwood FD also attended
- Held quarterly officers meeting
- Replaced all 10 tires on L-91 due to age and excessive wear

Activities for December

- Continue hydrant winterization
- Annual vehicle maintenance

Information sharing;

With the holidays upon us please keep these facts about home fires in mind!

One of every four home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.

Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 32 reported home Christmas tree fires results in a death compared to an average of one death per 143 total reported home fires.

A heat source too close to the tree causes one in every four Christmas tree fires.

The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas, New Year's Day and Christmas Eve.

Also, this evening I would like Fire Chief Brian Young to come to the microphone to give a brief explanation, as requested, for the Resolution that is required by Hamilton County EMA for Resolution No. 6, 2018.

Fire Chief, Brian Young – Hamilton County has a multi hazard mitigation plan.

This needs to be renewed every five years. It's been updated and needs to be passed before the end of the year to remain eligible for Federal Funding in case of a major disaster.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to put Resolution No. 6, 2018 on the table for tonight's meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Paul – We will need an Ordinance for the trash collection fees for next year. I would recommend keeping the existing amount.

The leafer's season has ended. Please can the year waste or bag them. Thank you.
To my community:

As we end another year, a word comes to mind.....Circle. From the first crayon, we learned to make a circle. We circle the sun and become older. We were taught to circle the correct answer or at least what we thought was the correct answer. Come on gather round me in a circle for I have a tale to tell. We grew older and found we had an inner circle of friends. Friends are forever. As our circling of the sun continues, we look about and find children and grandchildren running circles around us. We continue our journey and hope that we don't see the buzzards circling overhead before we come to accept life on its terms and feel contentment. For when we reach this point, we have come full circle.

TAX COMMISSIONER/ADMINISTRATOR, Mr. Moore – I too would like to wish Councilman Tobergte a Happy Birthday. I put the November figures in your mail boxes, if you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them. The other thing is we did sign the contract with the collection agency and we're going to start implementing that after the first of the year.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – I would just like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Jonathan I have my own Golden Buckeye Card now. That's how old I am.

SAFETY, Mr. Ray Culbertson – The next Block Watch meeting will be on Thursday, December 29th at 6:30pm. This meeting will take place at the Safety Center with a special presentation from Landon Dickerson of Verizon Wireless. Landon will teach and show the audience about smart phone settings that assist first responders in locating individuals during an emergency.

The November Police Report; there were 32 accidents reported, 55 misdemeanor arrests, 36 investigations of suspicious activity, 5 noise complaints, and 43 total traffic citations issued with 20 of those for speeding. There was a total of 649 calls for service.

Also, a message from the Police Department. To combat package thieves, the Police Department is again offering to be the "front porch" for residents this holiday season. Until December 31 you can have your holiday gifts shipped to the Safety Center to be picked up later. That way there is no chance for someone else to help themselves to your delivery. You must ship the package to your name and use 4200 Vine St., St. Bernard, OH 45217. Please pick up package within 2 days of shipment with ID.

I too would like to wish Don Tobergte a Happy 60th Birthday. We were going to save that for “old business” but it's already out. And to newer business, I'd like to wish Mrs. Kathman a belated Happy 29th Birthday.

SERVICE, Mr. Siefert – (read by Mr. Paul) the Service Department report for November, 2018; there were 17 trucks placed at residences, 17 dumpsters placed at residences, 273 special pick-ups at residences and 187.53 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. Recycling report; 32.10 tons of recycling material and 3,440 pounds of scrap metal.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Bob Culbertson – The CIC's next meeting is January 15 at 6:00pm in the lower level. Everybody come out and attend. I encourage that and continue to look at the website for available properties. I actually want to wish my neighbor here a Happy Birthday.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLIAMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – No report but Happy Birthday, Don.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Burkhardt – I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MARKETING, Dr. Chastain – The Marketing Committee met on Tuesday, December 4. Work on the German Luau continues to move forward. The email newsletter continues to be published and subscribership is growing. Please visit the Village webpage and click subscribe, even if friends have been forwarding it to you. We need to build the actual subscriber numbers if we hope to develop any type of advertising component.

We have plans to return to and continue work that was done previously on a New Resident Packet and augment this with a Realtor package/presentation and an outreach program to HR departments at local businesses and educational institutions. Young professionals will not know how awesome St. Bernard is unless we develop avenues to tell them.

Marge Niesen gave a presentation on the benefits of the Historical Society and I can certainly vouch for what a valuable resource she has been to me. I hope we respect the protectors of St. Bernard's heritage and make sure that that Organization stays functional and strong.

We are attempting to foster partnerships with internal St. Bernard organizations that can help with some initiatives such as a Farmer's Market, a Food Truck Rally, and a dog park that could be integrated with a fitness trail. The fitness trail portion appears to be going forward as a part of the Ross Park revival initiative and we're

very thankful for that. I hope these partnerships pan out and if you have a St. Bernard organization that has energy and person-power to help, please let us know. Along the lines of those topics, I did reach out to some area groups regarding organization of a Farmer's Market. There were several responses and I think we have some contacts that can help us with this effort. I'd like to thank the rest of Council for approving the recent WETHrive resolution. Without me even knowing it, one of our requests for help made its way to them and they've also offered assistance. That's something they actually specialize in. We're going to continue to work with Paul Schildmeyer and Tom Paul to investigate avenues of funding for a dog park. We don't want those efforts to conflict with their current fundraising efforts. If you have any interest in having a dog park in St. Bernard, please let us know.

I realize that the next combo Marketing/Service meeting is New Year's Day so we're going to cancel that and then I will get with Alan and we'll get that figured out and post that date on the Village website.

Mrs. Kathman – The COW report has been emailed to Council and the Administration and reads as follows:

Committee of the Whole
November 28, 2018

Roll call showed that all members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Bob Culbertson, Mr. Burkhardt, Mrs. Bedinghaus, Dr. Chastain, Mr. Ray Culbertson and Mr. Siefert.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to approve the written minutes of the October 11, 2018 Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to put Ordinance #39 for the Walter Drane Codified Ordinance update on the table for the December Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Estep – Reminded the citizens of the December 1st Christmas celebration. The 20th annual "Christmas for Needy Kids" at Crosley's on December 13 from 7:00 until 11:00pm. \$20.00 and a new unwrapped toy is the entrance fee and includes beer, food and snacks for the evening. All toys stay local. Most to St. Clement and are distributed from there.

Auditor, Mrs. Brickweg – Discussed another Workers’ Comp payment which will be on the Ordinance at the Special Meeting at the end of this meeting. Workers’ Comp now expects payment a year in advance. Additional appropriation is necessary to meet this payment. It will need to be in next years’ budget also as the same expectation is a probability for next year. There is the hope of a refund, no guarantee.

The Luau Committee (representative Chris Sauer) presented a preliminary budget asking for an approximate \$15,000.00 to proceed with plans, getting sponsors, setting up contracts with vendors, rides, bands, etc. The hope is to make a profit and not have to use any of the appropriation. Questions concerning location, safety issues, traffic flow during the event, etc. All specifics will be addressed as the plans proceed. This is a starting point and the Committee would like to have the support of Council. Mr. Tobergte, Finance Chair, suggested to put the appropriation in next years’ budget.

The Mayor and Council expressed support for this event.

Law Director, Mr. Peck – The idea of using a collection agency for the Tax Department is going forward.

The Nuisance Committee is looking into properties that need to be reported. They encourage citizens to report any neighborhood problems so they can be addressed. There has been no judgement on the appeal of the zoning of the sign on W. Ross, but when it happens retroactive fines and penalties are possible.

Safety Director, Mr. Stuchell – The second phase of the testing process for the Police Department is underway.

The Fire Department will be establishing a list also. Their examination date is December 8. applications will be accepted thru Friday. Applications are on the Village website.

The Repair Loan Program is being worked on. A meeting with the bank manager at State Bank is set.

The Rental Program is being overhauled. The home inspection is more on the front line at this time.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to put Ordinance No. 38, 2018 for additional appropriations on the table for tonight’s special meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

Service Director, Mr. Paul – Requested Ordinance No. 40, 2018 for Delmar Ave. be put on the table for the next Council meeting.

The bid for trash removal from Republic was negotiated with little success. The reason for the higher bid was because of the new location which was much farther

away than the previous location. Once they find a closer location the fee should become reasonable again.

Cincinnati Zoo is interested in becoming the landscaping company for Ross Park. Their ideas for the Park are very exciting.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to put Ordinance No. 40, 2018 for the Delmar Ave. Project on the table at the next Council meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Mr. Moore – The November figures will be ready for the next Council meeting.

A contract was signed today for the collection company and should be implemented within the next week or so. An explanation on the process was again explained.

Finance, Mr. Tobergte – The Finance Committee met to go over the 2019 budget.

On the income side: Rick predicts	\$10,200,000.00
Peggy predicts	2,100,000.00
Garbage fees	294,000.00
TIF receipts	50,000.00
Cash receipts to cover the insurance tail	
	300,000.00
Total	\$12,944,000.00

The expenses total \$13,108,428.61

Showing a deficit of \$ 163,428.61

Changes from the summer county budget are:

2-E-3 Tax Refunds	+\$	75,000.00
6-A-3 Police dispatchers	+	60,000.00
6-A-13 Equipment Outlay, radios	+	20,000.00
7-A-13 equipment outlay AED devices		24,500.00
2-0-18 landfill & composting	+	30,000.00
Cost per ton increased to 49.74 /ton		
MP-1B Contract staff	+	20,000.00
MP-14 HIP inspector	-	20,000.00
51-07 Employee medical expenses	+	300,000.00

A member of the audience asked about possibly lowering salaries of all elected and appointed officials vpay.

Pool passes will not be raised this year.

Team sports will be raised from \$30/15 to \$40/20.

The tax reduction for new homes being built is an incentive to make St. Bernard attractive with the new homes.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to put the 2019 budget on the table for the December 13 Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Service, Mr. Siefert – The waste collections fee for 2018, the Village received \$27,059.11. The next Service Committee meeting will be December 4 at 7:00pm. There should be enough manpower to care for the new landscaping the zoo intends to do for the Park.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson – The next CIC meeting will be Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00pm. The available properties are listed on the Village website.

Marketing, Dr. Chastain – The newsletter continues to move forward and the next issue should be released in a week on December 6. Thanked all contributors.

Thanked Bob Culbertson for lighting a fire on the idea of a German Luau and all those working on the event.

The next meeting is a combo meeting with the Service Department on Tuesday, December 4 in Council Chambers.

Audience:

There was no Audience participation.

Resolutions and Ordinances for the next Council meeting.

1. Ordinance No. 39, 2018, the Walter Drane Codified update.
2. Ordinance No. 40, 2018, the Delmar Ave. Project.
3. Ordinance No. 41, 2018, the 2019 proposed budget.

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2018.

The next COW meeting will be Thursday, December 27, 2018.

Motion by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to read this evening's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2018. ADOPTION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY MULTI-HAZZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 6, 2018. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2018 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 39, 2018. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, REVISING THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 39, 2018. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 39, 2018 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 40, 2018. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FRED A. NEMANN CO. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 40, 2018. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 40, 2018 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 41, 2018. AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND ESTABLISHING NEW LINE ITEMS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 41, 2018.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte – Peggy, under the Health Care line item, we got a PO here for the United Health Care January premium for \$93,396.60. That's under the \$1.12 million. We budgeted \$1.2 million from the Village, how much is the employee contribution?

Mrs. Brickweg – That invoice was just a number they made up. I had to ask them for documentation, they just think that's what it could be. Now, that went lower today so we're not going to know until I get all the numbers in there. I called them on that.

Mr. Tobergte – When we talked two weeks ago you were saying the employees keep putting \$200,000.00 in. Employees contributions were \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00.

Mrs. Brickweg – I went lower, The HSA wanted to entice them to go with HAS and the majority of them did go with that but at the recommendation of their broker. I'll have to look into that.

Mr. Tobergte – What's the premium for that?

Mrs. Brickweg – The premium, they told us to lower them to \$5.00 and \$10.00 to entice them because the copay is \$6,000.00 and \$12,000.00. So, I'll have to look into that, but I included that in all my numbers.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to adopt Ordinance NO. 41, 2018 as read. Motion passed 5-1. Mr. Bob Culbertson voted no.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte requested an overtime report.
Mr. Stuchell will have the report in his mail box tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to dispense with the December 27 COW meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Ms. Rosalind Fultz, constituent liaison in the Cincinnati District Office of Congressman Steve Chabot explained how this office is in place to help citizens. Information is available online at www.chabot.house.gov. Or call the office at (513)684-2723. They can also help with White House Tours etc. Fax line (513)421-8722 is open on holidays and weekends and the office is as accessible to the public as best they can be.

Motion by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to excuse the absent member.
Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Asbach – With the motion to do away with the December COW meeting, the next COW meeting will be January 24 and the next Council meeting will be January 10.

Mr. Ray Culbertson – Since it is approaching Mr. Tobergte's bedtime I will make a motion to adjourn.
Motion by Mr. Ray Culbertson seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.