

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2013**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, December 5, 2013 in Council Chambers.

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

Roll call showed that all members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Meier, Mr. Holt, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

Mr. Asbach made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Holt seconded the motion. Council agreed 7-0.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – The Mayor’s Monthly Court Report Receipts for November, 2013: Mayor’s Court Costs/Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous receipts were \$2,800.50; Outstanding Bond applied to tax, \$100.00; total to St. Bernard is \$2,900.50. Total to the County was \$20.50. Total to State was \$1,023.50. Total Disbursements were \$3,944.50.

The Christmas in St. Bernard event last weekend was a huge success. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the evening. A special thank you to my assistant for all the time and effort she dedicates in planning this annual event. Thanks to Rec. Dept, Serv. Dept. and Ed Kahlmeyer, the City’s electrician and Tricia Hackney for the pictures with Santa.

The Health Committee met with Dave Nurre and Sara Niemeyer (USI representative) Tuesday and reviewed the plan costs and options for 2014. I met with the Auditor to confirm our revenue estimates for next year. Now that I have reviewed everything I brought to Council the options that were presented to the Committee and the option that you can see, all the options are higher than the 1.2 million that they will bring in, but these numbers are all based on the last two years of our usage and costs, but with these plans being high deductibles I don’t foresee those numbers continuing. The option I’m going to take back to the Committee will be option three, high deductible plan where the deductible for a single is \$3,000.00, a family is \$6,000.00 up from \$100.00 and \$300.00. Also, inpatient hospital was covered at 100%, it will be 80% 20%. Outpatient surgery was a deductible of 100%, it will now be deductible 80% 20%. Preventive services is still covered in full, emergency was \$75.00 co-pay is now deductible at 80% 20%. Emergency room, urgent care was \$20.00 and now it will be 80% 20% . Prescription drugs for 30 day retail was a \$46.00 co-pay, it now is the deductible plus 80% 20%. So with all these augmentations into the plan I realize that this is going to be a major shock to our employees. It’s also going to be a major reduction to what they bring home in pay. Not only are they paying their premiums but they will have immense out- of-pocket from here on out. That plan comes in at \$1.4 million, or \$1,486,517. 00. But there again that number is based on them and their last two years, which to me is still way out of whack. They will

bring in, we will give them a million, they will put a little over \$200,000.00 in premiums, there will be a little difference, but I've talked to the Auditor and I think that if we can at least monitor this month by month and bring back a report to Council, I truly believe that that number will drop. And I truly believe that some people in the City will probably jump onto their spouse's plan. With all that being said I believe that we will be way below the \$1.4 million. I would like to have the Finance Committee keep the \$1 million in the budget for next year, go with the \$1.2 million and then go month by month next year and see what happens. I realize that the new Council will be the ones that will have to make the ultimate decision but I wanted to bring it here now.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – If it's up to us, if we say \$1.2 million and we only spend \$1 million can we take the \$200,000.00 and put it in a separate account for a rainy day in the future?

Mayor Burkhardt – What Peggy has done, all the medical now goes into a separate fund. What I'm hoping to do is that if the employees do save money from here on out it will stay in the Health Care Fund. At some point if this plan works, they accept this plan and it does work the way I think it will, I would like to use some of the money at some point to start a SHA program with them where the City could kick in maybe a little bit and make it kick in money and then that would maybe offset their costs of the \$3,000.00, the deductibles, the co-pays and the 80% 20%. But that will have to wait to be seen. It all depends on how it goes. But everything they told us, USI has told us, leads me to believe that usage will change. The employees will be better consumers of their health care. Just because it will be money out of their pockets.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I would like to see the employees rewarded for taking this hit as it is for that far below.

Mayor Burkhardt – Like I said, time will tell, and then Council can make that decision at that time of how we want to move forward. I really can't find a plan that short of going with a major, major deductible like \$10,000.00 that we can come anywhere near close. Even that is at \$1.4 million. I just think that we're going to have to meet somewhere in the middle and I think until we see how these things go it's kind of like a look into the future. But I think, I truly believe, the way some of the people talk it sounds like some of them are already looking at their spouses plan. So probably we'll lose a few I would think. The healthier ones will probably be the ones to go but we'll wait and see. But with the retirements in the Service Dept. and I was shocked because there are still a lot of people out there that won't even look at us. With even the ObamaCare system not being up and running we can't be regarded. This is where I'm at and I just hope Council is with me and we'll do a month by month assessment and go forward.

Mrs. Brickweg – Dianna, in that point if there's money left over it would be in like a line item so we could just transfer the funds from the General Fund out of there and put it right into the Cash Fund and it would be additional.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor's office has prepared two Ordinances for tonight's meeting. Ordinance 48, 2013 authorizes the Auditor to provide the following additional appropriations:

01-2-E-1	Tax Commissioner	\$385.00
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01-6-A-2	Police Clerk	\$1,105.00
01-14-A-6	Nurse	\$385.00
01-2-K-7	Computer System	\$1,979.00
01-2-O-17	ICRC	\$300.00
01-5-A-2	Clerk	\$1.00
01-59-D	P.E.R.S.	\$4,000.00
01-61-A	Medicare	\$6,000.00
02-33-7	SCMR Electric Current	\$2,000.00
05-MP-14	HIP Inspector	\$385.00
31-04	Fire Equipment Interest	\$787.50

I decreased and removed some of the line items discussed at last week's COW. After finalizing November expenditures I was able to remove the additional appropriations to the Fire and Police Pension and I lowered OPERS. There are two additions since last week's meeting. The additional appropriation to 31-04 Fire Equipment Interest, this line needs \$787.50. The other addition is the transfer of money from the 5-A-19, General Fund Transfer Out to the 31-1000 General Bond Retirement Fund. \$300,000.00 is needed to transfer after we paid all the bond payments in November

Ordinance 48 creates a new line item 01-2-A-7A Mayor's Court Clerk. This new line item will be used in 2014 to pay the Mayor's Court Clerk. It allows for more than one person to work as the Clerk.

Ordinance 49, 2013 authorizes the Auditor to move \$2,000 from 05-MP-2 Contracts to 05-MP-10A Demolition. This money is to be used with the additional \$10,000 remaining in the Demolition line item to pay for the dis-assembly of the Train Depot for possible redevelopment elsewhere in the Village.

Council and the Administration were given the November Expense and Revenue reports from our software system along with updated expense and revenue spreadsheets. Copies of these reports are also available at the front door of Council Chambers. At the end of November the Village had revenues of \$10,920,599.80. The expenses for the end of November were \$11,320,688.47. The bond payments discussed last month have all been paid.

I just wanted to remind you when I give you these numbers, on the reports that you have, these are basically the numbers that where we take out the large items where everything that is expected like the bonds and things are like the actual money in that levy now.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – Just one quick item tonight. I think the Mayor may have had a chance to address this to some of Council. At the last Council Meeting I requested a motion be made to set the police contract over to tonight so that we could make some changes to reflect the fact that they are no longer members of the FOP. It is my understanding that the Police have approved that contract this evening. But because of the late notice we did not get a chance to make copies of the amended contract and get them out to Council so I would request again another motion tonight to send that over to the next Council meeting so it can get passed before the end of the year.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – I prepared the inventory detail for the Village of St. Bernard and their securities through the end of November was \$3,160,000.00. At this time I would think that not knowing how much we made at this point.....

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenberg – First I'd like to announce that we have received and accepted the resignation of the Plumbing Inspector, Ron Kniedel, he has been a long time faithful and valuable employee of the City and provided good service to our citizens. We discussed this with Mr. Kneidel and the Mayor and I have decided to, based on his recommendation that the service that he provided is offered by Hamilton County and we will simply be using Hamilton County to fill that position at this time. If we evaluate this in the next year and decide what we want to do, but it is a valuable service to our citizens, we'll just go with that. Also, we had discussed very briefly last week the increase we would like to see in the cost for our fines and I think you had all received last week the copy of the breakdown that Elaine was able to provide for us with what other municipalities charge verses what we have and the recommendations of costs of \$80.00 and for parking of \$70.00. I'd like to have that voted on this evening so we can implement that the first of the year.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Tonight Ordinance No. 50, 2013 was prepared. I got all those parcels consolidated down at the Safety Center, down at 4200 Vine St. This Ordinance is on the table for the Duke utilities easements, whether it be gas and electric to go through the properties, so that was prepared today after the parcel got put together yesterday, so I couldn't get it out earlier but that's on the table for tonight. Also back when the US luge team had their event here in St. Bernard, Pilot Chemical was a sponsor of that and they have donated \$200.00 for the Holiday Activity for the Village for all the good things we did for them and wanted to thank us for that so they donated \$200.00 to the Holiday Activities and we thank them for that.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Each member of Council has been given a monthly statement for how much the Tax Dept. brought in for the month of November. You'll see in the report that I added a new line at the bottom since this is the time of year we talk about projections, what we're going to bring in, so I went back and the best I could find in numbers showed you what was projected and where we ended up bringing in over those years. If anybody has any question please let me know.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Meier – The Finance Committee met with the Fire Chief, the Health Dept. and the Tax Dept. to go over the budget numbers for the next year. We will have our final meeting with Dept. Heads next Thursday. It will be at 6:30PM and that will be with the Law Director and with Recreation. Once we get those numbers in then we can start working on the actual budget itself. As of right now, with the projected revenues, it will be approximately \$11.2 million which may be a little bit low. Once we get the final tax numbers in for December or further tax numbers we can see, but right now kind of looking at last year which is at \$9.5, so again we will meet next week at 6:30pm.

SAFETY, Mr. Asbach – I would like to announce that the next Block Watch meeting will be Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm downstairs. I also have the Police Dept. monthly report for November. During the month of November officers were involved in 713 calls for service. Of those calls officers responded to 31 accident reports and took 26 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 13 offenses, officers made 76 misdemeanors arrests and

3 felony arrests. Officers responded to 26 parking complaints. Officers issued 30 traffic citations, 2 DUI arrests and 18 warnings. Officers responded to 55 calls for suspicions activity, vehicles or postings.

SERVICE, Mr. Holt – This evening I have the November Service Dept. report. There were 14 trucks, 20 dumpsters and 85 special pick-ups placed at residences'. There was 148.77 tons of garbage and 33.99 tons of recycling materials taken to the landfill.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mr. Culbertson – No report.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mrs. Bedinghaus – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mr. Tobergte – For the month of November there were 1,392 regular Dial-A-Ride riders which brings the yearly total to 17,577. The Medical Bus had 10 riders which bring the yearly total to 169. I would like to thank Firefighter John Hausfeld for finding a grant that gave our Fire Department new mattresses at no cost to the Village along with Brian Young and Brett Fogel for driving to Lexington on their own time to pick them up.

Mr. Asbach – The COW report has been submitted to the Clerk.

Nov 26, 2013

1. Council approved the minutes of the Nov 21st Council meeting.
2. Paul Myers addressed Council about the train depot and potential sites for the reconstruction. In order to get grants, a certain percentage of the building has to be used to qualify. The railroad currently owns the depot, but they will either give it to us or we may have to purchase it for one dollar. Council voted 7-0 to place a Move Ordinance on the table.
3. A motion was made, seconded and voted on, 7-0, to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the Service Department contract.
4. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
 - A. Said that Christmas in St Bernard will be this Saturday November 30th from 6-8 PM.
 - B. Reported that the Health Committee meeting for Monday was canceled. USI didn't have all the information needed. The next meeting will be on Tuesday December 3rd at 4 PM in Council Chambers.
 - C. Said that the proposed changes have been made to the police contract and thanked Mr. Walden. A draft has been given to the police representatives. Once we receive approval, Council will be given a clean copy for review.
 - D. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We are very fortunate and have a lot to be thankful for here in St. Bernard.
5. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 - A. Reported that the estimated revenue from her department, for the 2014 budget, is \$2,078,744.00.
 - B. Discussed additional appropriations for certain line items. Council voted 7-0 to put the Ordinance on the table.
 - C. Thanked Nick for getting the payroll done because of the holiday.
6. Law Director, Curtis Walden

- A. Received notice of a lawsuit from a resident outside of St. Bernard, for a flooded basement from work that MSD was doing on the streets.
- 7. Safety Director, Valerie Van Valkenberg
 - A. Discussed rate changes that are needed for Mayor's Court fines. Council will need to do a voice vote to approve the new rates at the next Council meeting.
- 8. Finance, Kevin Meier
 - A. Reported that the Committee met tonight with the Building Department, Police Chief and Service Director on the 2014 budget. December 5th at 6 PM the committee will meet with the Fire Chief, Health Department and Tax Commissioner. December 12th at 6 PM the Recreation Department and the Law Director will meet.
- 9. A resident asked if employee's vacation can be rolled over from year to year. The policy is under review to change it to using vacation time during the calendar year. The Mayor will put a new policy into place soon.
- 10. Council met in Executive Session to discuss the Service Department contract.

Respectfully submitted,
 Steve Asbach
 President of Council, Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to read this evening's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 7-0

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to postpone the reading of Ordinance No. 43, 2013 until the December 19, 2013 Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 48, 2013. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH A NEW LINE ITEM AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DEDCLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Meier to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 48, 2013. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Ordinance No. 48, 2013 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 49, 2013. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTORING THE AUDITOR TO MOVE APPROVIATIONS AND FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 49, 2013. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 49, 2013 as read. Motion passed 6-1. Mrs. Bedinghaus voted no.

ORDINANCE NO. 50, 2013. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES TO DUKE ENERGY ON VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD-OWNED REAL PROPERTY ON PARCEL #582-0013-0178 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING DUKE TO SERVICE THE ST. BERNARD SAFETY CENTER AT 4200 VINE STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 50, 2013. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Holt to adopt Ordinance No. 50, 2013 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Asbach – At this time I would like to make a motion to approve the changes to the Mayor’s Court fines as was recommended by the Safety Director.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I’ll second that Mr. President.

The Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Asbach – I would like to let everyone know that the new meeting times for 2014 will be at 7:00pm for COW and the Council meetings.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Geiser – I would like to thank the St. Bernard paramedics for taking care of me after the last Council meeting. I was not feeling good and they suggested that I go to the emergency room to make sure everything was right with me.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be December 12, 2013 at 7:30pm.

Motion by Mr. Holt, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.