

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2015**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, May 7, 2015 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 five members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Asbach, Mr. Culbertson. Mrs. Schildmeyer and Mrs. Bedinghaus were absent.

Mr. Asbach made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Culbertson seconded the motion. Council agreed 5-0.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – No report.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s Office has prepared Ordinance No. 22 and No. 25 for tonight’s meeting. I will not give a detailed report on those since they will only be getting their first reading and will not be going emergency. So at the next meeting I will go into more detail about those. Currently we’ve been working very diligently with the State Auditor. You may have received emails that you have a questionnaire to fill out. It’s a lot less, no you haven’t, OK. Well he told me he sent them out. Mr. Kalb, you got one, OK. Well anyway I can print it. It’s a very, there were some on the copy, I’ll go ahead and print them and put them in all your mailboxes since he didn’t email them to everybody. They were, I gave him the city’s email addresses but I’ll go ahead and put them in all your mailboxes so you can get them back to him.

Finally, I emailed all the Dept. Heads today the budget, a projected budget for this summer. I put in the spreadsheet the final numbers for 2014 and then the last column for what they can put in for what they would like to project for 16 in a column for notes. What I am recommending is that they can just fill in the spreadsheet and email it back to me and I’ll keep a master one of all the updates.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – Before Council for it’s first reading tonight is Ordinance No. 25, 2015. This is the Ordinance regarding the purchase of salt which was discussed at the last COW and in line with the discussion there I have added a Section 2 which explains the emergency situation that the City anticipates will happen with salt based on last years’ development which will allow us to contract with this directly.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have prepared the Fifth Third securities inventory detailed report. The money down at Fifth Third totals currently as of April 30th \$2,195,000.00. Our next CD is maturing June the 8th . We also received the Star Plus Ohio statements from the State of Ohio. Again as of April 30th our balance there totals \$725,348.32

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenburg – Before you tonight is Ordinance No. 24 which was discussed last week. It's a blight Ordinance and it would bring it into compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. It just gives our building officials more leeway in dealing with some of the properties here in town. I've also prepared and you have before you Resolution No. 5, 2015 which supplements our Mutual Aid Agreement with other authorities. This one specifically recognizes that Hamilton County has formed a heroin coalition to deal with a somewhat regional epidemic we have. It's allowing for collaboration between agencies to direct various issues. As I said, it kind of supplements the existing mutual agreement, mutual aid agreement that we have had with the agencies therein. I would urge that it would pass.

Lastly, there were some questions at the last meeting about commercial residential property. At this time the Building Department is working, or trying to locate, sending out letters relating to 484 properties that are believed to be commercial residential properties. There are actually 276 that are actively, that have replied and have paid the fee and are actively in process. There have been approximately, I talked with the Building Dept. people, they were averaging approximately 2 inspections a day that were on those properties that also supplements ATAC and another building inspections that are done. I don't have the exact figure for how many have been performed thus far this year but based on those calculations we're in excess of 100. I can nail that number down by the next meeting.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – First off I'd like to thank Brian Young and Jason Martin for getting me over to the hospital last Tuesday. I was having a little bit of a heart issue so I got that tuned up and back in full force again. But I would like to thank them for getting me over to the hospital quickly and professionally and it was a great job that they did.

I have a lot of thank yous right now. I have to thank JM Smuckers Plant. They sent us 21 employees over to help us mulch and weed Village properties. April was Earth Month, Go Green, and they have five more people coming over next week to finish off some other properties. So I want to thank Smuckers for sending those folks over to help us out. It's a program that they're trying to go out and help communities and give back to the communities and I appreciate all their work. Also, a thanks goes to St. Bernard High School. Forty students and teachers came over on April the 24th to walk the streets and clean up the streets. We spent three hours out picking up garbage throughout the streets of the Village and afterwards the Surfine owner of the Surfine had bought pizza and drinks for the kids afterwards. I would like to thank them for doing that.

Tonight is Ordinance No. 25 on the table. This is for the salt, like Curtis has said, I noticed that we don't have enough to pass it. I did speak to the gentlemen today. Our contract agreement, I have to have signed by May 30th so we do have time. The only thing I would ask, if we feel that at the next Council meeting, which is going to take place on the 21st, if we don't feel we're going to have six to pass it by emergency, that we would possibly have to come up with a special meeting. It's up to Council, I know we can talk about it at COW but hopefully we can get it at the next Council meeting.

Also, Ordinance No. 26, I've stated in prior COW that Ross Ave., Cincinnati Water Works has sent us a check for \$625,520.06. That's on the table tonight to put it over. Again this is something that won't pass tonight and it doesn't have to pass until the next Council meeting.

Also, the other line, in case somebody didn't know what the Street Maintenance contract putting \$7,590.00 down at our Safety Center parking lot, we had a person go in and take those light stanchions out and this is the cost that the Insurance

Company has sent us the check and we have it in the General Fund, but I need to put it back into the line item for other projects that I have.

Also, as Steve, I think, stated last week, Cohen USA is working with the Reds for an E, it's a recycling of energy appliances and various things like TV, computers, all that kind of stuff. Hamilton County is in this also. There's quite a few sponsors for this but Hamilton County wants all their residents to get behind this. These are on our website. It's Cohen USA.com/Reds. While tickets have lasted, if you go there it's a \$10.00 donation for dropping off the electronics and also you get two tickets for a Reds game so something hopefully people will get out for those dates. Also, I finally heard back, St. Bernard "Shred It Day" will be October the 17th. That will be at the St. Bernard Shopping Center. The times will be posted on our website when we get more details. I just wanted to get that date so that people know to start getting their stuff ready for "Shred It Day". It is limited to St. Bernard small businesses and residents only. So we'll get that word out as soon as possible.

I'd like to be put on the COW, working on an Ordinance about assessing properties that, when we cut grass, how to get it, I won't go into, Curtis is going to have to work on it to see if we can even do it but I want to be put on the COW to talk about putting dollars on a property, once we get the grass cut.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – (read by Mr. Walden) The Tax Commissioner just wanted to let everyone know that he had handed out the earned income tax report with some annual comparisons and he put those in everyone's box.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – Peggy, when you get those budget requests, can you forward them to me please?

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – The next Block Watch meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30pm in the lower level of City Hall. All residents, including teenagers are encouraged to attend.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome our new Firefighter, Joe Meister, who started with our Fire Dept. on May 1st.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – I have the Service Dept. report for April. There were 20 trucks placed at residences, 31 dumpsters placed at residences, 107 special pick-up at residences, 206.05 garbage was taken to the landfill and 30.12 tons of recycling material and 13 lbs. of scrap aluminum, 6,540 lbs of scrap metal and 247 tires were collected during the last week in April.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – Absent.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – Absent.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – I would like to thank all the businesses that showed up for our Chamber of Commerce meeting two weeks ago. I hope that this new found enthusiasm and support will get this organization up and running again.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – Tonight I have the daily bus passengers for April, 2015. Hourly totals were 1,264. Totals to date were 5,139.

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

Committee of the Whole
Apr. 30, 2015

1. Council approved the minutes of the Apr. 16th Council meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
 - a. Welcomed the new firefighter, who had been sworn in earlier tonight, to the Village.
 - b. Asked the Building Department tell Council about a proposed Ordinance that will make it easier for them to go after blighted properties. There was a motion and a second and Council voted 7-0 to place it on the table.
3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 - a. Said the department has been very busy with the State Auditor.
 - b. Reported that she had 16 packets of info for summer employees and asked that they please pick them up and get them returned.
4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
 - a. Told Council that about two Ordinances for Councils review. The first was the Ordinance that the Building Department discussed earlier and the second was to adjust the pay for the cashiers at the pool. There was a motion and second and Council voted 7-0 to place the pay Ordinance on the table.
5. Safety Director, Valerie Van Valkenburg
 - a. Reported that the police lieutenant list was posted. The order is as follows: 1. George Nimmo 2. Thomas McCreanor 3. Michael Matheson 4. Pat Witte.
6. Service Director, Phil Stegman
 - a. Left a report about the electronic recycling program with PNC/ Players for the Planet and Cohen recycling in conjunction with the Cincinnati Reds. The events for electronic recycling are Thursday May 14th from 7am-4pm at PNC Bank/ Kroger at 9650 Colerain Avenue, Friday May 15th from 7am- 4pm at PNC Bank/ Kroger at 7500 Beechmont Avenue, Saturday May 16th from 9am- 4pm at PNC Bank/ Kroger at 3760 Paxton Avenue and Sunday May 17th from 10am- 2pm at Target at 160 Pavilion Parkway Newport, Ky. The list is also on the Village website.
7. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
 - a. Said that he would have a report for Council at the next meeting. April is their busiest month and thanked Sharon for all that she does for the office.
8. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
 - a. Reported that the 4th of July fund was \$5,622.59.
9. Finance, Don Tobergte
 - a. Has a report from Phil Stegman asking for an Ordinance to purchase salt for next winter. The price was \$84 per ton and Council voted 7-0 to place an Ordinance on the table for the next meeting.
 - b. Said his next town hall meeting will be May 12th at 7pm in the lower level.
 - c. Said that the clean-up day was a success and that 38 people turned out to help.
 - d. Asked the Mayor to get with the department heads to start work on the 2016 proposed budget.
10. A young resident asked about a Block Watch for teens. Don Tobergte, president of Block Watch, will get with the Chief and Officer Setters to discuss. Ray Culbertson

invited them to the regular meeting, which is the third Tuesday of every month in the lower level at 6:30pm.

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 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2015. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEROIN COALITION TASK-FORCE.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to have Resolution No. 5, 2015 take its regular course. Motion passed 5-0

ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2015. AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2014 AND FIXING THE 2015 COMPENSATION FOR SWIMMING POOL CASHIERS OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to have Ordinance No. 22, 2015 take its regular course. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2015. AMENDING A SECTION IN CHAPTER 197 OF THE ST. BERNARD'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to have Ordinance No. 24, 2015 take its regular course. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2015. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MIDWEST SALT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to have Ordinance No. 25, 2015 take its regular course. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26, 2015. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to have Ordinance No. 26, 2015 take its regular course. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – I have a couple of things here. Thinking back on what Andy said, on April 22nd there were three meetings for the Chamber of Commerce. I was able to attend all three meetings. I would like to thank Walt Moeller for filling in for Paul who is out of town.

My next Town Hall meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00pm in the lower level of City Hall.

The “Clean Up St. Bernard” was attended by families, a group of Fire Fighters, the Service Department employees and a group of Girl Scouts. Thanks to JuJu Beans and LaRosa’s for their refreshments and the next St. Bernard Clean Up Day will be Saturday, June 13th. We will meet behind City Hall at 9:00am.

I did talk to Chief Moeller about a Teen Block Watch Program. He is going to meet with Officer Setters and see what kind of programs are available on the books.

Third Ward resident Charlie Von der Muelen asked me to thank firefighters Brian Young and Dave Holt for the care they provided him on his trip to the hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mikellav Williams, 224 E. Ross Ave. – I just want to thank the Council members and everybody for listening to what I had to say. I want to tell the Council that we had something, me and my friend, and we talked to an Officer about it and the Officer actually did something about it. I would like to thank the Officer for it. It was Officer Roll. Thanks.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to excuse the absent members. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, May 14th at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.