

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2016**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, August 17, 2016 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mrs. Valerie VanValkenberg-Walden – The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed that all members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Estep – Just to give you an update with what is going on in this building, we had a meeting at 9:00am and it was just to make everybody aware that we all have to be accountable for any absences and I asked that we just keep track of any time we're out of the building. If it's vacation or if you use sick leave or comp time, whatever it is keep track of that and I'd like that turned in to me at the end of the month so we can all be accountable to the public and anybody that had any questions.

I got a couple of texts last night about the mud that ran off of the property across from the Eagles over there and it did look bad and there was a lot of mud. It wasn't anybody's fault, there was a lot of rain. So I went down and looked at it, it was on the sidewalk and in the street. I called the Service Department at 7:30 and by noon they had it shoveled off, hosed off, blocked the street off and they did a great job. I really want to thank them. It was sort of sticky out there, the weather was bad but they jumped right on it, no complaints. I didn't get a thank you back from the guy who complained to me all night but maybe that will come next week. I gave an update photo of our progress at Imwalle, the Wiedmann Beer Garden, if anybody has any questions we shared that in the CIC meeting the other night. If anybody wants to see it, anybody in the audience would like a copy, I think we have a couple extra floating around. I'll be glad to share it with you.

The last thing on the agenda, the President George W. Bush officially made September National Prostate Cancer Awareness month so we have a proclamation that every twenty minutes another American man dies from prostate cancer. That's

a little more than 71 deaths per day or 26,120 this year. I can relate to this, I've been through that prostate cancer myself. One in seven American men will have prostate cancer during their lifetime. It's the second leading cause of cancer death among American men and it's the most commonly diagnosed. The American Cancer Society estimates that 180,890 men will be told they have prostate cancer in 2016. Currently there are 2.8 million men living with this disease, that's roughly the populations of Chicago. That's a close estimate. And, whereas all men are at risk of prostate cancer we encourage the citizens of St. Bernard to increase the importance of prostate cancer screenings. Whereas cancer research will enhance our knowledge and improve prostate cancer prevention and treatment and whereas the Village of St. Bernard will commemorate this awareness by asking the community to wear blue on Thursday September 29. So therefore I, John Estep, the Mayor of the Village of St. Bernard on this day in the State of Ohio do hereby proclaim September, 2016 as Prostate Cancer Awareness month in the Village of St. Bernard and urge all men in the community and throughout the country to become aware of your own risk of prostate cancer. Talk to your health care provider about prostate cancer and whenever appropriate get screened for your disease.

Mr. Tobergte – Before we move on can I explain the drawings for the people at home. The parking lot between Imwalle's and the hill by Chili Time, they are going to open that up and have a little stage over there with a seating area, possible fire pit and also a carousel bar. Like I said, it was really well received at Octoberfest. It's all in the planning stage right now, nothing is definite. The City still owns the parking lot so eventually if it comes to fruition we'll have to transfer the parking lot.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – I am sorry I was not able to attend last week's COW meeting. I was celebrating my parent's 60th wedding anniversary. The Auditor office has prepared Ordinance 16, 2016 for tonight's meeting. This ordinance provides additional appropriations to:

01-6-A-1A Police Overtime \$2,625.00

01-7-A-13 Fire Equipment Outlay \$32,944.02

01-8-A-2 Building Maintenance Safety Center \$4,000.00

05-MP-9 Streets and Sewers Projects \$51,902.81

It also provides moving:

FROM GENERAL FUND:

01-6-A-3 Police Dispatchers \$30,000.00

TO GENERAL FUND:

01-6-A-1A Police Overtime \$30,000.00

The additional appropriation of \$2,625.00 for Police Overtime is revenue the Village received for Police details and the moving of \$30,000.00 from the Police Dispatchers to Police Overtime is because Police Officers on light duty have been dispatching instead of regular dispatchers. The \$32,944.02 for Fire Equipment Outlay is revenue the Village will be receiving from a Bureau of Worker's Compensation grant we received to purchase the new power lifting cot for the ambulance. The \$4,000.00 for the Safety Center Building Maintenance is for additional repairs needed. The \$51,902.81 for Streets and Sewer Projects is revenue the Village received from the Cincinnati Water Works for the Jackson Avenue road project.

Tonight Council will be voting on Ordinance 18, 2016 to purchase property at 5100 Vine Street, which will require the Village to cash in investments. If you vote for this Ordinance you are also voting on cashing in investments. As I stated at last week's COW the Village is down \$914,490.63 compared to last year and the expenses are up \$213,217.40. There seems to be a lot of confusion regarding the Village's checking account, investments and fund accounts. I would like to explain these again to Council and the Administration so you can better understand the revenues and expenses of the Village. The Auditors Office provides Council with the current Fund Account report each month. I have provided a new copy of the report and a list explaining each fund which I will now go over. Copies of both are available on the table next to the door.

A "Fund" is the sum of money saved or made available for a particular purpose. The Village has the following funds:

1. General Fund – is used for the majority of the Villages expenses. The General Fund receives the majority of its revenue from earned income and county property taxes.
2. Street Maintenance Fund – is used for the Service Department Foreman and the Heavy Equipment Operator and various street expenses. The Village receives revenues from state agencies that require it be used for specific purposes. Examples of these are gas excise tax, motor vehicle tax, state and local government tax and state perm tax for auto regulation.

3. Swimming Pool Fund – is used for swimming pool expenses and revenues
4. Master Plan Fund – is used for the Building Director and the HIP Inspector, contracted staff and Village planning and development. It currently does not receive outside income.
5. Rehab Loan Fund – this was used to fund a rehab loan program a long time ago
6. Capital Improvement Fund – is used for major improvements such as the Vine Street Streetscape, the new Service Garage and the new Safety Center. The bond revenue went into this fund.
7. Police and Fire Pension Funds – the Village receives a portion of county property tax that is required to be placed in these separate funds
8. C-9 Trust Fund- is used to pay for the C9 Trust.
9. Drug Offender Fines and Criminal Act Forfeiture Fund – these receive revenue from court costs, confiscated money, etc. Pre-defined expenses can come out of this fund.
10. D.A.R.E –this Fund is not being used since we do not have the program anymore
11. Building Permit Fund – revenues received from building permits go into this fund and the 1% and 3% expenses from the permits get paid out of this fund
12. FEMA Fund - this fund was used when the Village received FEMA money to cover expenses when Police and Fire were sent to other communities for assistance, such as Hurricane Katrina
13. Capital Storm Sewer Fund – is used for the Andalus Storm Sewer loan payments
14. Mayor’s Court and Clerk of Court Computerization Funds - these receive revenues from a portion of Mayor’s Court cost and fines. Pre-defined expenses can come out of this fund.
15. General Bond Retirement Fund – is used to pay loans, leases and bond payments
16. Employee Health Plan Fund – receives revenue from employee premiums and stop loss reimbursements. Health Care expenses are paid from this fund.

All of the Receipts/Revenues and Disbursements/Expenses of the Village run through these funds. They are listed by month to date and year to date with an ending balance. In regards to the receipts this is all of the Village's money. This includes the checking account and all investments. The ending balance of this report is \$4,540,945.01. Of this \$1,215,000.00 is invested with Fifth Third Bank and \$2,705,000.00 with Star Ohio. The remaining balance of \$620,945.01 is what is left to pay current expenses. As Council and the Administration can see the current money available is running very low and after this week's expenses and payroll it will be down to \$433,784.67. We did not need to cash in investments last week, but I believe after this week it will be imperative to cash in investments for the day to day running of the Village.

The main reason for this detailed explanation is because when talking to Council and the Administration they think if there is money in a Fund and it is appropriated to spend that the money is in the general checking account. There also seems to be some misunderstandings regarding the bond money. The Village has met the requirements of the bonds by using over 85% of the 18,500,000.00 borrowed. This allowed Council and the Administration to agree to invest \$1,000,000.00 last fall. There is \$581,984.43 remaining from the Vine Street Streetscape bond money. I am not saying to use this money on something else, but I am saying at this time Council and the Administration needs to think long and hard on what they are spending because the Funds are very low and some of the investments need to be used for the deficit in revenues.

Ordinance 1, 2016, this year's budget is \$1,259,109.17 over the updated projected revenues and when you add in \$711,809.41, the Vine Street Streetscape appropriation from Ordinance 2, 2016, the budget is \$1,970,918.17 over and this does not include the various other additional appropriations Council has voted for so far this year.

If council approves Ordinance 18, 2016 to purchase the property and agrees to spend \$150,000.00 on a new Vine Street pocket park you will be approving cashing in Village investments. With already having to cash in investments for the daily running of the Village we are looking at cashing in at this point \$1,500,000.00. If Council agrees to wait on these projects I suggest we decrease the appropriations to 07-04 Vine Street Streetscape. Thank you for your time and I welcome all questions.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Peck – Absent.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening the Star Bank account statement was received. The balance at the end of July totaled \$2,714,441.93.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – I have the St. Bernard Fire Department report for the month of July. A total of 3 fire details, mutual aid given for other departments, Norwood 3 times, Golf Manor 1, Elmwood 1. Mutual aid received for the Fire Department, Norwood 1, Elmwood 1 and Springfield Twp. 1. Details of interest, there were 11 auto accidents, 2 structure fires (Norwood and Elmwood), 2 dumpster fires, 1 brush fire, 1 electrical fire and 1 gasoline spill.

I have the EMS run total for the month of July: a total of 96 EMS details with 44 patients transported, mutual aid given, 3 to Elmwood, 2 to Cincinnati, 1 to Norwood and one to Golf Manor. There was no EMS mutual aid received. Details of interest for EMS, there were 11 auto accidents, 3 non breathers, 2 unconscious patients and 1 overdose.

Also,, just to let you know, today I did have a good meeting with Paul Myers and Walt Moeller. We will be getting monthly reports on permits and inspections with the 1st report coming at the next Council. I received some information that there will be an online system coming for that department as far as for applying for building permits and the filing of HIP complaints.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Paul – I would like to remind the citizens that there is a grand opening of the dance studio on Tower Ave. You can make entrance there. It is August 26, which is next Friday, from 7:00 until 11:00pm. So come out and have a look around.

Harvey Ct.? Prepare yourselves. Cement is on the way.. May you find peace and happiness in your new paved way.

We have not yet got the final billing on the Jackson Ave. project, I will keep you posted.

We are moving forward toward project Moeller Ave. They wanted to start at the end of this year but I think we may hold off just a bit.

I have been asked several times, am I minding my budget? And, am I treating it like it is my own money? My answer is that I am being diligent in my endeavors. I have citizens thanking me for cleaning up our Village. I have outsiders asking what's happening over there in St. Bernard, it appears you guys are moving on up. You know your plan is working when the reports are not so wide spread anymore and are becoming more focused. People are able to say, you are going there next aren't you? Yes I am. I still feel that the dump truck is a necessity. If in my family budget, I knew I needed a car for four years now and I knew I put that money aside for my vehicle, I do not believe I would use it elsewhere. Nothing worse than

hoping it will start, hoping I get to work on time or my children to school on time or going to do the things that I need to get done. My Village family is much larger and all of them have a need of our services. They all have contributed toward that service. They deserve it. An emotional statement was made by the foreman of the Service Department. I hope everyone was listening because you do not hear it from anywhere else. We will shovel the salt from the back of a pick-up truck if we have to, we will get the job done. Speaking of pick-up trucks, the last Administration appropriated funds for a new one of those also. We are not asking for that.

And now to my community:

The universe is telling me it is having trouble with it's air conditioner that and I should use my coping skills. Finding humor in the heat is a bit difficult but it is there. A thought that crosses my mind, that makes me smile and gives that moan in my throat, where you know you may not be able to contain that full outburst of laughter, it is this. In my hands is my small beloved half gallon of ice cream and in the intense heat no one noticed that I ate it all and didn't have to drink any of it. That's the way we should live life. Gobble it up. Picture the child with life all over their face and hands with a big smile on their face or better yet picture yourself that way... oops! You're smiling!

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Moore – Just a couple of house keeping items tonight, we've uploaded the tax care rights and responsibilities to the website so that anybody that wants to go on and download those to look at and it will tell you how you go about appealing or what your responsibilities are doing that type of thing. We've also finalized the rules and regulations which are really the map of how we interpret the Ordinance. But we have to have those approved by the Tax Board of Review which is going to meet on September 13th and as soon as they approve it we'll upload that also to the website so people can have access to it. We also updated the refund policy and got it in line with the Ordinance. That's already up on the internet also. I want to thank Heidi for doing all that for us. She did a pretty good job.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – I would like to thank the following sponsors for this years soapbox derby: the St. Bernard Fire, Police and Service Departments, Mr. And Mrs. Wiedmann, Greenlee Garage and Jerry Day Auto Service. Wednesday Mr. Paul told me that the Village was going to pay the Service Department overtime this year, but since I already wrote the check I gave it to Nick to deposit into the Villages' account.

I thank Mr. Moore for meeting with me on a weekly basis to keep me informed on the Tax Departments receipts. I contacted Congressman Chabot's Office if there were any grants available to purchase dump/snow plow trucks. They emailed me a list of websites that offer resources for local municipalities seeking grant/funding opportunities specifically for snow plows, dump trucks that can be utilized for snow removal or maintaining roads during the winter weather. I forwarded that email to Mr. Paul for his consideration.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – I have the Police Department Report for July, 2016. During the month of June, officers were involved in 775 calls for service. Of those calls, they responded to 37 accident reports and took 24 offense reports, clearing a total of 15 offenses. Officers made 79 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrest. They responded to 56 parking complaints and issued 18 citations for parking violations. Officers issued 29 traffic citations, 0 DUI arrests and 56 traffic warnings. They responded to 65 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons. Police Chief Moeller would also like to let the community know that he is still in need of crossing guards. If anybody would be interested in being a crossing guard, please contact Steve Moeller at your earliest convenience. I would finally like to thank Judge Lisa Allen for the speech she gave at Block Watch on Tuesday night dealing with the heroin epidemic in Cincinnati.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – I have the Service Department Report for July, 2016. There were 38 trucks placed at residences, 25 dumpsters placed at residences, 158 special pick-ups at residences, 192 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. As far as the recycling report, there were 31.4 tons of recycling material and 1,040 pounds of scrap metal.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Ms. Hausfeld – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – No report.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – First off I would like to congratulate Jake Hackney for obtaining the rank of Eagle. I was trying to figure the number of which he was in our troop, I know it's above 70 and we think it's number 74 for our Eagle Scouts in our troop now. Hats off to him and I also want to thank Heidi Culbertson for typing Ordinance No. 13.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Schilemeyer – No report.

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

Committee of the Whole

Aug 11, 2016

1. The COW meeting was started with a moment of silence for former Street Commissioner Don Speed, who passed away earlier that day.
2. Council approved the minutes of the July 21st Council meeting.
3. There was a discussion about keeping the one COW and one Council meeting verses two of each. It was decided to wait until the September Council meeting to vote.
4. Mayor, John Estep
 - a. Reported that the grand opening of the new St. Bernard Dance and Fitness Studio will be Friday Aug. 26th from 7-9pm.
 - b. Asked for an Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property. Council voted 7-0 to do so at the end of the meeting.
5. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg- report given by Mr. Paul
 - a. Said she was sorry she couldn't be at tonight's meeting, but had prepared an Ordinance for discussion and she will make the changes accordingly. She also provided Council with the detailed spreadsheets for the month. As of the end of July the revenues compared to last year were down \$914,490.63 and the expenses were up \$213,217.40. A more detailed report will be given at the Council meeting next week.
 - b. Asked for additional appropriations for certain line items and suggested moving \$40,000.00 from the employee line item to the overtime line item. After some discussion it was decided to remove the Section 2 from the Ordinance, for the moving of the \$40,000.00. Council voted 6-1 to place the Ordinance on the table with Ms. Hausfeld voting nay.
 - c. Said that the main checking account has \$800,000.00, which includes \$250,000.00 from a recent matured investment. This is approximately \$80,000.00 lower than what we keep in the checking account. She doesn't feel that we can re-invest this money and thinks we may have to cash in additional investments to maintain Village services since the revenues are down \$900,000.00. She doesn't feel that Council should proceed with the pocket park on Vine St. at this time because of the money issues.

6. Law Director, Mike Peck

- a. Gave Council copies of Executive Session info as well as ethics rules.
- b. Gave a report on the cases from the last Mayor's court.
- c. Said that he had contacted school officials about the park and school conduct policies that he is working on. More work is needed to complete the policies and will give to the Laws, Contracts and Claims committee when complete.

7. Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell

- a. Told Council about the grant that we were awarded from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation for \$32,944.02 for one power cot and one power load. The Village will only have to pay \$10,981.34 for these items. Council voted 7-0 to place the Ordinance on the table.
- b. Reported that the overtime needed in the Police Department can be transferred from line items. Because of injured police officers working light duty as dispatchers, he requested that \$30,000.00 be transferred from the dispatcher line item to police overtime. Council voted 7-0 to add to the Ordinance from the Auditor that was discussed earlier.
- c. Reported that he caught the end of Mr. Tobergte's Town Hall meeting and got bombarded about the condition of the housing stock in town. He will spend some time with the Building Department next week and set expectations on reporting from them and have a new standard to follow.

8. Service Director, Tom Paul

- a. Discussed the possible concrete work on Harvey Ct. so that cars can pull up on the concrete to make room for safety and service equipment on the street. The Safety Director pushed for this to keep the residents safe on the street.
- b. Asked for a Resolution to apply for SCIP funds from the County. Council voted 7-0 to place the Resolution on the table.

9. Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Rick Moore

- a. Said that he had given Council copies of the July reports.

10. Treasurer, John Ungrhue

a. Reported that the 5/3rd securities totaled \$1,215,000.00 and the 4th of July fund was \$5,631.02

11. Finance, Don Tobergte

a. Thanked all the residents who attended his Town Hall meeting and said that Mr. Stuchell heard the concerns of the residents about the HIP program. A resident did mention that the City of Cincinnati has an online tool to help identify the problem areas.

b. Said that the 9th annual St. Bernard Soapbox Derby will be held this Saturday Aug. 13th starting at 9am on Tower Avenue.

c. Announced that the next CIC meeting will be Tuesday Aug. 16th at 5:30 in the lower level of City Hall.

d. Reported that he has been meeting with Mr. Moore to discuss our income. It does appear that our income will be down this year as well as the next couple of years.

e. Said that the Auditor reported at a Council meeting in January that last year's revenues were \$13,105,100.95. This year's budget was based on an estimated revenue of \$13,200,000.00. With the lower income tax receipts and State money we are going to be down an estimated \$789,000.00 from last year's income. That means that we only have \$12,316,100.00 to spend before we use more of our reserves.

12. Safety, Ray Culbertson

a. Reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be next Tuesday, Aug. 16th, at 6:30 in the lower level of City Hall. Judge Lisa Allen will talk about the heroin problem in Cincinnati.

13. Public Improvements, Patty Hausfeld

a. Thanked Mr. Paul for taking care of a garbage issue that had been placed out on the wrong day.

14. Business & Industry, Andy Kalb

a. Discussed the changes that had been made to the sandwich board and sidewalk café Ordinance. Council voted 7-0 to place the Ordinance on the table.

15. Highways & Transportation, Diana Schildmeyer

a. Congratulated Brian Young for his work on the grant for the power cot and load.

16. Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell thanked Mr. Paul for taking care of a property in the neighborhood that was in need of being cleaned up. A resident asked about the fees for the renter's inspection program and was told by the Law Director that out program was different than the one in Portsmouth that was talked about several months ago and that the fees needed to be paid.

17. Council met in Executive Session to discuss purchase of property. When the meeting resumed, Council voted 7-0 to place an Ordinance on the table for the purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Asbach

President of Council, Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS

July 13, 2016

Dear Mayor Estep and Council,

I am writing on behalf of Tom Cunningham.

I wanted to thank Mayor Estep for taking the time to help out a lifelong resident of this Village. If he hadn't intervened, Tom would still be waiting for help.

On Sunday night, July 10th, a drunk driver caused an accident on Ross Ave. In which another car was involved. The driver proceeded down the street and hit the pole in front of 702 East Ross, causing damage to the house and the electric to be cut. Tom called Duke Energy and they came out and cut his electric lines and told him to get Cincinnati Bell to repair the pole before they would fix the lines. Tom called Cincinnati Bell and was told that since his phone was working, they were not going to come out and do a repair. He was left in limbo during this tug of war between the 2 companies.

The temperature and humidity were rising during this time.

By Tuesday morning, nothing had been done to fix the pole or his electric. The police had roped off the area with caution tape the night of the accident, and the pole was still left hanging. This alone constitutes a safety hazard and was blocking the sidewalk causing people to walk in the street on Ross. After contacting Mayor Estep, he personally stood in front of the house and made numerous phone calls to get someone out to fix this mess. He had been told by the Service Director that they had also gotten the run-around from Duke and Cincinnati Bell. Within 30 minutes of his calls, two trucks from Cincinnati Bell showed up and started repairs.

Duke energy showed up not long after to do their part, and six hours later, the power we restored.

Thanks again,
Carole Browne

Motion by Mr. Kalb, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to receive and file the communication and send a copy to the Mayor's office.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2016. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 2, 2016. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Resolution No. 2, 2016 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 13, 2016. AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 1186 TO THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 13, 2016.

REMARKS

Ms. Hausfeld – Just to let the public know that this is the Ordinance that we've been working on and with the Building Department for the sidewalk café and the sandwich board and it's explained in detail as far as two pages goes. But I just wanted to at least let the residents know what we were actually voting on.

The motion to suspend passed 7-0.

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Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 13, 2016 as read. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Tobergte voted no.

Mr. Asbach – Could we please have the second reading of Ordinance No. 15, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 15, 2016. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL AUTO SAFE GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE ONE DUMP TRUCK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 15, 2016.

REMARKS

Mr. Culbertson – I'd still like to see this go regular course in light of what Donnie said about possible grant money. Tommy does that sound appealing to you? Have you looked into this?

Mr. Paul – If I looked into grant money it wouldn't be here for this winter. This winter is what we're actually worried about. I would, no, I would recommend that you pass it.

Mr. Culbertson – You are saying we're not prepared for this winter to plow the streets without this truck.

Mr. Paul – As I put in my report I have serious doubts. If anything happens we won't have the streets cleared. Well, I take that back. They will be cleared but it will be slower.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - I think that I am for buying the salt truck because this is something that benefits every single resident of St. Bernard and we have to look at that and I think we need to think about when we pass Ordinances or when we spend money we need to think about who benefits from this. And this is one of the things that the entire Village will benefit from. So I am completely in favor of this Ordinance and I urge my fellow council members to think about what we say yes and no to tonight because this is something that we need. We have an elderly population. We have school kids. We have businesses. We have retail. So this is, I would urge everyone to think long and hard about this one. If it takes you five

minutes to think about it, then think about it. I think this is a bigger issue and we need to think about who benefits.

Mrs. Bedinghaus - I have some back and forth questions about this and I asked quite a few to Mike Weidmann when he was here when we talked about this last time. I was asking about was this just maintenance on this truck or was this to better the truck and maybe we could look at repairing the truck. I looked at any alternatives and so I think I've asked my questions and I am going to support that this dump truck get bought.

The motion to suspend with the third reading passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 15, 2016 as read. Motion passed 5-2. Mr. Tobergte and Mr. Culbertson voted no.

ORDINANCE NO. 16, 2016. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND MOVE CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 16, 2016. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 16, 2016 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2016. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRYKER EMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE POWER LOAD SYSTEM AND POWER COT TO BE INSTALLED IN THE NEW AMBULANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 17, 2016.

REMARKS

Mr. Kalb - I would just like to thank Officer Brian Young with the Fire Department for all his hard work on working on this grant. This money is obviously going to be a great help to us and I want to thank him again for his hard work.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 17, 2016 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2016 . DECLARING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 5100 VINE STREET PARCEL # 582-0005-0068 TO BE NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEED OF SAID TRACT; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 18, 2016.

REMARKS

Ms. Hausfeld – Couple things. First of all, we are talking about the Long John Silver property, correct?

Mr. Paul – Yes.

Ms. Hausfeld – OK, I'm going to put a couple of people on the spot here. Forgive me now I'm telling you. Mayor Estep, are you in favor of spending this amount of money for this property?

Mayor Estep – Yes.

Ms. Hausfeld – Even with our financial problems that we have now?

Mayor Estep – If I'm not mistaken, isn't this the money that comes out of the Streetscape. We're not taking it out of the General Fund. We're not taking it from payroll. We're not taking it from any of that money. This is from the Streetscape money. Designated to be only used for that purpose.

Ms. Hausfeld – OK, thank you.

Mrs. Brickweg – Can I ask you about.....

Ms. Hausfeld – Actually, I'm not finished. But I'm going to come to you and to Mr. Moore. You two are our financial wizards of St. Bernard. You two are the two

people that are to advise us of what we have and what we don't have. What we can afford and what we cannot afford. So if both of you would like to comment on this I would greatly appreciate your comments. And I'm sorry to put you on the spot.

Mrs. Brickweg – No, that's OK. Again I gave my report and nobody listens. I'm going crazy. We don't have the money. We're almost two million dollars in the hole. I don't know how often I have to put it to you. As I explained in my report, we've met the requirements of the bond money. We have spent 85% of that. The bond money you're speaking of has been invested so if you want to take from the investments for that you can do that. But if we do this we're going to be cashing out 1.5 million dollars of our investments. I do not recommend that. It's always the goal to have a rainy day fund. I have businesses that are interested in that property that are in the Village of St. Bernard. I don't understand why we would undermine other businesses. That doesn't make sense to me. But it is up to you. But I want to go on record as telling you, almost 2 million in the hole. So you can make the decision if you want. But I would not recommend selling investments right now unless it's to run the day to day business of the city because we're really going to need that for that and I talked to Rick about that and he can carry on with this because he doesn't see this getting a whole lot better in the future so we're not talking about just this year. But that's my opinion.

Mr. Kalb - I have a question then. This Streetscape money, I realize that we're cashing in investments that has been invested in the Streetscape money but that \$581,984.43 cannot be spent for the day to day operations of the city. Even if we drained the complete checking account we're still left with that amount of money that we can't use for police, fire, service, cutting grass anything like that. So I get the fact that we are drawing money from the savings account and that we are going to have to cash in investments to do it but in theory that money is already locked up for something that we can't spend for the day to day operations anyway. So since we are spending the Streetscape money, I am in favor of it. Now if it was coming from our General Fund, I would be hard pressed to spend that kind of money on a property when our finances are the way they are. But even if we draw all our savings down, we still have to have \$600,000.00 in our savings account because we can't spend it on day to day operation of the Village.

Mrs. Brickweg - I'll try this again. We have already met the terms of the bond by spending 85% of that. I'm not telling you to use it for the day to day operations at this point but you've already met the requirements. You can spend that on whatever you want. I don't know how else to put that.

Mr. Tobergte – If I understand what Peggy is saying, we met the legal requirements of the bond so we took the bond money out for Vine St. Streetscape. I understand you're frustration Peggy but we

Ms. Hausfeld - I asked this last week and I was told that we could only spend this money on Vine St. Vine St. Alone. My comment was, because I was not a part of the whole Streetscape thing, I think that was the two years I was off if I'm not mistaken, when they went out for those bonds they went out with a dollar figure of things being done to Vine St. I asked the question last week and nobody could really give me a direct answer of why we have \$581,000.00 left if everything we planned to do for Vine St. Is already done. So I was actually told to ask you Peggy if you remember why we have money left and why we did not use all the money that we went out to get the bonds for in the first place.

Mrs. Brickweg - I may cry but (inaudible) one of the main things is Duke Energy came in and payed for all the poles and that was in the budget. I think there was something with the flower posts and the benches also. We were able to get money from different areas, pretty much "blue money" that they didn't need to use this money and I understand it is for Vine St. I am not saying it's not. All I'm saying is at this point, when this budget is this close and there are other businesses that are that are currently interested to purchase this property and reinvest in the City, I just don't want to see, I mean do you realize how close, if we keep drawing from these investments, it's going to be gone. And, no, I do not want to use that money for something else but lets say something major happens and we don't have \$600,000.00 left in the bank, as Auditor of the City I'm going to tell you to use that \$600,000.00 to run the City. I'm not telling you to take it right now. But I like the idea of a nest egg and Council is always sworn that that's what they wanted also. That's all I'm saying. But can I ask Phil because I know I missed a couple, I really cannot remember what they are but maybe you can help.

Mr. Stegman, previous Service Director – The light poles were budgeted to us to buy those outright and maintain them on our own. Duke finally got into the business of the decorated poles which they maintain. We ended up having to pay a charge for putting them in so we don't actually own them but they are to maintain them and we just pay the electric. That was about \$3 or \$400,000.00 that we saved just in light poles. A couple of the parking lots came in a lot cheaper than what we had first looked at. We were talking about, back in the day when we were putting money together for the bond, as we were trying to buy the whole area of LaRosa's parking lot and do that all so that was another \$3 or \$400,000.00 with buying the property and also with the asphalt and all the other stuff there. It was about

\$60,000.00 of grant funds that we got from community block watch for the planters, benches and all that which I think we had budgeted \$100,000.00. We were able to cut it back to \$60,000.00 and get that grant money so, like I say, we were, like Peggy said, we were cutting cost and finding grants in other places to help us. She did hit pretty much all of it.

Mr. Culbertson - I'm a little confused with all of this. The last two to three years that whenever we've talked about the bonds, it seems like we've always been told that what they're ear marked for is what they're ear marked for and it can't be used for anything else. This is the first time that I've heard that it could be used for the day to day operation of the Village. I wish Mike was here, but I never once heard that we could use this bond money for the day to day operations of the Village.

Mrs. Brickweg – Council asked me to look into that about a couple of months ago and I looked into it and I reported it to you. That's why I know it because you asked me to look into it. I'll have to sit here and think for a little bit the reason you asked me to look into it but I cannot remember. Once again, I'm not telling you to run the city but I don't know, I'm done talking.

Mr. Tobergte – John, you met with the reds fund, I can't remember, you talked about the old fire house, would this, if we get this lot, would that help with the reds fund with the fire house do you think?

Mayor Estep - I don't know if he had a whole lot of input on this with their decision down there. They're more concerned with three ball parks. They're talking about down the road doing something at the other end of Clay St. And working at that end but right now I just think it's important to control to get control of that prime piece of property and with the fire house property being given back to us we would own that whole parcel. There is some interest from a couple of groups outside of the city that I was made aware of. I don't think it would be good for the future of St. Bernard to have them here. There is one person that says that if we bought it he could maybe turn around and sell it for a lot more than we paid for it. But I think it's a good time to take advantage of us being in first on this deal. To go ahead and close the deal and not leave it slip by and lose control of that prime piece of property.

Mr. Stegman – Yes, just one comment, back in the day when we did go out for these bonds, the money was used and slated for the various projects but after it was all said and done and we did meet the requirement of 85% of those but it was always under the understanding that it was for improvements of the community like roads, Streetscapes, buildings, it wasn't ever earmarked for the operations of

the Village. It was always to put it towards a road project you know if we ran short on a road project. That's where that money should be earmarked for not for the operation of the Village.

Mrs. Brickweg – And I agree with you. I'm sure you know about Moeller St. We have plenty of streets we can use that money for if we need to but I really don't want to.

Ms. Hausfeld - I voiced my opinion back in Executive Session last week and I'm going to publicly say it before we do it. If we had all the money in the world right now and things were looking good as far as financial whatever you call it, financial business of the city, I would say go for it. I understand it's a great piece of property to go with the old fire house and stuff but I'm going to stick behind my guns with our own financial people saying that it's not a good idea, it's not a good time to invest that much money in another piece of property, I'm going to stick by my gun and I will be voting no.

The motion to suspend passed 6-1. Ms. Hausfeld voted no.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 18, 2016 as read. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Hausfeld voted no.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Hausfeld - I had contacted Tommy Paul, my good buddy over here, last Thursday at the local club where I go afterwards, I was kind of questioned by a couple citizens. They're very, very upset with, first of all, we have a HIP and Building Department that comes after the citizens for their pieces of property as far as homes and stuff like that. But then we have businesses that do not keep their property up. I have talked to Tommy several times in the past and he's always taken care of Girl Scout Lane and the problems that we had with garbage and stuff behind Girl Scout Lane and I'm not going to go on TV saying which property but there are other businesses that have large parking lots that they're, and I don't even think they're St. Bernard residents that are doing it but, they're throwing old tires and just garbage under the cars and everything else and the property looks like crap, sorry for that terminology, but there's no other word about, I could say another word but I don't think I'm allowed to. So I did contact Tommy, he is in contact with the owner again and he is trying to get that taken care of. I just urge the citizens that when you see something like this, feel free. I welcome anything. These particular people told me that other members of Council said it was private property and there's nothing we can do. If it is a property in St. Bernard, there is

something we can do. Because there's nobody that is above the law. I don't care if you're a business or a resident or who you are, if your place looks like crap, it needs to be taken care of and anytime I've ever had a problem, Phil has always talked to me and Tommy has taken in his footsteps and is doing a great job as well and I just urge the citizens that when you see something out there, all of us on Council and the Administration, we don't see things everyday. There are people that are out walking and I have news for you, I'm not out walking but you see a lot more than what we see and we welcome any suggestions and if we can't get something done about it we will get the right people in place to do something about it. So my numbers' always there 288-6300 and I know any member of Council is welcome from phone calls or emails. They do emails better than I do so you're better off calling me rather than emailing me. I'll tell you now.

Mayor Estep – Patty I'm glad you brought that up. We had three incidents this week and I instructed Walt Moeller to go after the owner of one. It's a large parking lot, very close by and he did contact the owner. He had another incident Ms. Tempel made me aware of. A place up on Delmar, close to Greenlee with garbage sitting out on Tuesday and pick up is Thursday. I went there personally and knocked on the door. The contractors came to the door, they were not aware of what day the pick up is, what day you're allowed to put it out, I explained it to them, it was off the street within the hour and it was a courtesy call because the first time is a warning, second time in \$50.00 then \$100.00 then \$150.00. We had another incident down on Mitchell and the Service Department delivered a copy of the Ordinance and their pick up and the time they could sit their garbage out the previous day and that was taken care of this week as well. I walk a lot and I go on different routes so I see a lot. I've called the police several times. They've responded. On Ross Ave last week we had another incident on Mitchell Ave. A car ran half way on the driveway and half way on the sidewalk where you had to walk around and go on Mitchell Ave. I called them, they were there in five minutes. When we call them they respond and I appreciate that. So we've been on that pretty much.

Mr. Tobergte – John let me ask you, there was a contractor doing the work are we picking up the garbage for contractors now?

Mayor Estep – Well they were cleaning something out. I don't think we, at that residence, it was in their garbage can, the resident's garbage can they had somebody doing some work. I think they were tearing some wood out and tearing a carpet out. I think it was carpet, I don't know what it was but it was all in one

garbage can and I went up, the first guy he said well that's, but we went round and round and he took it out and off the street.

Mrs. Brickweg – Before I start on my old business I would like to ask Council and it's up to you if you want to take a vote but since I'll be cashing in investments this week, are you going to continue with the pocket park also? So I can go ahead and cash in that investment in also. I need to know. I don't want a key.

Mr. Tobergte - I have no desire to doing a pocket park right now. I think we discussed it hasn't been presented to me so. Paul said it's in and out Tuesday night and the CIC doesn't want to pay \$1,000.00 for that whole thing.

Mrs. Brickweg – OK. OK. It'll probably be cashed in if I can 1.01.

Mr. Tobergte – Before you go on, if it's the Star Ohio Account you can just pull out anything you want can't you? You don't have to do a certain amount?

Mrs. Brickweg – Right that's what I mean. At the last COW there was a discussion regarding two or four Council meetings a month, there seemed to be a lot of concern regarding the last few months of the year. It is correct that the Village usually has more appropriations towards the end of the year. I have a few suggestions that could work if it is Council's wishes to stay with two meetings a month. We could appropriate more money into the miscellaneous line item. PO's will be written with this line item and the Finance Committee will get copies of the PO's to see what the line item is being used for. A second idea is to schedule "special Council meetings" before the November and December COW meetings and if they are not needed move forward with the COW.

When I suggested "moving" \$40,000.00 into Fire Department Overtime from Fire Employees it was to avoid an additional appropriation not to contradict the Fire Chief's current DTO policy as was suggested by many at the last COW. The Fire Chief and I have discussed moving this money in the past and since Council was discussing an additional appropriation I thought this was a better idea.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mike Weidmann, Forman, Service Department – First of all I would like to thank the members of Council that had the courtesy to come and discuss and talk to me about the truck. I wanted to thank them for the passage of the truck this evening and for the support of the Service Director Mr. Paul. The Service Department is very much aware of the city's financial status and would not have asked for or pushed for if it wasn't necessary. Again I thank you and again I say we are aware of what is going on and the Service Department has in the past always in the past and will in the future always keep an eye on our budget and do the best we can to cut and save money..

Mr. Asbach – The next COW will be Thursday, September 1st at 7:00pm.

Ms. Hausfeld – Before we adjourn, I just want to put it out there to the public, I've gotten a couple of phone calls this week about certain things that either they see on Facebook or whatever. I am not yet a Facebook person so whatever you see there I will know nothing about that. I'm trying to get there, maybe. We'll work on that. But I urge the citizens of St. Bernard, if you see either what's going on because you're watching the Council meetings or you do hear rumors or anything like that, if you don't want to come down here and publicly get up here and speak to us and I understand if you don't want to do that, not a lot of people like to be on TV and this and that, you can always write a letter to the Council members and the Clerk of Council and it will be read on Council floor by Sue, sorry Sue, but it's a way to get your opinions out there and I welcome your opinion and I voice your opinion every chance I get, don't I guys, but sometimes it comes better from you personally to all of Council versus just coming to one or two of Council members or the Administration. So just to let the public know that you can, if you don't want to get up in public and speak, you can send a letter to the Clerk of Council the Tuesday before a Council meeting and it will be read on Council. But you do have to sign it and put your address.

Mr. Moore - I'm not sure if everybody is aware but Bill Gerhardt has had some health problems, he hasn't been at work for a while. I don't know all the details but I understand he is home and is doing better, but just a thought that you might keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

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