

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

The St. Bernard Village Council meeting was held on Thursday, September 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 six members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Meier, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – (read by Mr. Stegman) Pilot Chemicals is bringing the USA Luge to St. Bernard Oct 5th. Registration is now open to the public. If you know children from 9 to 13 years old who are interested go to www.USAluge.org or call toll free 1-800-USA Luge. All this information is on the Village website and Face book page. Also on behalf of Mayor Bill Burkhardt, he would like to thank everyone that attended the Safety Center Ground Breaking today.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – As partially discussed at the COW Ordinance No. 34, 2013 was prepared by the Auditor's Office. The first part of the Ordinance is transferring money out of the General Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 to the Cash Account of the Employees Health Plan. The second part of the Ordinance is asking for an additional appropriations of \$8,000.00 to the Law Director's Professional Services, \$8,000.00 to the Bank Ave. Litigation and \$5,000.00 to the Pool Employees which is going to the recertification for the lifeguards. We'll be reimbursing that up to \$200.00 each for them to get recertified and the new ones at \$350.00 each.

The next thing on the agenda tonight is Resolution No. 7, 2013. This was not discussed at the COW. I received a phone call from the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and they dropped the ball. They forgot to send out the Resolution that they need the communities to pass. What this is, the Police and Fire Pension, their Pension amounts that the employees pay is going to go up a little bit each year. Starting this year, July 14th, it went up 10.75%, starting July 14th it will go up 11.5%, and starting July 12th 2015 it will go up 12.25%. Before that they were paying 10%. This is not a cost to the Village, we deduct it out of their payroll and then we just send them a check from the Village in that amount. If you could please pass that tonight because they would like to receive that back as soon as possible.

One more thing, you'll be getting your revenues and expenditures reports next once we get everything done with this Ordinance and with the short week with

payroll involved in this week, Nick will be preparing them and putting them in your mail boxes.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – Mayor’s Court went until almost 7:30pm last night. We had a somewhat eventful evening. There were four trials scheduled. Three of them settled. We had one person who insisted on going to trial which resulted in a conviction for menacing against a Jeffrey Collins. We had one gentleman who had difficulty controlling himself in a tax matter and was taken out in handcuffs and I think it took four officers to get him into the car so things were a little more eventful than the normal Mayor’s Court but a lot of this reflects the fact that the Tax Dept. is going forward against people who are not paying their taxes and not filing and also that the Police Officers are very serious about crimes that involve threats to the elderly and so I appreciate the Tax Dept. and the Police Dept.’s cooperation and support in pursuing these matters in Mayor’s Court.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – I have prepared the report for the Village’s holdings of Fifth Third Securities, the book value remains the same as last months. \$3,485,000.00.

The Monthly Treasurers Report for July is:

Receipts for the month of July 2013: \$ 805,012.29

Receipts for the year through July 2013: \$ 7,380,032.18

In addition, the balance for the 4th of July savings account at First Safety as of July 31, 2013 was \$5,614.12.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenburg – (read by Mr. Walden)The preliminary numbers she received from the Planning and Building Dept. show that the rental properties constitute about 31% of the current housing in St. Bernard which is a lower figure than, I think, was previously reported. She’s continuing to analyze the numbers from the Building Dept. To some extent those are dependent on voluntary reporting so there may be some slight inaccuracies there but she asked me to report that she will provide Council with a full written report in the near future.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – No report.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – I gave each member of Council and the Administration the end of the month of August report indicating how much income in income tax we received for the month of August.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Meier – As people may have noticed in the newspapers recently there’s a lot of discussion about the Affordable Health Care Act, the Obama health care. Over the last couple of weeks I’ve been trying to research and understand as much of that as I can on how it may apply to the Village. Both from the IRS prospective and there will be some IRS requirements. And also from the health care and looking at it from the point of view as how it will affect us with the health care and in helping us get all of our budget for next year. So it’s pretty complex, it’s a lot of information that is not really out there. I think the numbers, the cost and the plans won’t be available until the first of Oct. From what I’ve been able to find out, Ohio is going to have about twelve approved providers and those providers will be offering approximately 200 different plans. So as I understand

better about how it may affect our employees and affect the Village I'll be reporting back to Council.

SAFETY, Mr. Asbach – I would like to announce that the next Block Watch Meeting. will be Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 6:30pm downstairs.

SERVICE, Mr. Holt – Absent.

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 August there were 1,475 regular Dial-A-Ride riders which brings the yearly total to 13,420. The Medical Bus had 7 riders which brings the yearly total to 123. I would like to thank our firefighters for their efforts in the Fill the Boot Campaign for MDA. They did collect \$1,076.16 last Friday.

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

Committee of the Whole
Aug. 29, 2013

1. Council approved the minutes of the Aug. 22nd Council meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
 - A. Announced that the groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Thursday September 5th at 4 PM at the corner of Vine and Mitchell. Roger Bacon High School has given the okay to park on the practice field off of Vine Street.
3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 - A. Met with the Fire Department and the company that does our billing for life squad and fire runs, and things are looking better this year.
 - B. Reported that our EIN number was never changed from City to Village status. The changes are being looked into.
 - C. Told Council that various line items will be running a little low and will need funds to cover them. Council voted 6-0 to put the Additional Appropriation Ordinance on the table.
4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
 - A. Said that he attended the Public Records Committee meeting on August 27th. The committee approved a new RC2 form. They also asked all department heads to review their records retention schedules to see if any types of documents can be deleted or need to be added.
5. Safety Director, Valerie Van Vulkenburg
 - A. Reported that Lt. Ungruhe posted links to the police departments Face Book and website pages that deal with frauds and scams. A list of the websites may also be published in the upcoming Village newsletter.
6. Service Director, Phil Stegman
 - A. Said that they sold the truck that was on the Hamilton County website for \$1,955.00 and that money will go back to the drug forfeiture line item since it was a truck from a drug case.
 - B. Reported that the Village closed on the Feichtner property on Mitchell Ave that will be used for the Safety Center.

7. Treasurer, John Ungruhe
 - A. Reported that the receipts for the month of July were \$805,012.29 and the receipts for the year thru July are \$7,380,032.18.
 - B. Said that the 4th of July Fund as of July 31, 2013 was \$5,614.12.
8. Service, Mike Holt
 - A. Reminded everyone that due to the Holiday on Monday, normal Monday garbage and yard waste pickup will be on Tuesday and normal Tuesday garbage and yard waste pickup will be on Wednesday.
9. Highways & Transportation, Don Tobergte
 - A. Said that the Fire dDpartment will be doing a Fill-the Boot collection from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Ross and Vine tomorrow.

Council voted 6-0 to excuse the absent member.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to read tonight's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2013. STATING THAT THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD WILL CONTINUE TO PICK-UP THE MANDATORY CONTRIBUTION PER SCHEDULE BELOW BY ITS EMPLOYEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 7, 2013. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Resolution No. 7, 2013 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 34, 2013. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, MOVE AND TRANSFER FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 34, 2013.

REMARKS

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Could we get maybe by next week the number of lifeguards that are being repaid for recertification.

Mrs. Brickweg – I know that Paul is going to ask, I don't have that. Hopefully he can get that to you. I know that there are seven that are renewed. The other ones I don't know.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Thank you.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 34, 2013 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – At my last Town Hall Meeting I was asked about the Town Homes at Tower and Washington. Paul Myers gave me the following information: Each Of the two buildings will have 2-4 bedrooms and 1-3 bedroom units. Square footage ranges from 1,594 to 1,738. Two car attached garages, 2.5 baths with full basements. Anticipated sales price for each unit is around \$150 to \$170thousand dollars. The CIC paid \$297,886.00 for the property and are going to be getting \$10,000.00 per unit from the building.

Mrs. Brickweg – I forgot one thing, we have the preliminary papers back from Hamilton County. They're going to be voting on the budget that we presented them this summer and so most likely at the next Council Meeting there will be a Resolution to approve their raise. Currently it looks like our property tax is going down again and this is not final yet it is just a preliminary so I just wanted to give you a heads up about that so Council might want to increase their rates.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Meier to excuse the absent member.
Council agreed 6-0.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, September 12th at 7:30pm.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.