

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday, September 4, 2014 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 six members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson. Mrs. Bedinghaus was absent.

Ms. Kim Fender gave Council an update on the construction of the new library. So far everything is moving along on schedule. The easement was granted for the underground utilities and they are possibly looking at next April or May for the opening. A question was raised as to when the parking lot would be able to be used again and Council was told it would be definitely back to the gravel before the project was completed.

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – Thank you Kim. We are excited about the new branch and are very appreciative of you taking the time to come and update us on the project.

The Mayor's Monthly Court Report Receipts for August, 2014: Mayor's Court Costs/Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous receipts were \$5,601.65, Bonds forfeited \$75.00, and total to St. Bernard was \$5,676.65. Total to the County was \$3100. Total to State was \$1,195.00. Total Disbursements were \$6,902.65.

I would like to thank everyone that attended the new Service Center Grand Opening last Saturday. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed seeing the new facility.

The annual St. Clement Festival begins tomorrow, Friday, September 5th and runs through Sunday, September 7th. The schedule is different each day, so please go to our website or Face Book page for all the details.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor's Office has prepared Ordinance 39, 2014 for tonight's meeting. This Ordinance provides an additional appropriation of \$15,000 to 01-2-K-2, Miscellaneous. This line item is just for emergency situations. It was budgeted for \$30,000.00. In July \$16,000.00 was needed to pay for an emergency Heat and A/C unit for City Hall. This appropriation will bring the line item back up in case it is needed in the future.

The Ordinance also provides for the moving of appropriations:

FROM GENERAL FUND:

01-61-A	Workmen's Compensation	\$3,414.00
01-6-A-1A	Police Overtime	\$15,000.00

TO GENERAL FUND:

01-2-K-7	Computer System	\$3,414.00
01-6-A-3	Police Dispatchers	\$15,000.00

The \$3,414.00 will pay for an upgrade to the Village's current payroll system which will allow all employee paychecks and W2's to be sent via an internet portal. Each employee will receive an e-mail letting them know their paystub is ready for print and a link to get it from. This will save the Auditor Office money and time by eliminating paper and envelopes and the process of printing and stuffing envelopes. It will also allow the employees the availability to print up to two years of their own paychecks and W2's. The Auditor Department will be supplying the employees with a sign-up sheet to start this process shortly. The \$15,000.00 for Police Dispatchers is to provide additional funding needed since more dispatchers are being used.

Council and the Administration were given the August, 2014 Expense, Revenue and Fund 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. In August, the Village received \$644,206.24 in revenues. Comparing the 2013 to 2014, with the sale of investment and the water work money removed, year to date, the Villages revenues are down \$36,955.25. A big difference is because the Village has not received the second half property taxes from the County, which we usually receive in August. I contacted the County and they informed me they hope to get these numbers out next week. The projected amount for the second half taxes is approximately \$385,000.00. The expenses year to date were \$12,834,612.27. Of that \$47,160.00 was spent on Vine Street Streetscape project, \$1,008,338.09 on the new Service Garage Building and \$3,721,603.46 was spent on the new Safety Center. Comparing the year to date 2013 to 2014 expenses with the projects that use bond money removed, the expenses for 2014 are down by \$25,410.48.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – I spent some time this week working with Phil on a number of different contracts. We had Mayor's Court last night, which went very well. Before Council tonight is Ordinance No. 37, 2014, regarding the grilling in public parks. Also, Heidi Culbertson has been on top of this Ordinance. She already has the permits developed for requesting to grill on private designated areas. If someone wants to let St. Clement know that they can get their permit tomorrow for grilling at the pavilion. And I will also let the Titan Fan Club know that the permits are available for their grilling at their girls varsity soccer game.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have prepared the inventory reports for our securities with Fifth Third Bank. Our totals with Fifth Third remains the same as of August 31st, \$2,920,000.00.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. VanValkenburg – You have before you Ordinance No. 38 which will amend certain sections of chapters 191, 193, 195 and 197 of St. Bernard Codified Ordinances. There is one thing, and it is purely a typographical one from the version I gave you last week and it was section 197.03. I just had to make a change in that heading. It was a determination of premises by the Director of Building and Urban Development. It should read, and it's on the one that you received from Heidi today, Section 193.07, determination of blighted premises by

the Director of Planning, otherwise it's consistent with what you had before you last week and I would urge passage of it.

And just to steal with Mr. Tobergte's thunder, the Cincinnati Police Dept. will be hosting a medical disposing day on September 27, 2014 from 10:00am until 2:00pm at several Kroger's, including the one on Kenard, the one on Ferguson, also the CVS pharmacy at 3086 Madison Rd. and a couple of Walgreen's, but they are not in this area. Mr. Tobergte had asked Elaine to put that on the blog and it has been done and we will be setting that up for a Call Command a little closer to the date.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – I do want to get this date out and it is on our website. There is only going to be a one day disposal, when we've had it for a number of months. We're disappointed that it's down to a one day collection. This is on hazardous waste. That would be like the pesticides, the solvents, your chemicals, cleaners, household batteries, propane tanks, that kind of things that we used to take down on Spring Grove. They are taking them over at Norwood. You can go online and they will tell you where the various areas are. I did register myself to try to give you the addresses but they are right over in Norwood. The date is October the 4th from 8:00am until 2:00pm. That will be the only day that these items can be taken and be disposed of. Hopefully, we can reach out and tell Hamilton County that we need more than one day to do this disposal. So maybe at one point I can get Council to give me a Resolution or something to pass on to Hamilton County.

Also, I had people ask me about the Shred It Day. The recycling. Earlier in the year I had contact with them. Since the paper mills are down and there's not enough cost in it, they are now charging. For the last four years it has always been free. The three hours that we provide it, that cost us \$750.00, now. So working with Mr. Tobergte and a couple of businesses around town to see if we can get a sponsor to sponsor the event, so far we haven't been successful but we're still working on it. It's not out of the question, but it usually takes place sometime in October and if that comes about we'll get Call Commands out. Hopefully before the Newsletter goes out next week we can have something in the Newsletter.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – I gave each member of Council and the Administration the annual comparison report from the Tax Dept. Now that we're at the end of August we're two thirds of the way through the year. We've brought in \$549,000.00 for the month of August.

Also with the beginning of September, we're now under our second season of taxes with mainly the business returns coming in by September 15th and another set coming in by September 15th.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – I spoke with Mayor Burkhardt and he is going to try to have his proposed budget to Council in early October.

Looking over The Fire Dept. budget I noticed that the Fire Department, they only used 6 hours of overtime this pay period covering manpower shortage.

Lastly congratulations to Mr. Andy Kalb for being named the 2014 Spartan award winner.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – I would like to once again remind the residents that the Block Watch Meeting will be a grill out on September 16, area No. 3 at 6:30pm. If you plan on attending please contact Council member Dan Tobergte at 242-9499.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – I have the Service Dept. report for August, 2014: There were 30 trucks placed at residences, 25 dumpsters placed at residences 75 special pick-ups at residences and 187.54 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. 32.82 tons of recycling material, 384 pounds of scrap aluminum, 11 pounds of brass, 483 pounds of copper, 18,140 pounds of scrap metal recycled.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – No report.

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

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – Tonight I have the daily bus passengers according to hours for August, 2014: hourly total for August was 1,401, total to date is 11,011.

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

Committee of the Whole

Aug. 28, 2014

1. Council approved the minutes of the Aug. 21st Council meeting.
2. Mr. Cecil Thomas, candidate for State Senate 9th District, talked to Council about the cuts to the local government funds. He asked for our support to request that those funds be returned to the past levels. Our Auditor said that we were down about \$300,000 to \$400,000 from what we used to receive.
3. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
 1. Reminded everyone of the official grand opening of the new Service Center this Saturday Aug. 30, 2014 from noon-2 PM. A press release was sent out and we have been contacted by a few media sources. Also reminded everyone that the administrative offices will be closed next Monday, Sept. 1st for Labor Day.
 2. Said that Kim Fender, from the public library, will be coming in the next few weeks to give an update on the progress of the new library.
4. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 1. Discussed a new program that would email all Village employees their paycheck. These paychecks as well as their W-2's would be on file for two years. The employee would simply print off their statement instead of the Village printing, stuffing and placing them in envelopes. Council voted 7-0 to transfer money for this service.
 2. Asked for additional money for line items 2-K-2 and 6-A-3. The one item is police dispatchers and money will be moved from police overtime after a discussion with the Chief. Council voted 7-0 to add this to the transfer Ordinance.
 3. Reported that our audit is complete and can be found on the State Auditors website.
5. Law Director, Curtis Walden
 1. Gave Council a paper on First Amendment speech at Council meetings, as he was asked to do at last week's Council meeting.
 2. Gave Council a copy of Ord. # 37 that makes the law on grilling in the parks. Laws, Contracts & Claims chair, Cindi Bedinghaus, made a motion and it was seconded, to place the Ordinance on the table. Council voted 7-0 to do so.

6. Safety Director, Valerie Van Valkenburg
 1. Gave Council a copy of proposed Ordinance # 38 which has amendments to chapters 191, 193, 195 and 197, of our Codified Ordinances, to update certain language that deals with our Building Department. Council voted 7-0 to place it on the table.

7. Service Director, Phil Stegman
 1. Reminded everyone that there will be no trash pickup on Monday, Labor Day. Monday collection will be on Tuesday and Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday.
 2. Reminded everyone about the open house at the new Service Center on Saturday.
 3. Asked residents to call him at City Hall if there has been any damage to their property during the Duke work going on in the Village.

8. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
 1. Reported that there was \$47,000 left in police overtime.
 2. Congratulated the Friars Club on the dedication of their new building this week.

9. Safety, Ray Culbertson
 1. Thanked Annie Timmons, Director of the Friars Club and Mike Besl, President of the Friars Club Board, for their comments at the dedication the other night. They stated how good of a working relationship they had with Mr. Paul Meyers and the Building Department.
 2. Announced that the next Block Watch meeting will be on Tuesday Sept. 16th at 5:30 at Ross Park area #3. There will be a cookout, so please call Don Tobergte at 242-9499 so he can order enough food.

10. Laws, Contracts & Claims, Cindi Bedinghaus
 1. Had a discussion about the closing time for the parks. After much discussion, it was decided to leave the ordinance as is, which has the parks, other than Ross and Vine St. parks, which close at 11 PM, closing at 10 PM. If any resident has concerns about behavior in the parks, they are encouraged to call the police.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 37, 2014. AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 521.14 TO CHAPTER 521 OF THE ST. BERNARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO UPDATE THE LAWS RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 37, 2014. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 37, 2014 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 38, 2014. AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAMPERS 191, 193, 195 AND 197 OF THE ST. BERNARD'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 38, 2014.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte – Valerie, can you go over what all this entails and why we're doing this and that?

Ms. Van Valkenburg – Sure. As I discussed last week, the way this works, it is only a change to our existing Ordinance in that the name is changed. As it presently reads under our Codified Ordinances, it speaks in terms of the Urban Director being able to do these things, the blighted properties in our community, it give them some power to reach out and deal with those. We don't actually have anybody that fills that position, we don't have that position and so the thought was since we have a basically a Planning and Development we would simply substitute that term for the Urban Development term that was used in the Codified Ordinances. There was no substantive change to it, it is purely a name change or a title change because the Urban Development is a title we don't have.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 38, 2014 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 39, 2014. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND MOVE FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Shildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 39, 2014.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte – I did talk to Chief Moeller last week and he was OK with moving the \$15,000.00 out of the Police Overtime to the dispatcher because he is using more dispatchers in his overtime budget. It is looking real good this year with the lack of using Policemen for dispatchers, so he just put it out there so if anything happens he might need more money in overtime.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 39, 2014 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Culbertson – It is Old Business now but I would like to correct the time of the Block Watch Meeting. It's at 5:30pm and not at 6:30pm.

Mr. Tobergte – Well you can come at 6:30pm, there might not be any food left.

Mr. Tobergte – Bill, last December we passed an Ordinance for the train station to be taken down. Are we still going to do that?

Mayor Burkhardt – We're still waiting for CXS to give us the approval. I've been calling them and faxing them and texting them and Phil might know more about it but they just have not gotten back to us.

Mr. Stegman – Since the highway has gone along through there also I've put the head of ODOT, who seems like he thought he could do a better job of getting the approval for us, he has not had success so it might even come down with the expressway. So we're still working on it, I mean, the highway does not, or the railroad does not go anytime quick with anything.

Mr. Tobergte – I just noticed the bulldozer up there clearing off the side of the hill and I'm like, move a little bit more.

Mr. Tobergte – And then the new parking lot on Vine St., are we going to put a fence at the end of that. Bushes or something?

Mr. Stegman – At this time there is no fence to be put up there but we will do some landscaping up there around that area. It just got too late in the year to do that so we will start something in earlier Spring.

Mr. Tobergte – Great time to plant now.

Mr. Tobergte – One more thing for Phil. Do you have the final numbers on the Service Dept.? How much of that money was spent?

Mr. Stegman – No. We just went through a final print list and we have some things to do so I don't have that number yet. We're getting close.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to excuse the absent member. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, September 11th at 7:30pm.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.