

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, November 6, 2014 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. Michael Peck – Absent.

President of Council, Pro-Tem Mr. Steve Asbach – The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – The Mayor's Monthly Court Report Receipts for October, 2014; Mayor's Court Costs/Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous receipts were \$2427.47, Bonds forfeited \$25.00, Bond applied to tax \$475.00 and total to St. Bernard was \$2927.47. Total to the County was \$19.50. Total to State was \$1,030.50. Total Disbursements were \$3,977.47.

Several Village Officials, Department representatives and I attended a meeting with the Cincinnati Enquirer Editorial Board last week because of two key pieces of legislation that will impact St. Bernard, as well as all smaller municipalities in the State of Ohio. We will be attending a meeting in Columbus on November 19th to do what we can to stop HB 5 and SB 282.

We have received the Consent Order from Attorney General, Mike DeWine's office and Nick Bryan regarding Bank Avenue. Over the next few months there are several items that the Village will be finalizing to comply with the Consent Order. I believe Mr. Walden will provide more information in his report.

The tentative Grand Opening of the new St. Bernard Public Safety Center is scheduled for Saturday, November 29th from 11:00am until 1:00pm. The facility will be open for tours and light refreshments will be provided. As soon as the date is confirmed I will inform Council.

I know this may seem early to announce but Christmas in St. Bernard will be Saturday, November 29th from 6:00 until 8:00pm on Washington Avenue. Please join us as we wait for Santa and sing carols with the St. Clement School Student Choir at 5:45pm. The evening will be fun for all with free horse drawn wagon rides, a live Nativity, ice sculpture demonstration and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Free refreshments and treat bags will be provided as well. The Queen City Hi Railers train display returns in the lower level of the municipal building on Friday, November 28th and will be open through Sunday, November 30th. Please visit the website for specific hours of operation.

2015 part-time summer employment applications are now being accepted through December 31st. The applications are available on line and at the Administrative offices.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s office has prepared Ordinance 46, 2014 for tonight’s meeting. This Ordinance provides additional appropriations of: \$1,105.00 to 01-2-O-13 Service Dept. Equipment Outlay \$10,000.00 to 07-05 Service Garage Project

This is money the Village received from the Department of Transportation for substitute equipment for the garage lift and re-establishment funds that were deposited into the General Fund.

\$1,499,355.00 to 07-04 Vine St. Streetscape Project . This is the remaining money from grant that has not been appropriated for yet.

\$600.00 to 21-01 Mayor’s Court Computerization This is money received from Mayor’s Court that needs to be appropriated so it can be spent.

Council and the Administration were given the October 2014 Fund report and updated expense and revenue spreadsheets. Copies of the spreadsheets are available at the front door of Council Chambers. The October revenues were \$1,023,875.46. This includes the \$72,531.57 OBWC rebate we received. As of the end of October the year to date revenues compared to 2013 are down \$42,888.96. The expenditures as of the end of October, with the bond money projects removed were \$10,166,555.87. Year to date \$358,348.46 has been spent on the Vine Street Streetscape, \$1,068,560.74 on the new Service Garage and \$5,756,952.66 on the Safety Center. Comparing year to date expenditures without the bond money project included the expenditures are up \$52,706.75.

I also added a new line to the spreadsheet which I hope will help the Finance Committee with the number they are looking for. At the bottom of the Additional Appropriations column I removed the additional appropriations that used bond money, water works money and the rent collected from the CIC. This should give you a more accurate number of what the real additional appropriations are. Year to date this number is \$797,463.90. This includes \$195,000 for tax refunds, \$87,000 for additional legal services and \$270,000 for the Bank St. Litigation

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – I have made the changes requested for Ordinance #47, 2014 to the tabled Ordinance. As the Mayor stated, the Consent Order which ends the long running dispute over the landfill has been signed and filed with the Court. This is very good news for the Village of St. Bernard. There are responsibilities on the Village going forward, which will be overseen by our highly qualified expert groups CRA & SCS. Under their guidance there have been no methane exceedences in over 1 and ½ years, and they will continue with that guidance.

The Consent Order itself is available now on the Village website for anyone who would like to review that.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – I know that this is late but the report for the month of September, 2014 is as follows:

Receipts for the month of September:	\$ 1,381,920.78
Receipts for the year through September 2014:	\$ 10,257, 678.60

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenburg – Absent.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – The leaf truck is out getting leaves. Just a reminder to all residents who have small piles of leaves, please go ahead and put them in bags or cans because we are now, yard is part of our regular trash, so you can now dispose of them on regular trash day.

A Call Command went out tonight to remind all residents that there will be no trash pick-up on Tuesday because of Veterans Day. Tuesday's trash collection will be picked up on Wednesday and there will be no changes to Thursday or Friday's next week.

St. Bernard is having problems all over town with people feeding stray cats. Please do not feed them. I'm looking into passing some type of Ordinance to help stop the feeding of cats. Right now Hamilton County can help because they have, if you feed a cat, you become the owner of the cat, and the only thing that they do is to get you in a violation of not having vaccines for that particular cat. So I'm looking into talking with Curtis and also the Laws, Contracts and Claims to try to work with me and Mr. Robert Evans to come up with some kind of legislation to help us solve this problem. If you don't feed a stray cat it will move on. I don't know if we've become a dumping area for other areas bringing them in. I've come to find out that the, I've been talking to the SPCA, they've changed the policy that when we take cats down there, they are now giving them to an agency, one of those agencies that pick them up at the SPCA, they fix the cat, then they put it right back into the same neighborhood that, or where it was collected. So that doesn't help us when we are trying to get rid of the stray cats but it does help in the reproduction of the cats in the neighborhood. But that's what I'm saying, it's a huge problem for us now and I don't know what other communities are doing but we're reaching out to them to find out what kind of legislation they have to see if we can model something from them so I'll be working on that for the next several months. The best thing to do is to stop feeding the stray cat and they'll move on.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – I'll have the end of the month for October in everybody's mail box hopefully by tomorrow or Monday. With October being one of our busiest months of the year I'm a little behind so I wanted to make sure it is accurate so you'll have it by tomorrow or Monday.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – The Finance Committee met last Thursday to work on Ordinance No. 47, 2014 for the Police Clerk pay. We did add that her salary will be changed retroactively to October 27th, which is the date she officially took over for the retiring police clerk. We are recommending passage of Ordinance No. 47, 2014 tonight.

Also, Tuesday, November 11th will be my last Town Hall meeting for 2014. The meeting will start at 7:00pm in the lower level of City Hall.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – I have the Fire Dept. report for October. The Fire Dept made 22 fire runs, 4 mutual aid fire runs, 108 ambulance runs, 4 mutual aid runs. The Fire Dept. started the yearly maintenance of fire hydrants and continues to repair the broken hydrants. They taught two CPR classes, one for a private business and one for the coaches at St. Bernard High School. They also participated in the St. Bernard High School Walk-a-Thon.

The entire St. Bernard Fire Dept. would like to offer their condolences to the family of Ed Brown who passed away. Ed was a long time resident of St. Bernard and bravely served the citizens of St. Bernard as a member of the Fire Dept. for over 30 years.

I have the police report for the month of October; During the month of October, 2014 officers were involved in 772 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 19 accident reports and took 47 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 36 offenses. Officers made 95 misdemeanor arrests. Officers responded to

20 parking complaints and issued 2 citations for parking violations. Officers issued 32 traffic citations, 2 DUI arrests and 49 warnings. Officers responded to 69 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons.

Finally, I would like to thank National Honor Society members Makayla Genoe, Savannah Elliot, Benjamin Hackney and Charlie Durban for helping at this year's shredding event sponsored by First Safety Bank and New Shoots Landscaping. Over 3,000 lbs. of paper was collected and shredded.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – I have the Service Dept. report for October, 2014; there were 14 trucks placed at residences, 32 dumpsters placed at residences, 101 special pick-ups at residences, 197.11 tons of garbage taken to the landfill.

41.98 tons of recycling material, 517 pounds of scrap aluminum, 19 pounds of brass, 1520 pounds of scrap metal and 25 pounds of stainless steel.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – Council might remember, shortly after the Development Bonds were issued, there was discussion about creating a TIF district in St. Bernard. The District will be an overlay on Vine St. and Spring Grove Ave. incorporating the commercial/industrial areas.

Next week, we will have Attorney Douglas Miller from Donnellon, Donnellon & Miller explain the current effort to create and apply for the TIF district before the end of this year.

The Taxing basis changes in January, so it is an advantage to the Village to accomplish this effort now.

Mr. Mill will be present, explain and answer our questions next week. Please place Mr. Miller on the COW next week.

I also have some information from the St. Bernard Branch Library for some free upcoming events.

On Saturday, November 15th at 2:00pm, International Games Day Bingo

On Monday, November 17th, at 6:00pm, crafty Crafters Club

Monday, November 17th, at 6:00pm. Soy Candle Making

Please register on line or by phone at 369-4462 and on Monday November 24th at 6:30pm for the Book Club.

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

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY,, Mr. Kalb – Absent.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – Tonight I have the daily bus passenger list according to hours for October. Hourly totals were 1,263 and totals to date were 13,481.

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

Committee of the Whole
Oct. 23, 2014

1. Council approved the minutes of the Oct. 16th Council meeting.
2. Mr. Ray Pater, candidate for Hamilton County Domestic Relations Judge addressed Council.
3. Mr. Charlie Winburn, candidate for State Senate 9th District addressed Council.

4. After much discussion on the Police Clerk Ordinance at the Special Council meeting, there was a motion to correct the Ordinance for the new Police Clerk for the next Council meeting and Council voted 7-0 to place it on the table.
5. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 - A. Asked Council for an Ordinance to put the remaining money for the Streetscape Project into the line item. Council voted 7-0 to put in on the table.
 - B. Said that the new E-STUB paychecks will start next week.
6. Law Director, Curtis Walden
 - A. Reported that he will work on the corrections to the Police Clerk Ordinance and some hall rental revisions that were asked for by the Mayor.
7. Service Director, Phil Stegman
 - A. Asked for \$30,000.00 for the maintenance line item a few weeks ago for repairs to the electric truck as well as one of the packers, and the packer was worse than they thought. No other is needed, but he just wanted to make Council aware.
 - B. The work needed for the railroad crossing on Murray Rd will cost about \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00. We will do the work and the State will reimburse us when the work is complete.
8. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
 - A. Reported that he went to Dayton for a meeting of Tax Commissioners. They were given an update on HB 5 and everyone agreed that we were opposed to the bill. SB 282, a bill stating that the Village could not tax non-residents, was also discussed. He and the Mayor will attend a meeting with the City of Cincinnati next week.
9. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
 - A. Reported that the Investment Committee met tonight and agreed to invest \$250,000.00 with STAR-OHIO.
10. Finance, Don Tobergte
 - A. Reported that the Committee will meet next Thursday Oct. 30th at 6 PM to discuss the Police Clerk Ordinance as well as the Service Department contract.
 - B. Said that his next Town Hall meeting will be Nov. 11th at 7 PM downstairs.
11. Safety, Ray Culbertson
 - A. Reported that the last two weeks the St. Bernard Fire Department has conducted their annual fire safety classes to St. Bernard Elementary and St. Clement. The program is an important one, as it teaches our children about fire safety. The program is designed to teach age appropriate subject matter and as the students' progress through each step of the program; they become familiar with a myriad of fire safety knowledge. The program includes everything from fire fighting lectures, videos and the student favorite smoke house. The smoke house simulates a small home filled with smoke and the older students are taught and experience what is needed to escape safely from the home filled with smoke. Special thanks to Dave Holt and Dave Strotman for teaching the classes.
12. Laws, Contracts & Claims, Cindi Bedinghaus
 - A. Asked about the Service Department contract and said that she didn't feel that she was qualified to do the negotiations and thought it should go back to the Administration. After much discussion it will be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting next week.
13. One of the police officers asked a few questions about the Police Clerk Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Asbach

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Mrs. Bedinghaus made a motion to read tonight’s Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Ms. Hausfeld seconded the motion. Council agreed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 46, 2014. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus. , seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 46, 2014. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs., seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 46, 2014 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 47, 2014. AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8, 2010 AND FIXING THE 2014 COMPENSATION OF THE POLICE CLERK FOR THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus , seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 47, 2014.

REMARKS

Mayor Burkhardt – I would like to let Council and the public know that we will be starting the Police Clerk out of the second 26 weeks of service. But then her next increase would not be for 52 weeks. I just wanted to make that clear to everybody.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I would just like to state that as a member of the Budget Committee that I was in favor of this Ordinance. This employee has taken the place of the Police Clerk who retired. This current has employee has been with the Village for nineteen years. She has been a good factor and she has filled in for the Police Clerk when that person has been out and she has gotten very good reviews over the years and so I recommend too that this Ordinance go through because she deserves it.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 47, 2014 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Brickweg – I just wanted to comment, Ed and I, we didn't know anything about that TIF meeting that is going to be next Thursday. There's no way I can be at Council. And I'm not looking at you, Dianna, but it would have been nice if Paul would have let us know since it's affecting us.

Mayor Burkhardt – Yes, he just brought it to me yesterday for the first time.

Mrs. Brickweg – I guess in the future we can ask him again If he would talk to the people that it affects, Ed's going to be real hard to be here. I don't think that I'm going to be able to make it but I know that it's really going to affect me so, I'm sorry about that.

Mayor Burkhardt – And anything that comes out of this first meeting we will make sure that you're up to date.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - There would be no way that you would know anything about that because I just read the report but this is something that we're trying to get through by the end of the year not by next week, so we can make sure that you're kept abreast of everything.

Mrs. Brickweg – All I'm saying is, and I said it to Bill, we don't have a really good communication at City Hall between downstairs and upstairs. We really need to improve that.

Mayor Burkhardt – Maybe we'll make it all upstairs.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, second by Mrs. Bedinghaus to excuse the absent the member. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00pm. Just as reminder, because of Thanksgiving, the following COW will be on Tuesday, November 25, at 7:00pm.

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