

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, August 6, 2015 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. Michael Peck – The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Peck – I will now turn the meeting over to Mayor Burkhardt.

Mayor Burkhardt – I would like to introduce Ms. Lilly Middendorf, daughter of Don and Dorothy. Lilly has been participating in the National American Miss Pageant and was recently crowned Miss Ohio Pre-Teen Cover Girl and will be representing St. Bernard in November when she participates in the National American Miss National Pageant in California. I understand Ms. Middendorf would like to say a few words and I will then read and present her with a proclamation.

Ms. Lilly Middendorf – Hello everybody. My name is Lilly Middendorf. I am here tonight to thank my family, friends, sponsors and citizens of my home town St. Bernard for all their support for the 2015 Miss Ohio Pre-Teen Cover Girl. I am very proud to represent St. Bernard and the State of Ohio and National American Miss at the National Pageant in California this November. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Mayor Burkhardt then read the proclamation, presented it to Lilly and proclaimed August 6, 2015 to be Lilly Middendorf Day.

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – I would just like to tell Lilly once again, good luck in November.

The Mayor's Monthly Court Report Receipts for July, 2015: Mayor's Court Costs/Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous receipts were \$3,316.30. Bonds applied to outstanding tax obligation, \$465.00. Total to the City was \$3,781.30. Total to the County was \$20.00. Total to the State was \$1,044.00. Total Disbursements were \$4,845.30.

I would also like to announce that the St. Bernard Tax Levy Renewal passed at the Special Election on Tuesday. This is good for St. Bernard and will allow us to continue moving forward.

Tomorrow, Friday, August 7th is family night at the St. Bernard Aquatic Center. DJ Chris Gaines will be providing the evening's entertainment from 7:00pm until 10:00pm. Door prizes of Dairy Queen, LaRosa's and Chili Time will be given

away throughout the evening. Free admission to St. Bernard residents. Please contact the pool at 242-7775 for more details.

I would also like to ask Council to go into Executive Session concerning property.

AUDITOR, Mr. Brickweg – The Auditor’s Office has prepared two Ordinances for tonight’s meeting. Ordinance No. 42, 2015 provides for additional appropriations to:

01-2-C-4	Professional Services	\$8,550.00	fixes assets & inventory
01-7-A-13	Fire Dept. Equipment Outlay	\$147,345.00	FEMA SCBA & air compressor
01-5-A-6	Hall Rental	\$1,000	refunds

We bring money in and we give it back out as refunds and we’ve also been able to keep some money because some people are not following the contract and they do not get their deposit back.

And moving the following appropriations:

FROM GENERAL FUND:

01-58-8	Holiday Activity	\$900.00	brown bags
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This is for the brown bags that everyone is receiving and you can also purchase additional ones for \$1.00 at City Hall.

01-2-O-2C	Part Time Permanent	\$10,000.00	
01-2-O-12	Plastic Liners and Recycle Bins	\$2,000.00	
01-5-A-14	Maintenance Contracts	\$5,000.00	
01-6-A-1	Police Salaries	\$10,000.00	
01-AP-1	Swimming Pool Managers	\$10,000.00	

TO GENERAL FUNDS:

01-2-A-3A	Promotions	\$900.00	bags
01-2-O-9	Service Equipment Maintenance	\$10,000.00	loader & other equipment
01-2P	Professional Services	\$2,000.00	center of local Gov. &
01-2P	Professional Services	\$5,000.00	survey of Police & Imwalle
01-6-A-8	Police Equipment Maintenance	\$10,000.00	cruisers breaking down
04-SP-2	Swimming Pool Employees	\$10,000.00	new asst. managers

There is also Ordinance No. 43, 2015 on tonight’s meeting. This is the Ordinance that I spoke about at the COW. It’s just setting up the new line items so we can take the police cars out of that. I went through the whole thing and I tried to estimate what the new additional costs would be once we get their lights and sirens built. We have not received that so we haven’t paid for it. Since I have to estimate this we may need additional funding for at the end of the year for that once we find out what our monthly payment will be on that but I’m hoping we don’t.

The Auditor’s Office provided Council and the Administration the end of the July Expense and Revenue spreadsheets. The revenues for July were \$1,060,978.75. This includes the \$147,345.00 the Village received from a FEMA for the Fire Department to purchase new Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses and a new air compressor. With that money removed the revenues for July were \$8,022,171.16. Year to date revenues when compared to 2014 are up \$494,967.18. The year to date expenditures without the bond funded and Ross Ave. project, as of August were \$7,333,867.21. Compared to 2014 the expenditures are up \$93,780.55.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – I do want to thank the citizens for passing the levy. That will be a great benefit to St. Bernard. Also, before Council tonight is Ordinance No. 41, 2015. This is an Ordinance that comes up several times a year where we update the Codified Ordinances of St. Bernard to reflect changes made by the Ohio legislature and the laws of Ohio to make sure our Ordinances are

in line with the Ohio Ordinances and I would appreciate if Council would pass that tonight.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have the statement from 5th 3rd securities. Our total balance down there at the end of July was \$1,215,000.00. Also I have provided Council and the Administration copies of Star Plus statement of deposit that we have with the State of Ohio. The available balance at the end of July totaled \$1,465,729.02

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenburg – (given by Mr. Walden) Reminders, there will be a smoke detector blitz on Saturday August 15th. The blitz will be from 10:00am until 2:00pm and the streets being targeted are: The 4400 – 5000 blocks of Greenlee, Sullivan and Tower, all of Kemper, Franklin, Jefferson, Jackson, Washington and McClelland. Anyone else wishing to have smoke detectors installed on Saturday the 15th can call the Fire Department any time before the 15th and we will put you on our list to receive detectors. Also I have the Police Department monthly report for July, 2015. During the month of July, officers were involved in 695 calls for service. Of those call, officers responded to 36 accident reports and took 35 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 27 offenses. Officers made 73 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests. Officers responded to 34 parking complaints and issued 4 citations for parking violations. Officers issued 9 traffic citations, 1 DUI arrests and 27 warnings. Officers responded to 79 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – I would just like to update the residents and Council of the projects that are going on in town. As you see, Thursday we started grinding Vine St. That will take place tomorrow also. The first level course will go on Saturday, so if anyone can stay far away from Vine St. it helps with the traffic situation. Next week they will be adjusting the sewer lids and putting the final coat on the following, pending any weather issues, it would be Monday for the final course to go on.

Also Ross Ave. has completed the water main. Now they will be fixing catch basins and curbs. Most of the plates that are on Ross Ave. will be removed by Friday and then they will be grinding and paving, I don't have a date, exact date of when they are going to start grinding and paving Ross but that will be coming soon.

Also they did start the parking lot behind LaRosa's. They have a very good start on it. It got very muddy today so it's on a couple of day hold but it looks like that will be ending in Sept. to have that parking lot completed.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Absent.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. Tobergte – Last Saturday 20 residents and 2 Service Department employees came out to clean-up our Village streets. Thanks again to JuJu Beans and Newshoots Landscaping for supplying the refreshments. My next town hall meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 11th at 7:00pm in lower level of City Hall. All are invited to attend.

SAFETY COMMITTEE, Mr. Culbertson – I would like to remind the residents that the next Block Watch Meeting will be a picnic on Tuesday, August 18th at

5:30pm at lower Ross Park. If you plan on attending please contact Councilman Don Tobergte at 242-9499 so he knows how much food to prepare. I also have the Fire Dept. Report for the month of July 2015: the Fire Dept. responded to 50 total fire runs, 3 mutual aid fire runs. They responded to 111 emergency medical runs, and gave mutual aid on 17 emergency medical runs. The new air packs down there were bought with the assistance of the Fire Fighters Grant. They have been delivered and were put into service today. The new air compressor, which was also bought with the same Grant was delivered today and will be installed in the near future.

SERVICE COMMITTEE, Mr. Asbach – I have the Service Department report for July, 2015. There were 33 trucks placed at residences, 32 dumpsters placed at residences, 88 special pick-ups at residences and 232.44 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. There were 37.37 tons of recycling material.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – No report.

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

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – No report.

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

Committee of the Whole
July 30, 2015

1. Council approved the minutes of the July 2nd Council meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
 - a. Reported that due to the opening of local schools the week of August 17th the pool is scheduled to close for the season on Sunday August 16. Mr. Stegman has confirmed that we have enough supplies to get us thru the 16th, but if it is Council's wishes to extend the season on the weekends, additional monies will be needed for chemicals and staff.
 - b. Reported that with all the discussion about promoting St. Bernard and recycling, his office has purchased reusable grocery bags with the St. Bernard "Come, Sit, Stay" logo. One bag will be provided to each household for free. You can stop by City Hall to pick up your free bag and additional bags can be purchased for \$1.00 with a maximum of five per household. Initially the bags were purchased for Holiday Activity events, but since this is a great promotional item we have changed direction of the use. If Council is agreeable he would like to transfer \$904.16 from HAC to the promo line item.
 - c. Reminded everyone that the renewal tax levy will be on the August 4th ballot. This levy money is very important for the Village as it is used to keep us moving forward on our street projects. We have one coming up next year on Jackson Ave. Other municipalities have been having major issues with getting their street projects completed, but we've been extremely lucky to be able to keep up with ours. Therefore, we are asking all St. Bernard residents to please vote for the levy renewal so we can keep moving forward.
 - d. Asked Council to meet in Executive Session to discuss terms of employment. The motion was voted on 6-0 to do so at the end of the meeting. The motion was later amended to include employee compensation.
3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 - a. Talked about the levy renewal and said that it would bring in about \$1,000,000 a year for street projects.

- b. Asked Council to put an Ordinance on the table for transfer of funds and additional appropriations for certain line items. Council voted 6-0 to place it on the table.
- c. Reported that the police car loan paperwork is completed.
- 4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
 - a. Said that he was working with Phil on a project. He is also working with the Police and Fire Chiefs on projects as well.
 - b. Asked Council to place an Ordinance on the table to update our codified ordinances. Council voted 6-0 to place it on the table.
- 5. Safety Director, Valerie Van Valkenburg
 - a. Reported that Chief Moeller, Officer Simos and she have been conducting interviews for a new police officer.
- 6. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
 - a. Gave an update on a House Bill that has been introduced that would not allow Cities or Villages to tax non-residents. Also that he will have to change our tax code to mirror the State's code.
- 7. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
 - a. Reported that the 4th of July memorial fund was \$5,623.98.
- 8. Safety, Ray Culbertson
 - a. Reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be August 18th at 5:30 at Ross Park. It's the annual cook out and if you will attend please call Don Tobergte at 242-9499 to get a count for food.
- 9. Highways & Transportation, Patty Hausfeld
 - a. Reported that the June Dial-a-Ride hours were 1294 and year to date 7,679.
- 10. Health Nurse Laura Schmidt asked why certain people were not getting raises and was told that some were now because they had to be done before election petitions deadline. A young resident said that Council should keep the tax clerk who had been discussed during the meeting.
- 11. Council voted to excuse the absent member.
- 12. Council met in Executive Session on terms of employment and employee compensation and there was a motion and second and Council voted 6-0 to place the Fire Department Terms of Employment Ordinance on the table. There was also a motion, second and 6-0 vote to have a Special Council meeting on Monday August 3rd at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
 Steve Asbach
 President of Council, Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to read this evening's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 41, 2015. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, REVISING THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 41, 2015. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 41, 2015 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 42, 2015. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND MOVE FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 42, 2015. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 42, 2015 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Tobergte – Before you read Ordinance No. 43 there is a typo on Section 2, the 31-21 says Service Equipment Maintenance it says Interest for Police Cruisers. Yes, under Section 2, to General Bond Retirement Fund, 31-21 says Service Equipment Maintenance, it should be Interest Police Cruisers. Blame it on Nick, he's not here.

Mr. Peck – Thank you Mr. Tobergte

ORDINANCE NO. 43, 2015. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH NEW LINE ITEMS AND MOVE CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 43, 2015. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, second by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 43, 2015 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 45, 2015. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AGREED UP AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD AND LOCAL NO. 450, ST. BERNARD FIREFIGHTERS, UNION I.A.F.F., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to have Ordinance No. 45, 2015 take its regular course.

REMARKS

Mayor Burkhardt – I would just like to take the opportunity to thank Chief Kerry Meyer and my assistant Elaine Sipe for trying to get this together today. It was kind of a mad rush, kind of a deal to get it all together. I know Don found one typo that we were able to fix and I agreed to let it take its regular course so Council has a chance to peruse it since it was kind of a last minute. The Fire Dept. has agreed to accept the terms of employment if Council agrees too.

Mrs. Brickweg – Kerry asked me a question and I just received so if we could go through it and the only thing I can think of from my point of view is, I don't know, I haven't had a chance is this a retro active contract?

Mayor Burkhardt – It is for the 2% for the people not in the step. It will go back to their original date.

Mrs. Brickweg – OK so then I don't think there will be an issue because if it wasn't it wouldn't beOK, OK. Then I don't think there is any issue at all.

The motion to let Ordinance No. 45, 2015 take its regular course passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – First I would like to make a motion to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting for the purchase of property.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I will second that.

The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Culbertson – I have a question for Phil. Phil I had the opportunity to meet with some residents up on Moeller Ave. They had expressed concerns about the street conditions up there and would like to know what the short term plans are to perhaps go towards a new street overlay, a complete reconstruction, could you give them an update on where that might stand?

Mr. Stegman – On that five year plan, I gave to you to take up to the residents that night, it was projected to do something in 2018 or 2019. A project right around \$400,000.00 or \$500,000.00 total cost of the project, which normally we do a 50% match. The only problem with that, and really I would like to have your residents up there come back and ask, we just got some grant money, about \$50,000.00 worth but if we go and fix those roads, all these grants are based on the conditions of the roads, and I'm not saying that that is the greatest condition up there now but it isn't the worst either. As you can see Jackson, there's a lot of pot holes, a lot of bad spots in the road and it has to get that bad to get the grant money so if we go up there and throw money it's not going to pass and its going to push that 18, 19 date out to 2020 or 2021 so really I would like to know what they would like to do. If they want us to go up and do some good general fixing, I mean, to the tune of about \$20,000.00 or \$30,000.00 that will push that date off. It's one of those catch 22's. You do or you don't want to have a new street put in.

Mr. Culbertson – I will talk with them some more but general consensus was, they want to get a new street as soon as possible.

Mr. Stegman – OK.

Mr. Culbertson – Temporary patchwork things. Don't go overboard if that's going to kill chances.

Mr. Stegman – We could patch it ourselves. Have the Service Garage go up and they can do a good as job as any at cutting some of the bad spots out and reputting them back in but with asphalt on the concrete it just pops out within a year. I mean I'm talking about getting a contractor up there and do like the diamond effect like they did up on Chalet and Heger and throw some good money at it to keep it going for several more years. But then again when you go rating a road that just got fixed, you're not going to get that grant money. It's however they want to do it. It

does need work up there, but it also needs to get that deterioration to get the grants. That's all I can tell you. Unless you guys want to take the whole \$400,000.00 on yourselves and we do it next year. But, like I say, it's in steps of how we project it over five years. If it can get deteriorating faster we'll try to move that project up but, especially being a small street and a side street as it is.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Phil, have they started to do any rating on that street?

Mr. Stegman – No. Like I said, next year there would be from Greenlee to Tower to Delmar, that would be the next project as we go through the projects because it's getting deteriorated. They would probably rate that on 17, next year, start having it rated the following year. We'll rate next year that Delmar St. and the following year we'll start rating Moeller.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – That street does have holes in it as you drive up it and the curb curling and that as you drive on Moeller. I think 18 or 19 would be way too long to wait in my opinion.

Mr. Stegman – If it keeps on deteriorating at that rate then that would be something we could throw at it. But I would have to stop fixing it. Every time there's a pot hole or every time there is a crack we're up there cutting it out and fixing it. After it's fixed it's not deteriorating. See what I'm saying. You have to let it deteriorate otherwise it's not going to be rated very well and it's not going to let you fund it.

Ms. Hausfeld – More on a positive note Phil, I want to personally thank you for, I know I called you on your day off and I called you on another day to take care of a couple of problems down behind W. Ross and on Kemper Ave. and I know the citizens are very appreciative of those so thank you.

Mr. Tobergte – Are there any word and the final numbers on the Service Dept.?

Mr. Stegman – We have made final payment to the Service Dept. awaiting any possible litigation problems but as of now, it's final with the Service Dept. and I would have to grab the report to get the final numbers but I could get that for you.

Mr. Tobergte – Any work on putting the generator hook up down there?

Mr. Stegman – Me and Mike were just talking and I called out for the contractor that was giving me some numbers and we're going to meet with him Wednesday.

Mr. Tobergte – The final thing, that's the only city building that doesn't have a flag pole. I know we talked about just putting a flag up but is there any chance we could get a flag pole down there?

Mr. Stegman – Yes, but the generator is more important right now so see what money is left after that.

Mrs. Brickweg – Were you looking for the number that was left over? What you have right now, none of the money that's encumbered is that correct? Ok, in the encumbered money line item is \$87,584. 48. You can also add to that, the balance, which would be \$2,276.78. It's up to Council, I don't know what you'll need to be down at the Safety Center but remember we took money from the Safety Center

and put it toward the Service so I don't know if that's something you want to take from the Service and put it back in the Safety but you can let me know.

Mayor Burkhardt – We have that 4th of July fund for the corner out here where the flags are. Maybe would could look and see if we could use some of that money and put a flag up at the Service Garage. We'll check and see what we can do and what we can't do but that's what that fund is for, it's for the monument flags out there. People always ask me what the 4th of July fund is for but that's what it is for. Maybe we could look into maybe doing that. Also, I know Council has been well aware of some of the issues going on at City Hall with employees in particular. I'll be meeting with the Dept. Heads in the next week or two to start working on a policy and procedure to see if we can curb some of the issues we've been having.

Mr. Tobergte – Bill I sent you, emailed a couple of policy manuals, did you get those?

Mayor Burkhardt – Yes, well they're on my email, I haven't been able to get to them yet.

Mr. Tobergte – They're long ones so have fun.

Mayor Burkhardt – OK.

Ms. Hausfeld – Peggy, how much, I don't remember I don't have it off the top of my head, how much did we take from the Safety Center, do you remember?

Mrs. Brickweg – \$270,000.00 or \$250,000.00. I think \$250,000.00.

Ms. Hausfeld – And now we have \$90,000.00 that we can put back in it?

Mr. Stegman – We sent money back over at one point. I think it was like \$110,000.00 we already sent back over but realize, like I said, with the generator, that was pulled off the project we were supposed to have that project and with the Service Dept. there was a generator supposed to go on that project and it was taken out so that \$90,000.00 was needed to get a generator plus switches too so that we have gas during an emergency, so the garage doors would be able to be opened. There will be some more money needed so I wouldn't say let's throw the whole \$90,000.00 over to the Safety Center until we figure out what the generator cost.

Mr. Kalb – Curtis, about two months ago we had talked and I asked you to look into further about a Village Manager and how their villages were run and cities were run. You were going to look into if it could work here and open up the Charter and I was wondering if you done any research or had anything new on that?

Mr. Walden – Yes Andy, I did. My understanding is that some time next year there's going to be a discussion about possibly forming a new Charter Committee to open up the Charter and look at issues like that. I don't know if we have any deadlines for that or anything. I have discussed that with the members of the Administration and I think that that is coming and I provided the information I was able to find to the Administration along those lines.

Mr. Kalb – Is it possible for me to get that information as well?

Mr. Walden – Yes I will get that to you.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – A couple of things. The 8th annual St. Bernard soapbox derby will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Races start at 9:00am. Thanks to the St. Bernard Police, Fire and Service Departments for sponsoring cars, along with Jerry Day Auto, Greenlee Garage, Gerry and Pat Wiedman and my Business mentor Mr. Gil Richards who is sponsoring 3 cars. If you are interested in racing one of the sponsored cars contact me at newshoot@fuse.net. I will once again reimburse the Village for the overtime that will be paid. So this event will not cost the Village any money.

Also, the Police and Fire Benevolent Assoc. Steak Fry is being held Friday, Aug. 28th. Dinners will be served from 4:00pm until 8:00pm. Tickets can be purchased from any Fire Fighter or Police Officer.

Ms. Hausfeld – I noticed that Walt Moeller was in the audience and I, were you here to discuss this? I just thought it might be an opportune time for him to talk about it if he wanted to talk about it.

Walt Moeller – I was actually asked by Valerie to put a report together for this evening and that's what this is about. It would have been hard to give you hard fast numbers for this summer because we actually have been working on a brand new program. What you have in front of you is our new permit. The cover sheet, that's what our new permit is going to look like. It's not going to be that little small 5x7 sheet that we used to use. This will be it. It's actually computerized now to generate the numbers. I'm sure that our Auditor is going to appreciate that when it comes time for our audit. Something she doesn't know about either, we'll be able to do the reports for the assessments for the BVS, we'll be able to give you a report for that.

The second page is actually another portion of the project that we've been working on. It is called our door to door which is our HIP program. It will also be associated with the rental program. It is all online. These are all live, I've scratched the names out so you couldn't tell who they were for. We actually rolled it out. The first time we were able to use it was the week following the wind storm. We actually went out and all the extremely bad properties we wrote orders on because it's an assistance to the home owner as far a collection for insurance. I had damage in my back yard. Probably the third question they asked me when I was doing that was, were there orders written on your property. I said it happened 45 minutes ago, so no. So we did get out and get some of the bad ones that had that. There are a few that we're still watching in case you guys see some roofs that are in bad shape, if they're really bad shape, chances are there are orders on them already. If they're in minor shape, we're watching them and see if the residents take care of them. Back to this, it's called City Force. It's an excellent program. We actually were able to talk to people that supplied that to. Many ipads which we can use in the field. I can actually do the inspection, complete the inspections, send it to City Hall and have it printed without coming back to the shop. In the future it's going to really help us with our HIP program. We'll be a whole lot more efficient when we're out doing that. We actually have it set up also where it's going to be able to be used for the rental program also. So this all, it took a long time to set this up, we actually had to create several data bases for that. we

have every parcel in the City in this system now. Every address and then we actually crossed that with several other data bases so we have the most current mailing address. So when we print these off they'll be ready to go and we won't have to do a whole lot of research on it. I just wanted to let you know we are going to, this is actually live, we're using this portion in house right now and as of the first of next month there is a web based component on it where all of our commercial and residential we'll be able to do their applications online. They'll be able to submit their drawings online. They'll actually be able to fill out these applications, submit them online and that's going to save a lot of work for the girls up here that are having to do this thing. They generally have to help fill these out and hand enter them as of right now. That leads me to the next thing. These are all great things, you funded it last year, it's wonderful and we're moving forward and it's a good thing, it's going to save us a lot of time. A quick kind of plea for something for the budget for next year, the Tax Dept. has been asking for this for years and it would be very appropriate at this time to put some kind of a computer terminal here at City Hall so when residents come in to fill the applications out, they could sit down and fill it out. That way Heidi and Elaine won't have to do that. They may have to pop out and say yes you put an x right here but they won't actually have to do the work if we can do that and I know the Tax Dept. has been asking for something like that for years for during tax season they'd be able to do it. This system could coincide right with the Tax Dept. That's it. If you have any questions on it, it's a fabulous program and it's going to really save us quite a bit of time and the reason why I wanted to come and speak about it is because we spend most of the summer putting it together and we really haven't gone out and done a whole lot of inspections but I feel like in the next probably three or four weeks with this program we'll catch up with what we missed.

Mr. Tobergte – Walt, not on this subject but I talked to Paul, he's been working with Monarch Homes, can you give a little explanation of Monarch Homes, I know it's on the Village website.

Walt Moeller – Monarch Homes is a builder that has done a lot of work, I believe it's in the Blue Ash area. Doing something similar to what we do, not quite the same thing that we do but he develops projects and properties for the City of Blue Ash. Basically the same type of projects we're doing like we used to do with Maronda Homes. Maronda Homes, the person that was in charge in this area went out and started his own business and the new person is not quite as enthusiastic about infill homes. He's more plat homes where he's building 50 or 60 at a time. This guy is very excited, he's taken a good look at some of the projects that we have and he's going to be marketing that and hopefully be able to come back with some ideas for some additional areas that we're working on. He's a very nice builder, a custom home builder, individual type builder, it won't be a Maronda Home type homes. You'll be able to design and build a little better. Those properties, although they do have the builders name on it, they're still available for anybody to develop those with their own builder also, which is what Bobby did with his lot up there. He's just a preferred builder for right there because he's got the time and he's very interested to do it.

Mr. Tobergte – If I'm not mistaken did Paul say he does Town Homes?

Walt Moeller – Yes, he does everything. Town Homes, small businesses, everything. Thanks a lot and if anybody would like to stop down I can show you

how this works. It's kind of cool to see, so if you want to come down any time, let me know.

Ms. Hausfeld – I know I told the citizens, the Administration and Council that I had a problem with the email. I finally got one up and running and just to let everybody know, especially the citizens, it's pattyhausfeld@yahoo.com and that is up and running now. With that being said, did the City ever get their website up and running yet. I know I talked to Elaine the other day and it wasn't.

Mayor Burkhardt – Yes it's on but I'm still not getting anything on my phone yet.

Ms. Hausfeld – When I talked to Elaine the other day she said that S&H said, because I wanted her to transfer it to my personal stuff and she said that they preferred us not to do that. Is that still the case or?

Mayor Burkhardt – Yes because your personal

Mrs. Brickweg – If you would have the City's emails sent over to your private that would therefore make your private one open to public records. Kind of similar to the whole Hilary Clinton thing. I think it would be like if you don't want the City to be able to see all your emails you might not want to forward it.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chief Kerry Meyer – After porter tonight, the Fire Dept.'s new SCBAs are now in service. I would just like to thank Captain Greg Lipp and Fire Fighter Charlie Dodd for all their help acquiring the SCBAs. I also reported a few months ago that I would like to remind the residents that the St. Bernard Fire Dept. is now rated A2 by the insurance service office. This rating puts us in the top 2% of Fire Depts. in the United States. I would like to thank Lieutenant Brian Young for all of his effort in helping the Dept. reach this goal and lastly I would like to clarify about the smoke detector blitz coming up on Aug. 15th. If you are in one of the areas that the Law Director mentioned, you will not need to call. We are going to try to get to all of those homes and knock on the doors between 10:00am and 2:00pm. If you are in one of the areas that is not being targeted, then you can go ahead and call and we will try to hit you. If for some reason we miss you on Saturday or you're not home or something like that there will be ample opportunity to get smoke detectors installed after that.

Mr. Stegman – I just want to add to that, I was down at the Fire House today and I got to see the piece of equipment that was just obtained by the grant and it's very nice. It's something that's going to help life safety of the Fire Fighter too. There's a lot of warnings that if another Fire Fighter looks at the back pack, it actually flashes red, yellow, green telling them that their pack is getting low and one of those guys can be tapped on the shoulder and say it's time to get out. There's not that many in the State of Ohio is there Kerry? I think one of the officers down there told me that we're like one of the few that has this new piece of equipment and it was pretty neat.

Chief Kerry Meyer – Yes, they are nice. We are one of the first, as a matter of fact when we ordered ours, they weren't really up and running yet. We actually had to wait for MSA, the company we bought them from, so they are brand new, state of

the art and they are. They are very, very nice and they do have a lot of bells and whistles and hopefully they will be safer for our Fire Fighters.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, August 13th at 7:00pm.

Mr. Peck – At this time Council will go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property.

Mr. Peck – Council is back in regular session.

Motion by Ms. Hausfeld, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.