

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

The St. Bernard Village Council meeting was held Thursday, September 17, 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 all members present: Mr. Tobergte, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – Just to keep Council up-to-date, we've had a second meeting with the Police Dept. reps on the Terms of Employment and talks are progressing and as soon as I have something concrete I will bring it back to Council.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – Resolution No. 11, 2015 provides for Council's acceptance of the property tax rates and amounts as certified by the Hamilton County Budget Commission and estimated by the County Auditor. These rates and amounts were derived from property valuations and state reimbursements and from the tax budget submitted to the county in July for fiscal year 2016.

Ordinance 48, 2015 provides the following additional appropriations.

01-2-O-2A Service Dept. Overtime \$665.46 – which is revenue Don Tobergte provided to the Village to reimburse the overtime spent on the Soap Box Derby

01-2-O-8C Building Maint. – City Hall \$2,400.00 – this is additional money needed to pay for new air conditioners at City Hall

01-6-A-8 Police Dept. Maint. of Equipment \$225.00 – this is revenue the Village received from the insurance company which should have gone directly to Greenlee Garage for the storage of a Police Cruiser

01-7-A-2A Fire Dept. Tuition & Training \$45.34 – this is a reimbursement the Village received from training manuals

07-05 Service Garage Project \$87,584.48 – this money was encumbered at the end of 2014 for Performance Construction. In order to use this money with a different vendor the PO must be closed out and the money appropriated. Some of the money will be used to purchase a new generator for the

Service Garage. This is money the Village received from the Service Garage Project bond.

On Monday American Appraisal will be meeting with Phil Stegman and me to start the complete inventory and fixed assets of the Village. Phil will be accompanying the representatives to all the Departments.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – Some time ago Cindi had asked me to look into some of the legislation regarding feral cats and how other communities were handling those. I did have time to do this this weekend and Cindi unfortunately just tonight did receive a large stack of documents for us to go through and I will let her refer to that as we go forward but that is my report for this evening.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have the investments reports for Star Plus Ohio. This is our investment with the State. The current balance at the end of last month totaled \$1,705,937.45 Also prepared was the Fifth Third Securities report for our investments that are held with Fifth Third Bank. Again, as of September 1st the total there was \$1,215,000.00. The total investments for the City at this point is \$2,920,937.45.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenburg – The fire run report information for August, 2015; there were 33 total fire runs, including 2 mutual aid runs, 2 Elmwood and 1 Norwood. We also received mutual aid from Norwood, Golf Manor, Wyoming and Springfield Twp. On the EMS runs for August; there were a total of 101 EMS runs with 59 transports, 15 mutual aid runs to Elmwood and 1 to Norwood and we also received 1 mutual aid assistance from Norwood. Just a reminder that the Fire Dept is hosting a First Aid Class this coming Thursday evening, Sept. 24, 2015. Please call the Fire Dept. if you are interested at 242-9555.

Lastly, while the school year has started, the Police Dept. is still in need of a few individuals who are interested in assisting the children in our community and earning a little extra cash by serving as crossing guards. Please contact Chief Moeller @ 242-2727 if interested and have time available.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Just to let you know, the Vine St., Martin St. parking lot was completed last Friday. We do have some small things but it was open to the public as of last Friday.

They are wrapping up on Ross Ave. The sewer lids and the manhole covers by Friday. Hopefully they are going to start paving Friday and finish up paving Saturday. If they don't get completed on Saturday, the backup day is Monday. But as of Monday it should be totally done, weather permitting.

All the traffic routes on Vine St. are running. The traffic will start running better. The Duke poles that were put up are working now on the East side of Vine St. There is a concert in the park this Friday night. The WiFi is back in operation. This past weekend when they hooked up the FiOptics for the St. Clement Festival somehow something just got disconnected downtown, but it is up and running now and it will stay on. There will be WiFi for the concert in the park.

Also, tomorrow they will start erecting the steel beams for the score board, so hopefully the scoreboard shows up next week for them to put it up on the steel beams.

Also, tonight I'd like to have Council pass Resolution 10. This is for our SCIP Fund for our 2017 street project, Delmar and Moeller.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Absent

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – Thanks to all the people who came out last Saturday to help keep our Village clean. A special thank you to Mr. Helton for once again volunteering his time to bring a garbage truck and give me a ride around to pick up the full bags of garbage.

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, Sept 24, at 6:00PM in Council Chambers. We will be discussing the possibility of using a portion of our budget surplus to start the different equipment funds for Police, Fire and Service Departments and possibly a fund for the purchase of property. My thoughts would be to work out a percentage of budget surplus that would go into each fund so we can try to make a purchase easier financially.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – The next Block Watch meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30pm in the lower level of City Hall and there will be a representative from the Coroner's Office there to speak.

It's not really in my report, but I would like to thank Phil Stegman. I received a phone call from a resident down on W. Ross with some concerns about the street conditions and the cleanliness and they said you were right on top of the situation and took care of it. I don't know exactly what you did but they were extremely pleased with your reaction to the situation.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – The Village of St. Bernard recycled 192.04 tons and achieved a 14.27% recycling rate for the first period of 2015. Our community will receive a direct deposit check in the amount of \$4,740.70.

If our community recycled about 10 more tons, we would move up to the next highest funding level. So please recycle everything you can.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – I want to thank Curtis for doing the research on these Ordinances from other Cities relative to feral cats. As soon as I have the opportunity to go through them I will call a Laws, Contract and Claims Committee meeting so we can discuss this further.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – No report.

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

Committee of the Whole
Sept. 10, 2015

1. Council approved the minutes of the Sept. 3rd Council meeting.
2. Law Director, Curtis Walden gave Council a copy of how other communities handle people addressing Council at meetings. It looks like we have a good policy compared to others and will leave as is with the understanding that we can make a motion to allow more time for someone to speak.
3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg

- a. Asked Council for an additional appropriation Ordinance for certain line items. Council voted 7-0 to place it on the table at the next Council meeting.
 - b. Gave Council copies of the spread sheets that she had prepared for Council.
 - c. Reported that the audit of the CIC was complete and they were going over the numbers.
4. Safety Director, Valerie Van Valkenburg
 - a. Reported that there are additional testing results back from the police candidates and the chief, Lt. Simos and I will be meeting next week to review all results and hopefully select one or two of those candidates to receive employment offers.
 - b. Reminded everyone of the CPR class at the fire station on Sept. 15th from 6:30-9 PM. Please register by calling 242-2727 and ask to talk to the fire department.
 - c. Reported that she will be attending a seminar on Civil Service Law and Discipline in Columbus next week.
 5. Service Director, Phil Stegman
 - a. Told Council that the \$2,400.00, that was part of the Ordinance that the Auditor asked for, was needed because the A/C units for the building next door had gone up \$600.00 since the budget was prepared last year.
 - b. Asked Council for a Resolution to go out for SCIP funds. The projects being looked at are Moeller Ave. and Delmar Ave. The Delmar project would be \$750,000.00 with the Village portion being \$300,000.00 and the Moeller Ave. project would be \$390,000.00 and our portion being \$156,000.00. Council voted 7-0 to put the resolution on the table for the next Council meeting.
 - c. Gave Council a packet, with pictures, of the sidewalk area exiting the Eagles property on McClland Ave.. This sidewalk replacement is needed to aid those persons who are visually impaired be able to recognize where the driveway ends. Currently there is only blacktop and no curbs. There is money in the budget for this, but more money might be needed before the end of the year. Council approved the replacement.
 - d. Reminded everyone that the Hamilton County Hazardous Material drop off is Sept. 26th from 9-2 in Norwood. You must register before the event. All information is on our website.
 - e. Reported that he contacted someone from the railroad and we would have to take down the old train depot ourselves. He will continue to look into this matter.
 6. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
 - a. Apologized for missing the last Council meeting because he was out of town on business.
 7. Finance, Don Tobergte
 - a. Reported that there is a “Clean up St. Bernard” this Saturday from 9-noon. Please meet in the lot by 5/3rd. Refreshments will be provided by Ju Ju Beans and New Shoots Landscaping.
 - b. Asked the Mayor if he could start work on the 2016 budget. The Mayor said he would begin the process.
 8. Safety, Ray Culbertson
 - a. Said the next Block Watch meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 15th at 6:30 PM in the lower level.
 9. Business & Industry, Andy Kalb
 - a. Reminded everyone that the St. Clement Festival is this weekend. The times are Friday 7-11 PM, Saturday 3-11(Mass at 3 until 4PM), and Sunday 1-8 PM. He also thanked the police, fire and service departments for their continued support.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to read tonight's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2015. 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.

Mr. Asbach – I make a motion that before we do this, we have to amend it down in the, “approved this day” it says 2014 instead of 2015.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to amend the Resolution to read 2015.

Mr. Walden – While we are making a motion to amend, I notice that the “C” is left out of LOCAL in the heading of the Ordinance, if Council would like to add that at the same time?

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to amend Resolution No. 10, 2015. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 10, 2015 as amended. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Resolution No. 10, 2015 as amended as read. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2015. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 11, 2015.

Mr. Asbach – Dianna just pointed out that there is a question for Peggy. At the top it says Council met on the 9th day of October 2014.

Mrs. Brickweg – I must have missed that one.

Mr. Asbach – I make a motion that we amend it to read today's date on that.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I'll second that.

The motion to amend to passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of amended Resolution No. 11, 2015. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to adopt Resolution No. 11, 2015 as amended as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 48, 2015. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Asbach – This one looks good so.....

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 48, 2015. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 48, 2015 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – If I may add to Ray’s Safety Committee report. The representative from the Coroner’s Office was discussing the heroine epidemic in the area. The way heroine and the way heroine affects the body and stuff like that.

And also, Peggy I got a call from the Treasurer’s office again. Are we getting any closer to putting the check book online or is it still

Mrs. Brickweg – Yes, we have to buy new software so we have to look into possibly buying new to do it.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kalb – On behalf of the Festival Committee at St. Clement I would like to thank the Village for all they do every year to make our Parish Festival a success. First I would like to thank the Administration for allowing us to have the Festival at Vine Street Park. Secondly I would like to thank the Police Chief and the Officers for meeting our request every year by providing Officers during the festival for the safety of the patrons. The visible presence of Officers patrolling the crowd gives the workers and visitors a sense of security. In addition to paid details we would like to thank the extra patrols the on duty personnel do by driving through the park after hours and checking on our festival security. I know when I’m down there at 2:00 in the morning cleaning up it’s nice to know they are watching over us. Last but not least the Festival would not happen if it wasn’t for the countless hours the Service Department puts in setting everything up. Rain or shine, hot or cold, these guys make it happen year after year. I have the pleasure of working with the Service Department before the Festival each year and I’m always impressed by their professionalism, hard work, and fun spirit while working. Finally I want to thank the many St. Bernard Businesses that support their community, not only for this event but also for the many other community groups throughout St. Bernard. It’s the combined efforts of the residents, businesses and Village employees that make St. Bernard the best to live and raise a family.

Mr. Tobergte – At this month’s Block Watch meeting a question was asked about a rumor about the Woodstone Creek Winery on Vine St. was closing. They are not

closing. I talked to Paul Myers and also the Street Pops. It is their slow season now so they will be working on their store so hopefully they will be opening their store on Vine St. next year.

Mr. Walden – Just two quick items. I came here from the St. Bernard High School girls soccer game and a number of the parents were asking about the status of the score board so we're happy to hear that Phil was on top of that and that is progressing along, and second, I know there were some minor mistakes to the Resolutions. That was probably my fault. I was running around bothering Heidi and Peggy with the Sophomore Class Presidential Election and as I came in I was happy to say that my Sophie was elected.

Mrs. Brickweg – This might be Old Business but I missed it, I'm sorry. I would like to express my intent last week when I suggested the participants of the Clean Up Day could weed flower beds. I stated that if there is not enough garbage they could do this. It was somehow directed to the Service Department that I said they don't do a good job. That is not what I said and not what I meant because they were very upset with me apparently.

Ms. Hausfeld – Phil, I have had a business owner that is on Vine St. across from Chili Time that they said now that the on street parking is gone that there are a few little parking spaces back on the little street going into the pool but they're saying now that school is in those parking spaces are like always gone and they've had some complaints. I think one of the business owners has a partner that's handicapped and other residents so I just wanted to address that with you.

Mr. Stegman – The Chief and Valerie were working on that also and I just met with the Chief the other day and we're putting two handicapped spots right along side the, around the corner, and then moving down to making hour parking for the other three spots that are there to keep it for just business owners. That way it wouldn't be used for school time. So that's already being administered to get stakes put down there.

Ms. Hausfeld - Damn you're fast. Sorry, and Valerie I have to include you too. Bye the way, it was just brought to my attention so I thought I would mention it. And I just now thought of it while I was up here with these guys.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – So I guess this is for you guys. I notice driving down Vine St. right when you're coming towards City Hall the new lamp posts are up. You can't see the lights on the way down the hill. When you get closer to the traffic light, you can't see from the lamp post.

Mr. Kalb – On the same topic, in front of the PD, the same thing happened to me going down Vine St. there is a light post in the intersection and it blocks the one right on the right hand side.

Mr. Stegman – Are we talking about the same light?

Mrs. Schildmeyer – No. I'm talking about.....

Mr. Stegman -

Mrs. Schildmeyer -

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. – I don't know who to address this to but I don't know if there's a problem with the light at Tower and Ross that goes into Ross Park but it seems like it changed now and it never takes so long to change. And when there is something down there it's a back-up trying to get out. Plus I can't get out. It doesn't change for motor cycles, so I don't know if you guys actually changed that, changed the timing on it or what but it's a problem, OK.

Mr. Stegman – I can answer that, Tom. Once we get through the final paving of Ross Ave. the loops will have to be fixed on those lights also. Greenlee and Ross, Vine and Ross and then that one also.

Tom Rolfsen – So that's, are they on cameras and stuff? Like when you pull up they change?

Mr. Stegman – No. It's the loop detection that's embedded in the asphalt.

Tom Rolfsen – And they'll correct that when they do the street.

Mr. Stegman – Right. When they do the loops.

Tom Rolfsen – Yeah, when there's a big party down there it's hard to get out, especially with all the construction.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I'm wondering Phil, with motor cycles, as many motor cycles that are out this time of year, how does that work when a motor cycle pulls up to the light? Do they trip it?

Mr. Stegman – Yes, it's the weight of the vehicle or the weight of the motion that goes over the top of that loop.

Tom Rolfsen – I do bring a motor cycle out there and I don't know if the loop goes across the whole thing or not but I always have to turn right to get out of the park. So I don't know how that loop is working or how big it is but it really doesn't change and it hasn't in the past when I come up on the motor cycle. If there was some kind of line that shows you where you need to go over something it would be good.

Kerri Messer, Tower Ave. – Along the lines of the new sidewalks, again I just have a question about the parking that if you guys had figured out a way to put a five or ten minute parking space for that or at least go by his shop and say, hey man, we're working on this for you.

Mr. Stegman – I did meet with him the next day. I've had two meetings with him and I talked to the Chief and Valerie are looking into a solution to some of that problem.

Kerri Messer – Awesome, OK. And then there is the thing about the CIC members that are minimal or a minimum number. Did we ever figure that out?

Mr. Burkhardt – I talked to Paul again today and he is looking into the minutes because at some point the original Charter had 18 and at some point I know we had voted to go to 11 and every third month. But he was going to look into that because he didn't know why the Charter wasn't changed. But we're going to look into that to find out for sure and as soon as I know I'll let you know.

Kerri Messer – OK. And then the next thing was I talking to a fellow resident and they said I haven't walked up and down it all the way yet but there's large cracks in the sidewalk and other issues like do we like pay people in full or are we like holding off half the money so they can get it right. Like we put in 3. something million into this and to have huge cracks in it, I mean, is that cause they're not totally done or?

Mr. Stegman – I can answer that for you Kerri. There's a large map and what happens is, I've got it on my desk and all those cracks are notated or soil is not up against the sidewalk and all these little things. Once you get the map finished you get it to the contractor and he comes in and just does it all at one time. So yeah, there won't be anything paid until everything is done.

Kerri Messer – Awesome. Just a couple of more things. City Beat magazine, I didn't know if you guys had seen it, there's an article about On Lining in their magazine so I think that's really awesome and we know the direction we want to go we want to pull people in and have things like that too, you know, to keep businesses going. On a different note though, there's a huge garbage pile on Mitchell. I don't, and it's been there for how long, two weeks, a week and a half, so I didn't know if we could get on top of that. I guess, it's a couch with a bunch of.....

Mr. Asbach – That's Cincinnati side.

Kerri Messer – Oh, OK. And then the last question was about the Police cameras down at Vine St. and the drug dog thing that we looked at

Mr. Tobergte – I did talk to Chief Moeller about the drug dog. They're saying the only problem is, they did look into it a couple of years ago when Kevin Meyer was on Council, we got the pricing back then. One of the problems you have with a canine unit for St. Bernard Police Dept. it's made available for County wide. So he's not going to be here all the time. It would be out on mutual aid runs the majority of the time. If we ever need a dog he's got a couple of agencies that could bring a dog in, no problem. I also talked to Paul about the rules and regulations of the CIC. He printed me off a couple of copies from the December 16, 2009, you can have a copy if you want one.

Kerri Messer – OK, thank you.

Tom Rolfsen – I got to make sure I hit my five minute limit.

Mr. Peck – Actually you can speak twice.

Tom Rolfsen – My thing is, when we make these runs to Elmwood and stuff do we charge, I know you're supposed to bill the insurance company if they pay, but do we do that when we go to Elmwood all the time, or Norwood.

Ms. VanValkenburg – We don't go to Elmwood or Norwood all the time. We have a Mutual Aid pact and we receive aid from them as well. We don't charge them especially, no.

Mr. Burkhardt – When the ambulance runs, we do charge for that.

Tom Rolfsen – The insurance company, right? If they pay, they pay? No I'm not saying charge Norwood. I'm saying charge the person that they pick-up. OK. Just wanted to make sure. So thanks.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, September 24th, at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.