ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, April 7, 2016 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Ms. Valerie Van Valkenburg–Walden − The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Estep − We would like to have a moment of silence for a life long resident and long time servant of the City of St. Bernard. Mr. Geiser passed away late this afternoon and we would like to have a moment of silence in his honor.

Mr. Stuchell − It is with great pleasure that we welcome our newest member of the St. Bernard Fire Dept., Fire-fighter/Paramedic Ryan Case. We would also like to welcome his significant other, Candace, and his parents, Bob and Amy, his sister Erin, Brother-in-law, Eric and nephew, Oliver. They are here tonight to witness him being sworn in. Ryan comes to the St. Bernard Fire Dept. with previous experience with the Madeira/Indian Hill Joint Fire District, Colerain Fire Dept., and the Whitewater Twp. Fire Dept.

Mayor Estep then swore in the new Fire-fighter, Ryan Case.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Estep − I believe on the agenda we spoke about a couple of things, about the two meetings, but I think you want me to go now to the Proclamation and we can talk about that after the Scouts. I will go to the other podium and I would like to have Lily Middendorf meet me there. I would like to introduce Miss Lily Middendorf.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the Village of St. Bernard to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, the Village of St. Bernard is proud to have among its own such outstanding and first class citizen, MS. LILY MIDDENDORF; and

WHEREAS, LILY MIDDENDORF was born November 8, 2004 and grew up in St. Bernard at 5117 Broerman Avenue with her parents Dorothy and Donald. She is adored by her siblings Cory, Amber, Brian, Autumn and Aurora, and

WHEREAS, on June 28th of 2015, Lily was crowned Miss Ohio Pre-teen Cover Girl via the National American Miss Pageant. She represented the Village of St. Bernard and the Great State of Ohio in the National Pageant in California this past November, and
WHEREAS, Lily was crowned National Cover Girl 2015-16 on November 27th of 2015. She is very proud to have brought this title to St. Bernard, and

WHEREAS, Lily participates and volunteers in many community events. She is involved with collections for Matthew 25 Ministries Disaster Relief. She has collected supplies for the flooding in South Carolina, the tornados in Texas and Alabama, as well as the flooding in Missouri and Illinois. Most recently she collected water for Flint, Michigan. Lily feels the disasters don't take time off and neither should we when it comes to helping our neighbors, and

WHEREAS, Lily is attending St. Clement School where she is an above average student and continues to grow her love for her community. She is also a pretty good volleyball player, and

WHEREAS, congratulations and adulation is due MS. LILY MIDDENDORF upon this outstanding occasion. St. Bernard is truly honored to have you represent our community, and

NOW THEREFORE, do I John R. Estep, Mayor of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio, proclaim April 7, 2016 to be LILY MIDDENDORF DAY in the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio.

Signed this 7th day of April, 2016

John R. Estep
Village of St. Bernard

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – Absent.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Peck – We had Mayor’s Court last night. There was one HIP inspector case. There were 85 cases on the tax docket, 37 cases for arraignment, 3 cases set for pretrial, 3 cases set for trial, 2 of which resulted in a plea, 18 cases set for payment. Additionally I have prepared a proposed amendment to our Ordinance regarding animals running at large that deals specifically with stray and feral cats. I have given each Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee member a copy. Mrs. Bedinghaus, after you have reviewed the Ordinance please contact me about setting up a Committee meeting. Additionally, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, and I just want to let everybody know that we are going to have a membership meeting opened to everybody on Council and all elected officials, May 23, where Tex Garrett, the new head of the Ohio Municipal League, will be speaking as well as Dennis Deters, the new Hamilton County Board of Commissioners leader.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have the inventory detail report from Fifth Third securities. Currently at Fifth Third we have $1,215,000.00. I also included a copy of the Star Plus Accounts that the Village has with the State of Ohio. The total there was $2,709,214.83. So the total of all investments at the end of March is $3,924,214.83.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – I have the St. Bernard Fire Department report for the month of March. During the month of March there were 87 EMS details with 45 patients transported. We’ve had a total of 31 fire details.
I also have the report for the St. Bernard Police Department for the month of March. During the month of March, officers were involved in 810 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 28 accident reports and took 43 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 32 offenses. Officers made 84 misdemeanor arrests. Officers responded to 47 parking complaints and issued 11 citations for parking violations. Officers issued 20 traffic citations, 2 DUI arrests and 46 warnings. Officers responded to 91 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons.

SERVEICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Paul – I would like to remind our residents on Jackson Ave. that we are going to ask you to get your garbage and recycling out by 7:30 in the morning during the construction so our collection doesn't disrupt the workers.

To our community, I did a little reading about the Scouts and came across this and thought I could apply it to my life. Perhaps you can apply it to yours. It is the goal of scouting to contribute to the development of young people in keeping their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals. As responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Moore – We're headed in the home stretch here. Next Friday is the 15th and that next Monday is the 18th and as I mentioned last week, what we're going to do is set up tables outside on both days and be prepared to meet the rush on both days. We're going to do the Call Command tonight, I believe, to remind one last reminder to the citizens. While they might not owe any money, their taxes are due on the 18th.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – Tonight Jake Hackney will be giving the Finance Committee report. He is a Senior at St. Bernard High School. He has been scouting for 7 years. He likes playing soccer, running track and he's on the swim team. He also likes playing in the school band.

My next Cleanup St. Bernard will be Saturday April 30th. We will meet in the lower level parking lot at 9:00am and I will serve lunch at 12:00 noon. We will also be assisting Ms. Lily Middendorf by collecting water based paints and stains. Any resident can bring their unwanted water based paint to the lower level parking lot. The collected paints will be taken to Matthew 25 Ministries.

Speaking from the heart, I want to thank Lily and Donald Middendorf for their work with the Matthew 25 Ministries.

And a Happy Birthday to Ray Culberson.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – Tonight I have Girl Scout Jaita Ritter here to give the Safety Committee report. Jaita is a 7th grade student at St. Bernard/Elmwood Place Junior High School. She's been a Girl Scout for seven years. She is an Honor Roll Student and likes to run track. I present to you Jaita Ritter.

Here are a list of Social Media safety tips:
Never post your personal information, such as a cell phone number, address or name of your school.
Be kind to others on all forms of social media.
Be aware that information you give out through social networking sites, instant messages, emails and blogs could put you at risk of bullying and other types of crimes.
Use privacy options on all social networking sites.
Never share passwords with any friends.
Report misconduct to internet providers of sites.
Tell adults when you need help.
The Fire Department would like to remind everyone that trauma season is upon us.
Please wear a helmet when ever you are riding your bike. Also, we would like to
remind all drivers that with the warming weather, children will once again be
engaged in outdoor activities. Please drive carefully and watch for children
playing all over the Village.
The Fire Department would also like to remind all residents of the limits of open
burning in the Village. A patio wood-burning unit or fire pit may be installed and
used in the Village of St. Bernard only in accordance with all of the following
provisions: a. The patio wood-burning unit shall not be used to burn refuse.
b. The patio wood-burning unit shall burn only clean wood.
c. The patio wood-burning unit shall be located at least 25 feet from the
nearest structure which is not on the same property as the patio wood-burning unit.
d. The patio wood-burning unit shall not cause a nuisance to neighbors.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – Representing the Service Committee this evening will be
John Hackney. Johnny is in the 7th grade at The Calvary Academy. He has been
in Scouts for six years. His outside interests are fishing, sleeping, hanging out with
friends and playing video games.
The Service Department report for March 2016; 23 trucks placed at residences, 32
dumpsters placed at residences, 132 special pick-ups at residences 188.99 tons of
garbage taken to the landfill.
Recycling report; 37.86 tons of recycling 21 pounds of scrap aluminum, 3940
pounds of scrap metal and 103 pounds of stainless steel.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Ms. Hausfeld – Absent.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – Tonight giving the
Laws, Contracts and Claims report is Samantha Matto. She is in 7th grade at St.
Bernard/Elmwood Place Junior High School. She has been in Scouting for 6 years.
She runs Jr. High Cross Country, runs track, plays clarinet in the Jr. High Band, is
on the swim team and has participated in the PTA dance group for the last 7 years.
Her favorite dances are jazz and hip-hop.
Join WLWT for “Shred Day” on April 16th. Destroy sensitive documents safely
and securely. On Saturday, April 16, from 9:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. you’ll have the
opportunity to shred all your sensitive documents for free at the 7th Annual Shred
Day. Bring financial records, receipts and personal documents to one of the
following Kemba Credit Union locations:
West Chester Branch: 8763 Union Centre Blvd., West Chester, OH 45069.
Bridgetown Branch: 5844 Bridgetown Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45248.
Florence Branch: NEW LOCATION; 5935 Merchants St., Florence, KY 41042.
The Law Director gave me an Ordinance about cats. I will get with Mr. Peck and
schedule a Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee meeting.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – Tonight I have Jaylen Moore reading
my report. He is in the 8th grade at St. Clement School. He has been Scouting for
3 years. He enjoys playing basketball, music and games and helping people.
The Village is still looking for local businesses to sponsor and or participate in the
4th of July celebration. If interested please contact either myself at 265-7349 or
Cheryl Abrams at 242-7770. Let's work together to make this a great event.
I would like to congratulate Roger Bedinghaus on his retirement after 45 years of
continued business here in St. Bernard. Between the Pin Haus and Lost Corner,
the residents have no doubt created many memories. The Lost Corner and Pin
Haus have supported the Village and many other community organizations over the years financially and with his knowledge and talent. Thanks for always supporting your community, and we wish you a very happy retirement.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Schildmeyer – Tonight I have the pleasure of introducing Girl Scout Jazmine to you. She is a 4th grader at Elmwood Place elementary. She has been in Scouts for 5 years and I’m sure that her parents are very excited to announce that she is an Honor Roll student.

Bridge construction is in Phase 2. Final NEW railroad track construction will occur in Spring ’16 after Phase 2 completion in order to meet revised completion date of 6/6/16. Beams for the new bridge have been installed.

I-75 Mainline from Mitchell Ave. To the Norwood Lateral. Project is in Modified Phase 1. A portion of the SB-75 bridge over Vine St. Is under construction along with highway widening on either end of the aforementioned bridge. Current lane configuration (AKA contra flow land SB) will be maintained thru the winter 15/16 into spring ’16.

For any interested residents, a study is on the Ohio Department of transportation web site regarding the I-75 Mill Creek Expressway project. This study, in the Cincinnati, St. Bernard area aims to improve traffic flow, enhance safety and minimize impact to adjacent properties along I-75.

Tim Meister has retired after 20 plus years of service to the Village. We thank him for a job well done. Please join me in congratulating him on his retirement. The Village wishes him all the best in the future.

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

Committee of the Whole

Mar. 31, 2016

Council approved the minutes of the March 17th Council meeting.

Mayor, John Estep

Discussed having only two meetings a month instead of four. Most other communities only meet twice a month. After much discussion it was decided to hear from the public at the next Council meeting and then try it on a trial basis for six months. The first Thursday would be the COW meeting and the third Thursday would be the Council meeting.

Thanked the Service Department and everyone else that helped with the Easter Egg Scramble.

Auditor, Peggy Brickweg

Said that Nick was in training last week and learned a lot of information.

Said that there are still the summer helper packets available at City Hall.

Reported that there was a BWC meeting on Tuesday and Mr. Peck had a lawyer there and he said we were doing things right.

Law Director, Mike Peck

Gave Council a copy of the Ohio Revised Code sections that deal with meetings.
Reported that they will be looking at other communities to see what they do with their BWC issues as well as other issues.

Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell

Welcomed our newest firefighter, Ryan Case, who will be sworn in at next week’s Council meeting.

Reported that there was a resident that was arrested who had been on quite a crime spree. More details will be given at the Council meeting.

Said that while at the Police Department he witnessed a discussion with the owner of several dogs who are getting many complaints and he believes that there has been progress made on the issue.

Said that he is very impressed with our officers and the way they handle these situations. He said that Officer Ron Hausfeld and Lt. Mike Simos are a true asset to the Department. He also thanked Officer Doug Roll for the assistance he gave his neighbor.

Service Director, Tom Paul

Reminded everyone about the Jackson Ave project that will begin on April 4th and is scheduled to be complete by August 1st.

Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Rick Moore

Gave Council a copy of the February receipts report.

Said that they are in the thick of their tax season and reminded everyone that their taxes are due by Monday April 18th. The Police Chief has assured him that they will have a presence at City Hall on both Friday Apr. 15th and Monday Apr. 18th.

Treasurer, John Ungrhue

Asked the Auditor if we pay our BWC electronically and was told that we did.

Finance, Don Tobergte

Asked Council to go into Executive Session to discuss the transfer of property. Council voted 6-0 to do so at the end of the meeting.

Asked Council members to march in the Memorial Day Parade.

Safety, Ray Culbertson Reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be Tuesday April 19th at 6:30pm downstairs. He also said that that is the night to turn in donations for St. Bernard Parish in Louisiana.

Ms. Lily Middendorf addressed Council about turning in their old latex and water based paints, please no oil based paints or stains, on the “Clean up St. Bernard” days hosted by Mr. Tobergte. The Village no longer accepts unused paints and this will help out Mathew 25 Ministries that uses these paints in third world countries. Don Middendorf talked about teaching a Tae Kwon Do class in the old library
space. This will be run thru the Recreation Department. A resident asked about the lot next to St. Clement and was told that there are no plans as of right now.

Ms Cheryl Abrams, Mayor’s Secretary, asked for veterans and anyone that was a POW to contact her to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. She also asked if anyone had a convertible and wanted to drive the veterans in the parade to contact her at City Hall.

Council voted 6-0 to excuse the absent member.

Council met in Executive Session to discuss transfer of property. When the meeting resumed, there was a motion and a second and Council voted 6-0 to place an Ordinance on the table for a transfer of property.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Asbach
President of Council, Pro-Tem

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to read this evening’s Special Resolution in its entirety. Motion passed 6-0.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 1, 2016. DECLARING THE OUTDOOR CODE OF ST. BERNARD, DESIGNATING ALL GIRL AND BOY SCOUTS HONORARY PARK POLICEMEN AND POLICEWOMEN; AND ASKING ALL OF THE YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG LADIES OF ST. BERNARD TO HONOR THIS CODE.

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout and Boy Scout Programs encourage community betterment as well as individual member improvement; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are special citizens who know their duty to their fellow men and women and will face opposition to do what they know is right; and

WHEREAS, St. Bernard youth is interested in a better St. Bernard of the future; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS VOTING:

Section 1. I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waters, fields, woods and roadways.

Section 2. I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.
Section 3. I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

Section 4. I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands and wildlife; and I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsmanlike methods in all my outdoor activities.

Section 5. I will observe bicycle safety rules and obey all traffic laws when operating my bicycle or walking through the streets of St. Bernard.

Passed this __________ day of ____________________, 2016.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

Approved this __________ day of ________________, 2016.

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Mayor

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Special Resolution No. 1, 2016 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to read this evening's Ordinance by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2016. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS ST. BERNARD SQUARE PARKING LOT, TO THE ST. BERNARD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III SECTION 1 OF THE AGREEMENT AND PLAN BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO AND THE ST. BERNARD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 9, 2016.

REMARKS

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Don might have a little bit more information relevant to this. This is in relation to the St. Bernard Square and conveying the parking lot in St. Bernard Square over to the CIC. I think he talked to Paul today and has a little more additional information about the development.

Mr. Tobergte – I did meet with Paul again today. We already transferred the Shopping Center to the CIC but it was last year. We never did the parking lot. So this puts the parking lot over to the CIC. A developer, we need to have both
properties in the CIC hands, we're going to sign a letter of agreement with the developer so he can start marketing the project. If the property is still owned by the CIC, we'll collect the rent for the businesses that are there until at such time the developer is ready to start demolition or construction, then we'll enter into a signed contract with the developer to turn the whole property over to him. But for now, everything is still in the CIC hands and when I sign the contract I will let everybody know what's in the contract.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.0

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Toberget to adopt Ordinance No. 9, 2016 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergete – Johnathan, I know a couple of meetings ago you talked about meeting with Elmwood Fire Dept. and the Mayor, can you update us. Anything happening with that?

Mr. Stuchell – As far as seeing where that is, basically we put it in their court. I'm waiting for the Fire Chief to get back with us. One of the issues is they wanted to refer to their Law Director to see what whether we were proposing or not if it was legal. As far as what I'm getting at is that whether or not it is a violation of the county wide Mutual Aid agreement which we have entered into. But based upon what I'm seeing, this is a whole different situation and it has nothing to do with the fact that we're providing mutual aid on fire runs but what we were doing as far as at least with the emergency medical situation was more or less "aid". My whole situation, what I was thinking was ultimately trying seek compensation, to reimburse us for what we're providing for them because ultimately we're not recovering what we need to off of the soft billing. So as far as, they're going to get back with us. There's a good chance that they're not going to ok it and they're going to find someone else to do their advance life support runs. But we will see if we can come to an amicable agreement, fine but I'm waiting for them to get back with us. But I'll probably wait until the end of the month as a time limit. But we will sit down again with them.

Mr. Tobergete – When we make a run out there, do we soft bill them or do they soft bill them?

Mr. Stuchell – If we're making any runs there, as far as for advanced life support, we're doing the soft billing. It gets entered into our medical billing no matter what. I mean there are times actually where they're responding at the same time because it gets dispatched. They find out that its not just a DOS run, its an AOS run and then we're dispatched and as far as the billing goes, we're still billing for what service we're providing.

Mr. Culbertson – While on that topic, Johnathan, do you have any idea how much recovery we have right now with the soft billing?

Mr. Stuchell - I can get those numbers. I can go back for the last year. I don't have them all with me. But I can get them. I didn't bring it tonight. I have it in another
folder. Yes we do have an idea of what we're getting but obviously not everyone is even insured so that's part of the issue. And one of the main, and honestly while we're on the subject, basically one of the issues is that when we go out there it could be a run that could be billed out at several hundred dollars. It could be a run that could be billed out at 7 or 8 or 900 dollars depending on the drugs that are administered. There's still the same chance regardless of whether or not its something that provides very little effort and resources that we're not getting reimbursed for but the next one still could be a higher priced run. And we're not recouping anything. We're still having to go back, replenish all those drugs and any supplies used. So that's what I'm trying to gain. We made roughly 152 runs and recouped about $8,000.00. That's not quite enough. So ultimately that's where we stand. So we would be doing, in what I'm proposing, just so you're aware, part of the reason they're not real pleased with the proposal is with a dollar amount we have established an actual cost for each run averaged out. So basically what we wanted to recoup from them per run, instead of billing them per run, plus the soft billing. They don't like that. To me its all or none.

Mr. Tobergte – 152 runs for last year, correct? What is it so far this year?

Mr. Stuchell - (inaudible). It went from 46 runs the year before to 152. That's a pretty substantial increase. Partially it was not so much just being able to provide the service, but it went from where they weren't manning their house and we were just being called. Because that's what we've done for thirty years. So I'm trying to change that.

Mayor Estep – Once again we're reaching out to the vets in the area for the Memorial Day Parade. If there's a veteran out there that would like to participate, please contact Cheryl Abrams during the day. We'd love to have you and we'll provide transportation. Phone her at 242-7770, at City Hall and they'll be able to get hooked up with us.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kalb - I would like to thank the parents, leaders and volunteers of the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts this evening. Without your time and commitment our youth would not be able to enjoy these great organizations. St. Bernard is a stronger community to have youth organizations such as these to help guide and empower our youth. I especially want to thank the volunteers of Troop 354 who I work side by side with to keep this organization alive with so few active scouts. Tom Hale, Dick Hegadorn, Steve Anneken, Barb Kalb, Michael Kalb, and Charles Finneran have all graciously given of their time even though many don't have any kids involved anymore. Thank you for helping out our youth. Now for a quick public service announcement. If anyone is interested in joining the Boy Scouts or just wants to find out more information, please contact me at 265-7349.

Mayor Estep – Again they asked me to remind all the Depts., the Mayor's Couples is tentatively scheduled for June 4th at Glenview course. They hopefully want to get all the Depts. to be involved again. This has been a yearly thing, its been great and tee-off time is 8:00a.m. on that Saturday. $60.00 includes everything for prizes and they'll go back to Meiners in St. Bernard for a buffet, prizes, food and beverages.
I guess we're not going to vote on going to two meetings a month. We want to give everybody an opportunity if they wanted to speak about that at the podium. Anybody that was going to want us going to two meetings a month.

Mr. Asbach - I do have that on the COW agenda for discussion.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

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

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, April 14, at 7:00pm.

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