

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2016**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, April 20, 2016 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mrs. Valerie Van Valkenberg – 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.

Mrs. VanValkenberg – I will turn the meeting over to Mayor John Estep.

Mayor Estep – At this time I would like to ask for a moment of silence for a member of the community, lifelong member, Mrs. Imogene Stegman who passed this week. If we could have a moment for her and her family.

At this time, before we begin the regular meeting, I would like to move to the podium to present two Proclamations to two special people here this evening.

First I would like to ask Hailey Fulton to come here. You are here tonight because you have two special awards presented by Ms. Marge Niesen.

Ms. Marge Niesen – The Cincinnati Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognizes students, eighth graders, who show special citizenship qualities. The school teachers review the kids during the year as we are now getting close to the end and we try to give an award to a student who has stood out from all the rest. And John has a Proclamation of what they did.

Mayor Estep – First Ms. Hailey Fulton.

THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD WISHES TO RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOW BY THEIR DAILY LIVES CHARACTERISTICS OF CITIZENSHIP, INCLUDING HONOR, SERVICE, COURAGE, LEADERSHIP AND PATRIOTISM AS SHOWED BY OUR COUNTRY'S FIRST PRESIDENT, GEORGE WASHINGTON;

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has awarded a good citizenship medal to Hailey Fulton, a St. Clement eighth grade student, and

WHEREAS, Hailey Fulton is a new eighth grade student at St. Clement School who has shown through her daily actions, such as winning the Roger Bacon Science Fair for middle school award, participating by being in the choir, as a lector and Altar server, a member of St. Clement Student Council, she works on service projects for those in need, works in the cafeteria, plays CYO GCYF school basketball, volleyball and track as well as club soccer, and

WHEREAS, the Village of St. Bernard wishes to recognize Hailey Fulton, daughter of Jonnel and Donna Fulton, and we offer congratulations and praise upon the occasion of her achievement for this citizenship award.

NOW THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED, BY MAYOR JOHN R. ESTEP, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD THAT TODAY IS HAILEY FULTON DAY.

Now I would like to call Skyla Johnson Day to the podium.

Marge Niesen – Miss Day goes to St. Bernard/Elmwood Place School and she stood out from all the rest. and we're proud of her.

Mayor Estep – I happen to know Skyla personally from St. Bernard/Elmwood Place High School. She is a sweetheart.

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WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has awarded a good citizenship medal to Skyla Johnson Day of St. Bernard/Elmwood Place school today, and
WHEREAS, Skyler Johnson Day attends St. Bernard/Elmwood Place middle school and has shown through her daily actions that she is a kind and caring person who reaches out to help students in need. She began the club, Beat the Herd, in order to provide a support for other students. She participates in the Gifted and Talented Program and has helped perform community service. She is an active member of the community and goes out of her way to take care of others. Skyla is a member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in choir and spends a good amount of time caring for her younger siblings, and

WHEREAS, the Village of St. Bernard wishes to recognize Skyla Johnson Day, daughter of Mathys Hoekstra and Christina Cardill and offers congratulations and praise upon the occasion of her achievement for this citizenship award.

NOW THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED BY MAYOR JOHN R. ESTEP, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, THAT TODAY IS ALSO SKYLER JOHN DAY'S DAY.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – As a St. Clement mom, I'm super proud of Hailey for representing St. Clement well. And as a resident of St. Bernard, Skyler thank you so much for everything you do for our community.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Estep – A couple of quick items here. The lady from ICRC gave me a phone number, if they have anymore glitches or get cut off and I'll leave this with Cheryl for those of you to get the cell phone number. I don't want to announce it on Council floor, that wouldn't be fair to the person who is going to be on the other end.

Also we're happy to announce that a contract with Wiedmann has been signed to move into Imwalle, former Imwalle Funeral Home. They're going to put a brew house in there. We signed a contract this week and since Donnie Tobergte is the president of the CIC I'll let him expound on that a little bit more on that later in the evening in his report.

A couple of things, just to be reminded, things we went over before; hall rentals, we did compromise a little bit, maybe I was a little overboard with the amount of deposit and rental, so we agreed to compromise. The halls will be going for a \$300.00 deposit and a \$1 00.00. The \$200.00 will be returned and we're going to try our best to put some of those deposits on credit cards to hold the people responsible because we've been having a lot of issues over them.

Last week Council approved going to two meetings per month. I applaud you on that. The first Thursday will be COW and the third Thursday will be our Council meeting. That leaves a week in between for any emergency meetings. Remember this is not permanent, we're going to try this through September and if it breads down anytime or it's not working we'll revert back to our four meetings a month and I appreciate that support.

Another reminder, I've heard some comments from people about that. Our salary is set before we begin office and it's not raised or lowered during the term. We're elected to serve the citizens, we're not paid by the number of meetings we attend and also since school is out tomorrow I don't have to drive the bus but I do have three meetings at 9:30am, 1:00pm and 3:30pm.

We are still reaching out to Veterans in our community who would like to participate and be part of our parade to honor those Veterans on May 30th. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Abrams at her office at, 482-7499.

Also, Fourth of July, we have another meeting coming up that we're pretty firm with the agenda we have thus far. We're going to begin at 9:30am with a 5K race by the municipal pool and we're going to tell you more about the route. It will be a 5K race and it will begin and end there, followed with a free swim for all participants and following the closing of the pool at 3:00pm we can move to Ross Park for the festivities which is a 3:00 eating contest and Nick Hendricks is in charge of that. We're still waiting to hear exactly what it's going to be. A 4:00 corn hole tournament run by Paul Schildmeyer and then the band will begin at 6:00 and go to 9:30. The band is Bad Habit and the culminating activity will be fireworks by Rossi at 10:00pm.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor's office provided Council and the Administration with the March, 2016 revenue and expense spreadsheets. The revenues as of the end of March were \$1,364,346.19. The revenues are down \$54,584.86 compared to 2015. The year to date expenditures as of the end of March, 2016, with grant and bond money removed were \$2,876,580.89.

Comparing the same expenses to 2015 they are down \$184,413.27.

I provided the Finance Committee chair with the 2017 starting budget numbers so the Administration can start working on their summer budgets. My goal is to have the Hamilton County Budget reports ready for a Public Hearing before the June 16th Council Meeting.

I also want to remind the summer employees to bring in their paperwork as soon as possible. The deadline for the paperwork is May 12th. For those that were unable to attend the meeting and still need their paperwork, it is available in the Auditor's Office.

I would like to be placed on the next COW to discuss additional appropriations.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Peck – Absent.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have the monthly Treasurer's report to Village Council;

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| Receipts for the month of March 2016: | \$ 1,364,646.19 |
| Receipts for the year through March 2016: | \$ 2,928,845.24 |

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – Absent.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Paul – Paul Schildmeyer, Josh Wainscott and myself attended a Chemical Class for pool maintenance. We came away with some new forms for chemical monitoring. They also asked us to relay and remind the pool patrons that if you are ill and have any intestinal viruses to please refrain from using the pool facilities until you are well. Any accidents can have a substantial consequences such as pool closures and spreading of such viruses.

Mike Wiedmann, Ed Kahlmeyer and myself had a meeting with the Ohio Rail Development Commission. They are updating rail crossings lights and signal and traffic lights around railroad crossings. They have studied our Vine and Spring Grove crossing and have rather good ideas about having less wait time. The altering of a few lanes and lights have shaved off significant time and better traffic control. The good news is it is completely funded and will not costs our Village.

The maps I have provided you will show part of our discussions.

The Mayor and I have notified the new candidates of the interviews. These will be held Tuesday the 26th and Wednesday the 27th for the open position of laborer at the Service Department.

I would like to thank the Smucker's Company for volunteering for Earth Day, and helping the Village mulch a large portion of the Safety Center. Their help was indeed welcomed. Thank you.

Reminder: Please do not blow your grass clippings and leaves out into our streets or into the gutters. It is against our Ordinances and you will be subjected to a fine. Put your clippings and leaves in a trash can and out to the curb on your regularly scheduled days.

To My Community,

Spring is here and we are all enjoying the new life that Spring sprouts. Remember also your inner garden. Tend to it carefully, mind the weeds for they can choke off new ideas and beginnings. Pull those weeds while they are manageable so you may see the path through your garden. If you leave them grow, you will lose sight of all the beautiful colors of life that surround you and the others around you.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Moore – I guess the big thing is obviously "tax day" is behind us. It seemed, at least from my perspective, to have gone very smoothly. We really didn't have any problems. I think one of the good things about this year was that it was spread out over two days. So we never had a lot of people that there at any one time. It was busy and steady both days, but we never really got slammed. In regards to that I would like to say a special thanks to both Sharon and LeeAnn who came in early both days and stayed late both days to make sure that everybody was accommodated and everything was taken care of. We're in the process of going through all the mail and hooking up everything and make sure we take care of everything as quickly as we can so that we get everything reconciled.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – My next Cleanup St. Bernard Day will be Saturday, April 30th. We will meet in the lower level parking lot at 9:00am and I will serve lunch at 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.

I want to thank Peggy for supplying me with the 2017 budget spread sheet. I have started getting budget request from Department Heads and as soon as I get all of them I will meet with Mayor Estep and Mr. Paul to work on the 2017 budget.

I want to thank Paul Myers on his work on the deal that will bring Weideman Brewing to St. Bernard.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – I have a note here from Lily Middendorf. Lily would like to thank the Block Watch and citizens of St. Bernard. They collected \$150.00 in checks and cash, 40 cases of bottled water, 3 large boxes of cleaning supplies, 5 pair of gloves, 1 pair work boots and three large bags of gently used clothing. Again thanks for all the hard work, Sincerely, Lily Middendorf.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – No report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Ms. Hausfeld – I have the Building Permit , Plan Review and Inspections for 2015 and 2016 to date.

The breakdown of permits is as follows:

In 2015 we have issued 100 permits: OBC and one, two and three family construction.

A: OBC regulated construction: year to date 57 permits were issued,

B: RBC regulated construction: year to date 43 permits were issued.

Inspections and Plan review:

A: Approximately 336 inspections were made on commercial and residential projects.

B: 57 plan examinations and reviews.

HIP:

A: Home inspections on West Ross, Park Place and Bank Street have been completed. 100 homes.

B: 27 sets of orders.

C: Referrals 3. One sighted to court and 1 Warrant issued.

The following streets will be in the 2016 inspection year: Ross Avenue, Vine Street from Church to Ross, and Jackson.

Rental:

Paid and Registered 3 22

New in 2015 32

Applications sent 19

Total Inspection

Including Mechanical 648

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – Tonight the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee met and I want to thank Mike Peck for looking at our current Ordinance relative to dogs and other animals running at large. That also includes the feral cat issue that we've been discussing over the last year. He did a great job and incorporated some other standards if you will within that Ordinance. I want to thank Mike Wiedmann and Don Middendorf for coming and giving us some feedback on some things that the Village had tried in the past. What I would like to do, since the Committee agreed that it looked like a really good Ordinance, is we will provide that to everybody, all members of Council, we will discuss it at COW, at the May 5th meeting and then if everything is good to go then we'll vote on the Ordinance on the Council meeting in May.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Schildmeyer – This report is in regards to St. Rte. 562 ramp to southbound I-75 closure scheduled. This report is

dated April 15, 2016 from Hamilton County. There is a major widening on Interstate 75, including reconstruction of the ramp from westbound SR 562 to southbound I-75, it requires closing that ramp for 28 days.

Beginning midnight Friday, April 29, the ramp from westbound SR 562 to southbound I-75 will be closed until 6 a.m. Friday, May 27.

Traffic will be detoured to northbound I-75 to Paddock Road (Exit 0) back to southbound I-75.

Arrow boards and signs will be in place prior to the work zone to alert motorists of the upcoming work zone and ramp closure.

To help ensure the safety of the construction workers as well as the traveling public, motorists should remain alert, reduce their speed and watch for stopped traffic while passing through the work zone.

The St. Bernard-Ludlow Grove Historical Society would like to announce that **THEY ARE BACK!** Please join the newly re-incorporated Historical Society to get acquainted and enjoy a program presented by the former Mayor of Wyoming, David Savage. He is currently President of the Heritage Programs, Cincinnati Museum Center. He is presenting a program titled "General St. Clair and the Northwest Territory". Presented on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00pm in Centennial Hall. The admission is free. For questions contact Marge Niesen, our Historian at (513) 242-7770.

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

Committee of the Whole

Apr. 14, 2016

1. Council approved the minutes of the Apr. 7th Council meeting.
2. Council discussed the proposal of the Mayor to go to two meetings a month instead of four. Members of the audience were not in favor of the change and some thought the pay should be cut in half for half as many meetings. After much discussion, Council voted 5-2, Hausfeld and Asbach voting no, to have the COW meeting on the first Thursday of the month and the Council meeting on the third Thursday of the month. This will be done on a trial basis starting in May thru September. The five minute rule was also discussed and will be left as is for now.
3. Mayor, John Estep
 - a. Discussed the increase in the hall rental fee stating that it has gone up to \$400 with \$200 being returned as long as there have been no violations of the contract.
4. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 - a. Gave Council copies of her various reports.
 - b. Said that she met with Sharon Walterman, pool manager, John and Paul Schildmeyer with the summer employees and they went over the employment packets with them. The packets are due in by May 12th.
5. Law Director, Mike Peck
 - a. Reported that he is working on the Workers Comp policies as well as the Family Medical Leave and will turn over to the Laws Committee when completed.

6. Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell

a. Said that he thought we should have taken a short recess after the new firefighter was sworn in at the last Council meeting. A discussion with the President of Council about having a recess in the future will be done at the next meeting.

7. Service Director, Tom Paul

a. Said that he has looked into a new company that would do the State Purchasing for us. The Treasurer said that if they would do the work they would be charged 1 to 1 ½ % cost on top of the purchase price. The truck that needs to be looked at now is the electrician's truck because they're not sure it will start every morning.

b. Discussed a new digital sign in front of City Hall and it would be a 4 foot by 6 foot sign at a cost of about \$9,000.00. This item will be looked into.

c. Asked the residents to please slow down thru the construction areas for the safety of the workers.

8. Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Rick Moore

a. Said that the big day, tax day, is tomorrow and Monday, but they are ready.

b. Thanked Bill Gierhart and Tom Paul for their work to get ready for those two big days.

c. Asked that we bring in the new members of the Tax Review Board to be sworn in at a Council meeting.

9. Treasurer, John Ungrhue

a. Reported that the 1st Safety Fourth of July fund is \$5,629.62.

10. Finance, Don Tobergte

a. Said that his next Cleanup St. Bernard Day will be Saturday April 30th. Everyone will meet in the lower level parking lot at 9:00am and lunch will be served at noon, You are also asked to assist Ms. Lilly Middendorf by dropping off water based paints and stains to the lower level parking lot between 9:00am-noon. The collected items will be taken to Matthew 25 Ministries.

b. Said that he talked to Mayor Estep and Mr. Paul to meet in the near future on the 2017 budget.

c. Made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss sale of property. Council voted 7-0 to do so at the end of the meeting.

11. Safety, Ray Culbertson

a. Said that the next Block Watch meeting will be Tuesday April 19th at 6:30 in the lower level of City Hall. Items to be donated to St. Bernard Parish in Louisiana are due that night for Lilly Middendorf.

b. Gave the March Police Department report, but the Safety Director already gave it at the last Council meeting.

12. Laws, Contracts & Claims, Cindi Bedinghaus

a. Reported that the committee will meet next Thursday, April 21st at 6:15 to discuss the Feral Cat Ordinance.

13. A resident asked about the problems with the ICRC meetings. The last couple meetings have not aired in its entirety. We will ask about the issue. Another Resident stated that the \$400 was a lot to pay for the use of the halls. Former Service Director Phil Stegman talked about some of the issues discussed by Mr. Paul.

14. Council met in Executive Session to discuss sale of property.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Asbach

President of Council, Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS

To: Peggy Brickweg,

"A City is where you sign a petition, boo the elected officials, fish in the Mill Creek, gaze at a statue of a St. Bernard Dog, buy an ice cream at the corner, or get a good cheese coney at 3 a.m. A City is where sirens make white streaks of sound in the sky and foghorns speak in dark gray . St. Bernard is such a City."

"A City is not gauged by its length and width, but by the broadness of its vision and the height of its dreams."

By the time Council meeting rolls around I will be serving my country up in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. I have never meant any harm in any of Facebook's posts. My biggest gripe was reading in the St. Bernard Newsletter about raising the Hall rentals that steep of a price without getting any input from Council or the citizens that you serve. In the campaign this past November 2015, the citizens were promised to be informed of everything before any decisions were made. It is like you disregard our opinions, this City is a blue collar community and not everyone can afford \$400.00 at one time to rent a hall that the taxpayers have built or pay taxes for. Hold the individuals accountable for their actions. Don't we sign a damage waiver for the hall and use that to recoup our losses in court. Mayor Estep is a great Mayor and I'm proud to call this community my home for 40 years, but let's not forget what built this great City, Village of St. Bernard. I will be more than willing to help this community out in anything it needs. But I don't appreciate listening to elected official's talk trash about the other Administration in deleting file or sabotaging depts. No one will do that to harm St. Bernard. I'm sur if you will ask the former Mayor Burkhardt he will get you the information you need. We all live in this community together and we are all friends for a long time. So let bygones be bygones and start working together as a team.

See Tom Paul, I can too give funny Quotes.

Very Respectfully,

Kevin G. Strotman

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to receive and file the communication. Motion passed 7-0.

Dear Mayor and Village Leaders,

For some time now, I've been intending to write. Finally, I do it! Thank you to the Village for the beautification that has been happening in St. Bernard. I am especially appreciative of the benches, waste containers and flower boxes along the East sidewalk in front of St. Clement Church, friary and school. The repair of the wall of the parking lot directly across from the friary is very attractive. Actually, the sidewalks on both sides of Vine St. Look nice. I really like the new lamp posts, too.

Thanks, too, for the added parking lot behind LaRosa's. While all in the Village share, I'm sure our St. Clement parishioners especially appreciate it on Sunday mornings. Visitors to our school benefit when they come for athletic and other events.

I feel very blessed and proud to be a citizen of St. Bernard. We Franciscans have been here since 1850. And we've no plans on leaving! I for one am very grateful. May the Lord continue to bless the good work of your hands and hearts!

Sincerely,

Fr. Fred Link, OFM
St. Clement Church

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to receive and file the communication. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Culbertson - I'm not sure about how everybody feels about this but Peggy brought it to my attention the other day. We are scheduled to have two consecutive COW meetings before our next Council meeting. I would like to make a motion that we suspend with next week's meeting on April 28 since we'll have the meeting on May 5.

Mr. Kalb - I'll second that.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - I would like to address that actually. I think because that was the regularly scheduled meeting, I think we should still have that meeting and see if there's anything we should discuss before the main meeting, but that's just my opinion.

Ms. Hausfeld – Well since I was opposed to going to every other meeting anyway I too agree with Dianna, believe it or not. Sorry Dianna. I'm still opposed to going to every other meeting and for us to skip another meeting, that's just another meeting that we're skipping. That's my two cents.

Mr. Asbach - I also voted to keep the meetings every week but it does seem kind of silly to have a COW meeting next week and then come back with another COW the following week. Not that I haven't typed up two COW meetings in a month but it just seem like it would be kind of repetitive and that will give everybody an extra week to come up with any Ordinances or issues that we need to discuss on May 5 or the Council meeting on May 19.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – As far as I thought we voted on, I voted for this. But we voted to start in May so I just think that we should have next week's meeting.

The motion to skip the April 29 COW meeting passed 5-2. Ms. Hausfeld and Mrs. Schildmeyer voted no.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hausfeld – Donnie, I know you explained to us as far as Executive Session as far as the Wiedmann Brewery, is there anything more that you can say to the citizens so they know kind of like more of what's going on or what to expect and stuff like that.

Mr. Tobergte - I was waiting for New Business but, I'll do it now. Monday, John Estep, John Newberry and I signed a letter of agreement for Wiedmann Brewery to take over Imwalle's Funeral Home. He is expecting to be open within the year with a brew house and restaurant upstairs. He is expecting at least 12 full time employees in the brew house itself. He is not sure on the restaurant. Plus there will be part-time employees. He's looking at over \$1.5 million investment and equipment and upgrades to the building. that's about all I can think of. Does anyone have questions.

Ms. Hausfeld - I'm going to be the devil's advocate because I know the citizens are going to ask and I'm not even sure if you can comment on this or not but I know the City bought it and we handed it over to the CIC and then you said that they're going to put \$1.5 million into it but in regards are they paying the City anything?

Mr. Tobergte – No they are not paying the City anything but we do have the legal deed on the property and if anything happens the bank has first lien and then the City will get the money back that way.

Ms. Hausfeld – Is there any time frame or deadline or anything like that that they're planning on? Like getting this all done opening the business or that kind of stuff?

Mr. Tobergte – Like I said earlier, they expect to open within this year. The contract states he has five years to be open.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - Mr. CIC President, is it the same deal that we always do that we get the property back if they don't succeed?

Mr. Tobergte – No, we'll be the second lien. The bank gets the first lien, then we get anything left over. We do have some protection. We can't get all of it but.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. - This is for Don. So how much did the City pay for that funeral home, a million dollars?

Mr. Tobergte – Yes.

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. - And so you just gave it away like you did the property up by the Dairy Queen, just like you did the property over there that never got developed. And according to the CIC's Charter, they're supposed to pay the City back anything that the City put in to the property and stuff. Now you're saying there's no guarantee, they got five years and you gave away a million dollar property again for nothing.

Mr. Tobergte – You say again, I just became President. This is the first property I've been involved with.

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. - So this is the second time you've given away prime property in St. Bernard for free when it cost us tax payers a million dollars to buy that building.

Mr. Tobergte – Plus the investment the gentleman is putting into it.

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. - How much investment did they put into this little town house thing over here?

Mr. Tobergte – What little town house?

Tom Rolfsen – That property that you gave away across from the old library. There's nothing there now but trucks and dirt.

Mr. Tobergte – That property has not been given away. It is still owned by the CIC. The trucks out there are for the Jackson Ave. Project.

Tom Rolfsen – And then you gave the property right by the Dairy Queen where he can sell it and keep the money without the City recouping any money. You guys have a habit of giving away prime property for free on somebody's word. I think this is ridiculous and I think you're wasting our tax payer money.

Mr. Asbach – Correct me if I'm wrong, Don, we didn't give the property away up next to St. Clement, we gave it to the CIC. There's been no deal with anybody.

Mr. Tobergte – There's an agreement out. I've never signed an agreement. We're still working on that agreement with that gentleman to develop it, yes.

Mr. Asbach – For right now it's still ours, right?

Mr. Tobergte – Yes.

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. - I have a copy of the contract, okay? They gave it away and the guy that owns it now can turn around and sell it. If somebody come to St. Bernard and wants to build something, you guys have to give it to him and he makes all the money and he has the right not to build anything and he can just sell the property and not owe anything to the City. If you want a copy of the contract, you should have read it before, but I have a copy. I'll give it to you.

Mr. Tobergte - I do have a copy of that contract but I've never signed it, Dianna has never signed so it's never been signed as far as I know.

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. - One more thing, our cable was cut off again early last week Okay? Just so you know before the meeting was over.

Mrs. VanValkenberg-Walden – Was that the Council meeting or COW?

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. - COW.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, May 5 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mrs. Schilemeyer to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.