

RESOLUTION NO. 04, 2019

STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during the Kasich Administration, from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of \$255,463.59; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well; and

WHEREAS, a reinvestment of Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease the local tax burden; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

Section 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Section 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and welfare of the Village of St. Bernard; the reason for the emergency being the need to restore local government funds as soon as possible to properly serve the Village of St. Bernard, Therefore, this Resolution shall take effect immediately by and upon its passage, and the approval of two-thirds of the members of said Council. However, this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date provided by law if approved by no more than the majority of the members of Council and in that event the emergency provisions herein are set at naught.

Passed this 11th day of July, 2019.

Steve Asbach
President of Council

ATTEST:

M. Sue Kathman
Clerk of Council

Approved this 11th day of July, 2019.

John R. Estep
Mayor

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I, M. SUE KATHMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO, DO HEREBY testify that the publication of Resolution No. 04, 2019, was made by posting true copies of the same in the most public places designated by Council: St. Bernard Square Bus Stop; Vine Street and Washington Avenue; Bertus Street Park; Greenlee Avenue and Johnson Alley; Park on Heger Drive; each for a period of fifteen (15) days or more commencing 7.11.19, 2019.

ATTEST: M. Sue Kathman DATE 7-11-19
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form Michael Walsh Date 7-11-19
Director of Law