

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village was held Thursday, February 6, 2014 in Council Chambers.

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

Roll call showed that all members were present: (Roll taken by Scout Kaitlyn) Mr. Tobergte, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson, Mrs. Bedinghaus.

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – Good evening and welcome to our first Boy and Girl Scout Night at Council. Due to the available number of Scouts this evening we took the opportunity and combined the two events into one. I would like to recognize all the scouts that are participating this evening. Please stand when I call your name: Lilli McMullan, Charlotte Walden, Kaitlyn Miller, Samantha Mattox, Jaida Ridder, Julia Mosley, Lena Koger, Jared Majancsik, Jacob Hackney and Shawn Saal. The St. Bernard Village Council and Administration would like to thank you, your parents and your troop leaders for encouraging you to participate in tonight’s Council Meeting. You are to be commended for your interest in community government and we thank you again for your contribution to this evening’s Council Meeting.

The Mayor’s Monthly Court Report Receipts for January, 2014: Mayor’s Court Costs/Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous receipts were \$1,866.08; Outstanding Bond applied to tax, \$100.00’ total to St. Bernard is \$1,966.50. Total to the County was \$15.50. Total to the State was \$689.50. Total Disbursements were \$2,671.08. I would like to thank Phil Stegman, Mike Wiedmann and the entire Service Department for their continued high level of dedication during the past few weeks with the snow and ice storms. We are lucky to have such outstanding employees that care about their community and its residents.

I would like to add a personal note to thank you two Firefighter/Paramedic John Goeke and Mark Sicking for the excellent care they provided to me while transporting me to the hospital earlier this week. It is very comforting to know that not only are our employees professional and extremely qualified but caring and compassionate, as well.

Last but not least, on behalf of the Village of St. Bernard, I would like to wish Team U.S.A. the best of luck in Sochi over the next few weeks.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s office has prepared Ordinance 6, 2014 tonight’s meeting. This Ordinance transfers FROM GENERAL FUND 5-A-19 General Fund Transfer Out.....\$803,076.00

TO CASH ACCOUNTS:

05-1000 Master Plan Cash Account.....\$100,000.00
18-1000 Cap Project-Storm Sewer Improvement.....\$3,076.00

31-1000 General Bond Retirement Cash Account.....\$200,000.00
51-1000 Employee Health Plan Cash Account.....\$500,000.00

These are not additional appropriations. It is transferring money from the general fund to the cash accounts so invoices can be paid out of the correct cash account. The Ordinance also moves money:

FROM MASTER PLAN:

05-5002 Shopping Center Lease.....\$15,290.46

TO MASTER PLAN:

05-MP-16 CIC/Comprehensive Plan Improve.....\$15,290.46

This money is the total of rent collected for the shopping center in January of this year. Currently the Village is collecting the rent money for the CIC.

Council and the Administration were given the 2014 Expense, Revenue and Fund reports from our software system along with updated expense and revenue spreadsheets. Copies of these reports are also available at the front door of Council Chambers. In January the Village received \$769,263.25 in revenues. If you subtract out the \$15,290.46 the Village collected for the shopping center rent, the total revenues for January were \$753,972.79. The expenses for January were \$1,150,110.90.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – Just briefly, tonight I need to request a motion to go into Executive Session to update Council on two pending litigation matters. I would also like to echo the Mayor’s commendation of the Service Dept. I was told that the streets in St. Bernard were recognized on the Channel 5 News today as the cleanest streets in the tri-state, so thank you to them.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – I have prepared the Fifth Third securities inventory report showing the money that we have with them. It remained unchanged. At the end of January the total is \$3,160,000.00 with our next CD maturing in June of this year.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenburg (represented by Scout Charlotte) – Car crashes remain the number one killer of children ages 3-14 in the United States. Remember your child is counting on you to protect him or her. Make sure your child always rides safely in your car and prepare older children to think safety. Parents should always buckle-up, your child will do as you do. Remember, all children under age 4 or weighing less than 40 pounds must be in a proper child restraint seat and children 4 years old and over 40 pounds up to age 8 must be in a booster seat.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – I would like to thank the Service Department for all their hard work cleaning our streets. I’m sorry if we plowed your cars in, blocked your driveways and sidewalks. We need to remove snow off the streets to make roads passable. We still have salt but it is very low. There is a shortage of salt and there have been news reports about free salt. The governor is purchasing 200,000 tons and letting cities and towns that are out have the salt but they need to return it when they get theirs in. Channel 5 and 12 reported that St. Bernard had the cleanest streets around. I would ask that residents to please do not put the snow that they are shoveling back into the road we just cleaned. We are plowing and cleaning all secondary streets everyday so please be patient.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Being the end of the month I passed out to Council and the Administration the monthly earned income for the Tax Dept. giving a detailed comparison between 2014 all the way back to 2003. As I indicated at the COW the number will be different from what you see in the Auditor’s report that was passed out today. Again the difference being, the Auditor now records income as it hits their bank account, we record, which is required by law, when it is received and when it is deposited so the little bit of difference at the end of the year should balance out.

Some minor notices, since tax season is upon us, the minor notices will be sent out tomorrow. As we started a few years ago, we no longer send out the actual tax return, only notices, it provides the tax payer information on how to obtain the tax return and to go online either to download it from our web site or use the online tax tool. The tax tool went back up into operation today, new for this year, it allows the tax payer to make payment right there on the online tax tool after they have completed their tax return. A reminder also that when you complete the online tax tool you still have to sign it, print it off, sign it and attach all your tax documents including your W-2s and your Federal Tax Return. Just as a reminder also, 2005 Council made it mandatory for all residents over 18, they are now required to file a tax return unless you have a waiver from the Tax Office if you are retired or permanently disabled.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte (represented by Scout Lilli) – The Finance Committee met with Mr. Paul Myers and discussed the financial needs for ongoing projects in our Village. Mr. Hendricks discussed his salary, a discussion was held concerning our court magistrates salary. Mrs. Leighanne Helms discussed the stability of the Tax Dept.

I would like to put these items on the agenda for the next COW meeting.

Lastly, weather permitting, my first Town Hall meeting for 2014 will be Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00pm in Centennial Hall.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson (represented by Scout Jake) – I will start with the Police Dept. report for the month of January. During the month, officers were involved in 665 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 32 accident reports and took 26 offense reports. Officers made 74 misdemeanor arrests. Officers responded to 26 parking complaints and issued 5 citations for parking violations. Officers issued 31 traffic citations along with 59 warnings. Officers made 3 D.U.I. arrests. Lastly, the Police Dept responded to 63 calls for suspicious activities. With spring approaching, prom season is just around the corner. Parents hosting parties should remember that they cannot give alcohol to their children’s friends under the age of 21. You also cannot knowingly allow a person under the age of 21 to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages.

Finally, I would like to let the residents know that the next Block Watch meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30pm in Centennial Hall.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach (represented by Scout Samantha) – There were 9 trucks placed at residences, 11 dumpsters placed at residences, 51 special pick-ups at residences and 155.38 tons of garbage taken to the landfill.

There were 44.06 tons of recycling material, 57 pounds of scrap aluminum, 2 pounds of brass, 3 pounds of copper 10,218 pounds of scrap metal and 21 pounds of stainless steel taken for recycling.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer (represented by Scout Julia) – The Public Improvement continues with the demolition of properties in St. Bernard. The Port Authority is continuing. The properties yet to be demolished include 107 Church St., 111 Church St., 113 Church St., 4512 Park Pl., 4422 Tower Ave., and 307 Bank Ave. The funding for the demolition comes from the Moving Ohio Forward Projects, the State of Ohio. We are progressing on all phases of the Safety Center, however, the bad weather conditions have slowed progress but we hope some of the work time lost will be made up when the weather improves.

The Super Bingo at St. Clement set for this Saturday has been postponed due to the bad weather.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – There have been some concerns that have been brought to my attention regarding the parking on Greenlee Ave. from the corner of Ross up to Cleveland Ave. on the side where the senior housing is. When the cars are parked there it becomes very narrow for cars to turn on to Greenlee off of Ross. There have been a lot of cars that have been hit and people have lost their mirrors so I would just ask if the Safety Director could look into that.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb (represented by Scout Shawn) – Last week I met with Elizabeth Elliott, owner of Early Bird Café. The Early Bird Café is located at 4732 Vine St. and is open Monday through Friday from 6:00am until 7:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00am until 3:00pm. They have a wide variety of hot beverages to suite your every need during this harsh winter as well as doughnuts, soups, sandwiches and much more. Mrs. Elliott is excited to set up shop here in St. Bernard and said that working with the Village has been nothing but a pleasure. As Chairman of the Business and Industry Committee, it was a pleasure to meet with Mrs. Elliott and see her enthusiasm not only for her business but for the Village as well. I look forward to meeting many other business owners as I begin the huge task of introducing myself to the many great businesses here in St. Bernard

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld (represented by Scout Jaida) – The Dial-A-Ride had 1,500 riders for the month of January plus 14 hospital runs.

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

Committee of the Whole
Jan. 30, 2014

1. Council approved the minutes of the Jan. 16th Council meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
 - A. Presented the St. Bernard Communities of Distinction video. The video has already been posted on our webpage, Face Book, and You Tube (844 views as of this afternoon) and is getting a lot of attention and positive feedback. It has also been provided to ICRC and will run prior to the regular Council meeting schedule for the next month or so, as well as fill in as needed. He thanked Paul Myers, Phil Stegman and Elaine Sipe for all their assistance with the project.
 - B. Reported that he received a letter from magistrate, John McClure, requesting an increase in compensation. His current rate is \$250.00 per night, which was increased from \$150.00 in May of 2009. Over the past few years there has been a

change in case load and a significant increase in actual court time. The request is to increase to \$325.00 per night. This matter will be discussed at next weeks' finance meeting.

3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 - A. Gave Council a draft Ordinance for a transfer of funds from the general fund to the cash line items. Council voted 6-0 to put the Ordinance on the table.
 - B. Said that they are finishing up the month tomorrow and that the employees will receive their new health care packets and instructions.
4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
 - A. Reported that papers that had been filed with the County, for the notice of commencement for the Safety Center, had been returned to the Village.
5. Service Director, Phil Stegman
 - A. Thanked the Service Department for their hard work on the snow removal this year. In Nov. and Dec. we used 300 tons of salt and have gone thru 550 tons in January. There have been 170 hours of overtime just in January. The salt was low, but we have received four loads and are in good shape again.
6. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
 - A. Gave Council a detailed report on the earned income for 2013. The estimated revenue was 9.5 million and the report showed we only brought 9.4 million. The report showed that withholdings were up slightly and net profits were down from last year.
7. Treasurer, John Ungruhe
 - A. Gave Council the monthly treasurer's report. Receipts for December were \$1,909,723.42, which brought the total to \$12,923,856.27 for the year.

Finance, Don Tobergte

- A. Reported that the committee will meet with Paul Myers next Thursday Feb. 6th at 5:50 PM, to discuss the ongoing projects in our Village. Also a City Hall employees request for a salary increase will be discussed.
 - B. After meeting with Paul Myers this afternoon, he made a motion and it was seconded and voted on, 6-0, to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the purchase of property.
 - C. Reported that his first town hall meeting will be on Tuesday Feb. 11th at 7 PM in the Centennial Hall.
8. Laws, Contracts & Claims, Cindi Bedinghaus
 - A. Moved the discussion of the increase for the magistrate back to the Finance Committee, even though Mr. Tobergte has a conflict, because he is on both committees.
 9. Business & Industry, Andy Kalb
 - A. Reported that he met with Elizabeth Elliott, the owner of the Early Bird Café that has opened on Vine St., and welcomed her to the Village.
 10. A member of the audience asked who the City Hall employee was and was told that he would be at the Finance Committee meeting next Thursday.
 11. Council met in Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to read Special Resolution No. 1, 2014 in its entirety. Motion passed 7-0.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2014. 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 _____, 2014

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Special Resolution No. 1, 2014. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Special Resolution No. 1, 2014 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Peck – I would like to thank the Scouts for their participation and have a short recess for drinks and cookies.

Mr. Peck – Council is now back in order.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to read this evening's Ordinance by title only. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 6, 2014. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER AND MOVE FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 6, 2014. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Ordinance No. 6, 2014 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Kalb to go into Executive Session after the meeting to discuss pending litigation. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Walden – Just to let the Council know, the Finance Committee did ask to have Ms. Helms join us in Executive Session so she could relay more detail to the discussion.

Mr. Kalb – I also just wanted to comment about the Police Dept. and Service Dept. and thank them for their hard work over the past few days. I know the cops have been going out of their way to pushing cars out of driveways and stuff like that and that's above and beyond their job. It's great to know that we have police like that around here that will go the extra mile. Even Phil Stegman himself was out helping my neighbor push his car out of his driveway as I was putting my coat on. He saved me from having to go out in the cold and I appreciate it.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I would also like to say thanks. I had to call the police about an incident on my street on Sunday and they were nice enough to stop up at my house yesterday to inform me about what was going on. But I also want to commend the Service Dept. I was in charge of the Luau for St. Clement and we were missing all the tables. When I called City Hall Phil couldn't get back in touch with me on my cell phone because I was doing other things and he actually sent a service worker up to make sure we didn't need the City to bring more tables. So that's another example of our City going above and beyond their jobs.

Ms. Hausfeld – This is just genuinely speaking, I did get a phone call yesterday and citizens are asking questions that sometimes us as Council members sound like we don't know what's going on but it's only because it's been discussed in Executive Session and we are not allowed to say what's going on. So for those citizens that may think that we don't know what's going on, we generally do but in some aspects we cannot inform you the whole aspect of what is going on without giving what's been in Executive Session. I for one am not going to do that. Just as

hearsay to those the residents so they know that there are times that we cannot discuss things.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Council went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Council is back in regular session.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adjourn.