

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2014**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, April 3, 2014 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 that six members were present: Mr. Tobergte, 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. Culbertson seconded the motion. Council agreed 6-0.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – (read by Mr. Stegman) Easter Egg Scramble, Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> at Vine St. Park, beginning at 12:30pm with pictures and a petting zoo. The hunt will begin promptly at 1:00pm. Bring your baskets.

St. Bernard Library ground breaking will be Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm at the corner of McClelland and Vine.

The Mayor has asked me to retract a comment made by how Dave Fossaluzza was hired at the Service Dept. Dave was on the eligibility list when he was hired. He was number three and the first two people did not want the position. The statement I made was that he was not on the list when he was hired because he worked so many summers.

Recreation went out and got a quote of \$3,699.00 for the elliptical machine for the Fitness Center. They do not have that kind of extra money in their budget so I am asking Council for an additional appropriation, if Council decides they want to do it.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s office has prepared two ordinances for tonight’s meeting. Ord. 15, 2014 transfers:

5-A-19 General Fund Transfer Out	\$101,000.00
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**TO CASH ACCOUNTS:**

05-1000 Master Plan Cash Account	\$100,000.00
17-1000 Building Permit Cash Account	\$1,000.00

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 provides additional appropriations to:

01-58-13 Equipment Outlay Fitness Center	\$3,669.00
05-MP-16 CIC	\$14,568.68

The money for the Fitness Center is to replace an elliptical that broke many months ago. As I reported at last week’s COW the Fitness Center brings in an average of \$9,500.00 a year in revenues, with budgets of between \$3,000 and \$4, 000 for

equipment. It was suggested to move money within the Recreation Department budget, but with the bare bone budgets each department has the Administration was not able to do this. The Administration asked me to put this on the Ordinance as an additional appropriation. I e-mailed all of Council and placed hard copies of the Ordinance and the estimated price for a new elliptical in their mail slots. The CIC additional appropriation is allowing the Auditor's office to transfer the shopping center rent money into the CIC bank account.

Ordinance 16, 2014 is a pay Ordinance for the new position of permanent, part time employee in the Service Department. The rate of pay is \$15.00 an hour. Council and the Administration were given the March 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 March, the Village received \$1,181,868.35 in revenues. This does not include the \$14,568.68 the Village collected for the shopping center rent. The quarterly difference from 2013 to 2014 is \$96,937.13, this includes the \$64,000 the Village received from the Post Office for leasing part of the shopping center parking lot. The expenses for March were \$1,693,556.31. Of that \$311,175.19 was spent on the new Service Garage Building and \$226,298.41 was spent on the new Safety Center.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – I have been working this week on a project for the Police Chief. I've also been working on a project for the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee. I attended their meeting tonight but I will defer to Cindi to discuss that.

Mayor's Court went fairly well last night. We moved through a lot of cases fairly quickly and out of the six trials that we had on the schedule at the beginning of the night, all but one of them resolved and it ended up being transferred downtown.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – I have prepared the monthly Treasurer's report for Village Council.

Receipts for the month of March 2014: \$ 1,196,437.03

Receipts for the year through March 2014: \$ 3,773,591.38

Copies have been distributed to Council Members, Clerk of Council and the Administration.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. VanValkenburg – I met earlier this evening with the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee to discuss various issues and I will also defer to Mrs. Bedinghaus.

I'm also pleased to announce that St. Bernard Police Officer, Charlie Barnes was presented this week with a Ribbon of Valor for his efforts on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in rescuing a lifelong resident after her home caught on fire. Officer Barnes was alerted to the situation by Mark Santillo. Despite the presence of heavy black smoke and visible flames, Officer Barnes entered the home, located the resident and assisted her from her home. He was recommended for the Ribbon of Valor, which is worn on his uniform, by the Officer in charge, Doug Roll, who also assisted Officer Barnes at the scene. The Fire Dept. was then able to concentrate on the extinguishing the fire which was promptly accomplished. Mr. Santillo, Officers Barnes and Roll and all the Firefighters are to be commended for their actions on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Residents who want to get rid of tires, the time is now. From April 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup> the Village will pick up old car tires on

their regular trash day. This is the only time we will pick up tires. The County supplies the Village a dumpster to remove the tires from municipalities. The Village is going out for bids on a parking lot at 4714 Vine St. for the start of the Streetscape. (by the wine store). The bids start on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and the bids open on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are finishing the final plans for the Streetscape and will be going out for bids in 2-3 weeks. Construction should start in late June/July. ODOT and the contractor building the wall on I-75 had some trouble last night with some basements flooding. The people are working with the contractor to fix the problem. When putting in the wall they hit the storm sewer and it filled up with grout and the contractor is trying to fix the problem. A resident called me and asked why I reported putting money and repair into Imwalle if it is not operating. Imwalle has a boiler and for the Village insurance we have to have the boiler inspected to keep it insured. Imwalle also has an elevator and the State requires the owner to maintain the license and the operation of the elevator. I just wanted to let the residents who want to know, why we're putting money into something that is not operational, it makes sense. I just wanted to make sure I got that information out there.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – At the end of March we're one quarter through the year. On the report I passed out you see what the result is for the quarterly earned income tax fund. We brought in \$2.4 million dollars.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – I would like to congratulate Leslie Ann Shipp Johnson on being promoted to the rank of Major. Leslie is the daughter of Cindi and Jerry Shipp.

Mr. Culbertson and myself will be hosting a public meeting on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Centennial Hall to hear from residents their concerns of traffic on Greenlee Ave.

Also I would like to thank Jerry Shipp for repairing the traffic study computer. It was put back in service this week so we can get updated traffic data to look at when we consider changes to traffic flow in our Village.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – I would just like to announce that the St. Bernard Block Watch meeting will be Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the lower level of City Hall at 6:00pm. We'll meet out at the Rumpke recycling facility at 6:15pm and we will be touring the new state-of-the-art Rumpke recycling facility.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – I would like to announce that there will be a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00pm at the beginning of the regular COW meeting. The Public Hearing is for the change of zoning map for the new townhouses over on McClelland and Tower.

Also as far as recycling in 2013 we recycled 372.49 tons of metal, glass, plastic and paper. St. Bernard recycled 39 more tons in 2013 than in 2012. The residents are to be commended.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – I would like to share some good information, some happy information. Tim Hackney called me this week and we had a great conversation and he wanted to be sure that the residents knew that there is consistently about thirty houses for sale in St. Bernard. On Tuesday of this week six out of the top seven highest priced homes in St. Bernard were pending. So

that's exciting news for all of us and I think everybody is excited about the direction the Village is going.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – Tonight the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee did meet and there were two issues that were discussed. The first one was relative to recreational portable equipment in the right-of-way. That has to do with your basketball hoops and soccer nets and so forth. There was one member of the Committee who was unable to make it, she was ill. We did discuss this with the Safety Director and she is going to devise an Ordinance and bring it back to Committee. So I will make sure that whenever we have that that it does come back to Committee and announce a Committee meeting again and then we will bring it forward to COW to discuss even further as to what that might look like. Just some more information for the citizens to know why we're looking at this. It was discussed and brought to our attention that, actually our insurance agent, as he was walking around town, discovered that there were these portable basketball hoops that were in right-of-way and that it is and will be a liability to the City if anything does happen so we really need to take a look at this a little bit more closely. Especially now that we know about it and it's been brought to our attention. It would be something that the City could be liable for. The next issue that was discussed has to do with, I'm going to call it additional waste and garbage that gets put out on the street by landlords, for when there is a tenant that is evicted, as well as when that landlord also does work in that home or that building and they do it themselves but they put, say for instance it's windows, they would put those windows out on the street for the City to collect. Should that not be like another business that comes into St. Bernard and does something and has to take their own old supplies away and they have to take it away and take it somewhere and they get charged for dumping it or whatever. Is it not considered a business if a landlord gets money from their tenants? That is considered a business. That has not come to fruition yet as to what we're going to do about it. Again, Patty wasn't here, that's a whole other discussion that we have to have. So when that's discussed in Committee I will make that announcement. Those are just the two major issues that we discussed tonight.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – Absent.

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

Committee of the Whole

Mar. 27, 2014

1. Council approved the minutes of the Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
2. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
  - A. Asked Council for an Additional Appropriation Ordinance, to move money into certain line items. Council voted 7-0 to place the Ordinance on the table.
  - B. Reported that the Fitness Center workers mentioned a broken elliptical at the Center. Council approved money to be moved from line items within the Recreation Department line items and add to the Ordinance.
  - C. Asked that the rent for the CIC, for the Shopping Center, to be added to the Ordinance. Council agreed to add it also.
  - D. Reported that the State Auditor will be here next week.
3. Service Director, Phil Stegman

- A. Discussed a Pay Ordinance for the permanent part-time employees in the Service Department. These positions will work between 27 and 30 hours per week with no benefits. Council voted 7-0 to put the Ordinance on the table.
  - B. Said that from April 7<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>, the Village will be picking up old tires to be recycled. The tires can be put out on your regular trash pickup days and only during this time period. This is being done because Hamilton County supplies us with a dumpster for free.
  - C. Said that the Service Department has started to pick up yard waste. The new procedure is to still keep it separate from your regular trash, but it can be put on the curb on either of your pickup days. Any questions please call Phil Stegman at 482-7494.
- 4. Finance, Don Tobergte
    - A. Reported that Officer Setters was attending a meeting about the Commons at Alaska. There is a group looking to stop the proposed housing project. He will give an update at a future meeting.
  - 5. Safety, Ray Culbertson
    - A. Reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be a tour of the new Rumpke Recycling facility. You can meet at the lower level of City Hall at 6 PM or at 6:15 in the parking lot at the facility off of Vine Street.
  - 6. Public Improvements, Diana Schildmeyer
    - A. Reported that our Communities of Distinction video will air in Pittsburgh, PA and Evansville, IN for four weeks in April.
  - 7. Laws, Contracts & Claims, Cindi Bedinghaus
    - A. Said that the committee will meet on Thursday Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM to discuss various items.
  - 8. Highways & Transportation, Patty Hausfeld
    - A. Reported that the committee met tonight about safety and speed concerns on Greenlee Avenue. The committee recommended that a “No Left Turn, Mon- Fri from 3-6 PM” sign be placed on Ross Ave at Greenlee for a trial of three months. Councilpersons Culbertson and Tobergte will have a meeting since they both represent the residents of Greenlee Avenue. The concerns will continue to be discussed in the Committee when the results of the other meeting are complete.
  - 9. A resident talked about the traffic on our streets and moving the traffic toward our business district.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to read this evening’s Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 15, 2014. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 15, 2014. .

**REMARKS**

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I didn't get the email and the only reason I didn't was because I didn't go home from work, I came right to the Committee meeting. I understand about the email going out. I guess my question is here, there is \$3,552.86 still in the Equipment Outlay Fitness Center. If we could just transfer what, \$200.00, from another line item into there and then that would cover the cost of that \$3,669.00 for the elliptical rather than doing it as an additional appropriation.

Mr. Stegman – I did bring Paul tonight to answer these questions, but Cindi on that, if something else breaks then it's going to have to sit there until we come back for approval. That's puts that line item totally out of money. We just had another piece of equipment that we had to spend \$150.00 to bring it back. If we give the money for just the elliptical, something else that breaks, we're constantly coming back and wait two or three weeks to get the parts for some small types of things that are breaking. That's all that was budgeted for this year was to fix what goes down over there. It cost about \$500.00 or \$600.00 to get our treadmill up and running. There were two of them broke last year together. So if two of them break and you're down to one or two down there when a hand full of people want to use the treadmill. Paul is here for those questions. I know Donnie had said some things about transferring from Knothole to whatever and Paul did look at that and there just isn't any. We asked to be a shoe string budget so there's not \$3200.00 sitting in any various line item that's extra. But Paul is here to explain if anybody has questions about that line item in his budget.

Mr. Tobergte – Someone suggested it, Paul you might as well get up there at the microphone. Bill was saying there's only one Knothole team this year.

Paul Stegman, Recreation Director – Yes, that's correct. We have one Knothole team.

Mr. Tobergte – And there's \$500.00 in the budget for Knothole so we could take money out of there if there's only one team.

Paul Stegman – Well there's a little bit of money but I haven't bought any equipment yet and if I go out and buy a bat it's like \$100.00 just for one bat.

Mr. Tobergte – Didn't last year you bought all the uniforms at the end of the year.

Paul Stegman – No, I didn't say I bought any equipment, I only buy the uniforms and the only uniforms I buy is for the soccer teams. And the only reason I buy those a year ahead of time is because we have, our soccer program has always been strong, so we always have about eight teams, two in a division, and I buy those ahead of time because I need to have those. Otherwise they change the uniform scheme and I can't get those uniforms again. I wind up with enough uniforms for half a league for half of my teams. So then I have to start all over again. So I

learned my lesson one year and now I just buy ahead of time while those uniforms are still there so I've got another year to go. I'm ready for this year for soccer that's what I'm saying.

Mr. Tobergte – So what about the softball league?

Paul Stegman – Well I don't have a girls softball team this year.

Mr. Tobergte – So you can get the \$500.00 out of there.

Paul Stegman – Yes.

Mr. Tobergte – Like I said in the email, the second email, I looking to bring all the money in, instead of why don't we transfer now into there instead of.....

Paul Stegman – It's one line item that I can transfer from, that's it, \$500.00. I don't have any other line items because I'm in the beginning of my season. If I start transferring money now to cover \$3,700.00 I'm going to be back here all year long trying to explain to you why I don't have any money in that line item.

Mr. Tobergte – What about the swim team's assistant coach? Their pay was cut by \$3.00 an hour about. How many hours do they work?

Paul Stegman – It depends on how many hours she works this year. If the head coach works, because they don't always work at the same time. Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't but if the head coach is sucking up some more of those hours I don't know that we're going to be having a whole lot more money left over in those line items. That's all based on hourly pay and I don't know, we don't have it set that they only get so many hours a week. They get however many hours they need to do their job. Again, if you want to take money out of those line items, then I can't guarantee that I'm not going to be back here again later on this year and say I'm out of money.

Mrs. Shildmeyer – Paul, correct me if I'm wrong, as far as the swim team goes, our head coach, Iris, is basically doing it for free to make ends meet for the swim team.

Paul Stegman – What she said she was going to do was, she's trying to get some people that are being groomed to take over for her. So we're still going to have two people that are going to be employed in that position and what she's going to be doing is donating or giving some of her time to help them facilitate that. But she's still our head coach, she's going to be our head coach until she steps down.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – But that's just to show how tight the money it.

Paul Stegman – Oh yes, it's tight. This is the tightest I've ever had and it's like if something goes down I don't have a choice. I was going to go a whole year without it because I don't have money to buy a new one.

Mrs. Brickweg – I just want to answer one question. Only one of the swim team assistants is that much lower. There's only person .....

Paul Stegman – Right, we never had an assistant swim coach before. They were always co-coaches. So they got paid the same amount. Well now it's changed and we've got an assistant so we needed to create a new pay scale for it.

Mr. Kalb – Out of curiosity, what is the swimming pool outlay used for? There's \$10,000.00 in that. It's under your recreation line item.

Paul Stegman – That covers all of the employees and all the equipment I need to operate the pool.

Mr. Kalb – So Swimming Pool Equipment Outlay covers employees?

Paul Stegman – Not their salaries. That just covers me buying like all the clothes and uniforms, the whistles, the bags, their little fanny packs that they have to wear, umbrellas, I mean, everything that I need to operate comes out of there. The chairs, the lounge chairs, we just bought some of those at the end of the season last year trying to replace all the old ones we've got.

Mr. Kalb – As I've said in the past, my biggest problem with this additional appropriation is that at the COW meeting last week we discussed transferring money, when I understand how it's tight and we just can't quite figure out how to transfer the money but then to just change it to an additional appropriation when at the COW meeting we voted 7-0 to put it on as a transfer it changes the Ordinance which we approved last week. I'm getting tired of on Wednesday and Thursday in the middle of the week an Ordinance being changed and then my hands being tied while these four or five other line items need to have the money transferred but now I'm being held back because we should be bringing that back to the COW meeting. There's nothing life or death about a machine down at the Fitness Center that can't wait one or two more weeks to have a discussion at the Council meeting. These discussions are not meant for the Council, they're meant for COW. I will be voting no on this Ordinance again this evening only because of the Equipment Outlay that should have been discussed at the COW, things like that if it changes and it's not a matter of a bill getting paid, those things need to be brought back to COW and not just changed on an Ordinance in the middle of the week.

Mrs. Brickweg – Andy, if you can remember correctly, I asked you guys for an additional appropriation and I told you there wasn't money in the budget. But I guess nobody decided. OK, hold on, I listened to you. It was brought up by some people to try to find it to transfer it. I said you're not going to be able to find it because I can see what the budget is. I did ask for an additional appropriation. I also explained to you, this is just my personal opinion, and there have been quite a lot of people complaining over at the Fitness Center. You know you're charging people to use that facility. You're basically making at least \$5,000.00 a year on it. So all I was suggesting was is because we're charging something for that that we probably should give the people the equipment to use while they're there. I haven't ever seen you work out any more but I know your parents go over there. They go in the morning, but if you ever went over there in the evening, there's like thirty people over there and two elliptical machines doesn't quite cut it and I had somebody say something that I thought was interesting today, because I'm going to be honest, I belong there and I belong to L A Fitness, because I want to go later in the evening. But, she said to me, if we can't have equipment when we're paying a fee, I might as well go elsewhere. What would you do if a lot of people just decided to do that? Granted, ten dollars is very cheap, but you'd lose that revenue



and I'm like well I never looked at it that way. I would just like to say I did tell you I thought it should be an additional appropriation. I did say I didn't think it could be found in the budget because once again, bare bone minimum budget and I sent out the email, I saw you picked up your mail today, I did the best I can. I can't do any more than that. I was going to put it on the COW but the Administration asked me to do an Ordinance tonight because if it was on the COW next week then it's another two, three, four weeks to even get the machine and they just felt the Fitness Center hasn't had that machine for at least two months and I guess they felt that the people were working out there and paying the fees that they deserved to have the equipment working. Maybe you should start calling me on Wednesdays and we can talk and I can let you know what's going on if you feel like you're, I've done my best to communicate with you and I know we're able to do it but if you think that would help, I'd welcome that, call me every Wednesday so we could discuss things.

Mr. Kalb – I agree with you. At the COW meeting he did state and ask for an additional appropriation but then the Mayor stepped in and said that we would find the money and then in the COW minutes it does say, Council approved the money to be moved from line items within the Recreation Dept. line items to add to this Ordinance. It doesn't say anything about the possibility if that doesn't go through to make additional appropriations. That was what was decided on and voted on. I get the emails and I get the changes in the Ordinances. I get them before I come here, the problem is they don't get them before coming here, our audience, and it's not fair to them to come here every week, or fair to me, to have to come here, I can't change the Ordinance in the middle of the week. I can send an email out to everybody saying I don't like that but that's not the forum for it. The forum for it is at the COW, not through email where the residents are kept in the dark.

Mrs. Brickweg – Wrong person to say I keep residents in the dark. That is totally ludicrous and we'll just leave it at that. But I hate to tell you this that things do happen. Maybe the minutes are incorrect, I hate to say that, but I remember the Mayor saying he would try. That is what I remember because I remember saying to Eddie, good luck with that one, I don't see how they're going to find it. I do remember that. But I'm not trying to keep anybody in the dark. I'm trying to give the residents that are paying money at the Fitness Center equipment to use. I guess I'm wrong for doing that. I will tell you and maybe you don't understand this but you can amend any Ordinance you want. If you want to amend this tonight, yes you can change any Ordinance so don't ever feel like you're here and you can't change something because you can.

Mr. Stegman – I would just like, yes the Mayor did state that he was going to try to get with Recreation and try to find the money. As Paul said, \$500.00. But that \$500.00 is something on something else he could be short and that's \$500.00 he could transfer for later. It's like why transfer it for something you know like we start talking about pays of the lifeguards or whatever. That would be like saying there's money in the Council line item, let's transfer it now but we know we're going to spend it later. There's not \$3,200.00. A couple dollars here, a couple dollars there, it's not the amount we're looking for. This is a piece of equipment that failed, nobody calculated every piece of equipment that fails. Just like Peggy said, the Administration asked to put it on there because it was discussed at the COW, the Mayor did say he was going to try to find it within Recreation's budget, Recreation is here and explained \$500.00 possibly but he might be short in other line item that he might need that \$500.00 that he would like to move around in

that. This is a one thing, he was going to let it go for the whole year. I don't think that's fair to the Fitness Center people. I'm just saying amend it, scratch it before it comes up on the first reading and talk about it at the COW. It's not going to change, it's still broke.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I agree with Peggy, I came in here knowing this was an additional appropriation. If we could transfer it we would. We all know that there's no money anywhere else. Secondly, this is one of the services that we have that I think actually if it doesn't pay for itself it breaks even. I don't think, well the pool we know we're going to lose money, we don't want to get rid of the pool. If we have a program that's actually working and paying for itself, I don't know why we wouldn't keep that program up and working and giving the residents what they're paying for.

Mr. Kalb – I understand all the talk here this evening. Something brings in \$9,500.00 and that we only budgeted \$3,500.00 to spend but we're not including electric, building, the employees down there, the cleaning supplies so I'm not trying to say it needs to make money and that I understand that equipment is broken but we're looking at equipment only as far as the cost of what that \$9,500.00 is going to cover. It doesn't cover employees and everything else down there so the number is going to be, you know, a little bit different.

Mrs. Brickweg – Maybe you didn't realize this but the Fitness Dept. is also run with the Dial-A-Ride and the Dial-A-Ride employees come out of the Dial-A-Ride employees so there are no employees for the Fitness Center. They run the Dial-A-Ride. There is a little bit of, the electricity and the water comes out of a totally different line item. It's in with City Hall. There are no employees for the Fitness Center. It's done by Dial-A-Ride.

Mr. Kalb – Where the money is taken from doesn't really matter what line item it's taken from it's still being spent for the purpose of that building.

Mrs. Brickweg – No, Dial-A-Ride, Dial-A-Ride workers run Dial-A-Ride.

Mr. Asbach – I am down there and I hear the people, when you come to workout and people have to do different things while they're waiting for the two people to get off the elliptical, we would have basically the same discussion in two weeks. My thought is because of the amount of people that use it that we're going to go ahead and appropriate it anyway. That's why I'm fine with having it on there tonight. I understand the procedure. We'd like to see it talked about at the COW but we're going to have this same discussion and all we're doing is pushing it down the road three weeks before it's ordered so I will be in favor.

Mrs. Brickweg – I just want to say one last thing. I'm the first one to say as the Auditor, I don't want additional appropriations but I feel like since the beginning of January, I feel like if I even ask I'm going to get attacked. It's going to be a very rough year. Because things happen and like I said, I'm the first one to say no, you got to find the money within your budget so I hope Council realizes that because I've always been like that since I've been Auditor. It's just, some things break down and when you have a bare bones budget like this, and we've had it for a couple of years and the Administration has been told, you know, bare bone and if something happens, something breaks or some emergency that you do know we have to appropriate the money. I hate to say this but the way we are begging and

begging for our money for very little things like this I can see the habit of budgeting coming back. That's when people padded their budgets because they didn't want to go through this every week. That is one worry I do have. Phil and I discussed that a little bit today because to think that you have to beg to get an elliptical because like Dianna said when somebody is paying to even workout there, I do have a little fear that that's going to happen with the Dept. Heads because they're not going to want to get beat up like this every week.

Jim Fastbender, 4419 Tower – It sounds like you don't have the money so you need to cut the budget and stop wasting money. Why are we paying for inspections on an elevator on a building that you're not even using? Why do you light the lights every day and night on a building that you're not using? Why did the City buy it in the first place? The City should be providing services. Fire, Police and Safety, that's it. Why are we into all these other things? If the work out center doesn't, let them go to the L A Fitness. Why do you care? If you're not making money, why do you care? And then you're putting the burden on all the tax payers all the time.

Mrs. Brickweg – Just to answer you on the Fitness Center, we are making money on the Fitness Center.

Jim Fastbender, 4419 Tower – Well you said you're not making money on the pool. Then close the pool.

Mrs. Brickweg – I'm just answering for the Fitness Center right now but I do know that's what I was saying.....

Jim Fastbender, 4419 Tower – I don't think that's anything the City should be involved in. Let the L A Fitness' do it. That's their business. Why does the City get involved in stuff like that? It's ridiculous.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – The services that we provide and the recreation we provide is the reason that we have families here. I can tell you if we didn't have the services that we have, I would be living somewhere else. That draws families in and it's going to help pay the taxes.

Jim Fastbender, 4419 Tower – That's all fine and good but you're driving people out with the taxes and the way you do things in this City too. St. Bernard, I've lived here all my life and I will tell you the last eight years are terrible. Absolutely terrible. That's all I'm going to say. Why are we involved in buying all these homes and everything? That shouldn't be the tax payers responsibility to pay for that. We should get services and that's it. If you don't have the money you stop. In your own home, if you don't have the money, do you still buy things? This should be treated just like your home. If you don't have the money, you don't buy it. I think it's crazy when I drive past that Imwalle's every night and all the lights are on, I'm like, why? Why did we buy that? I don't think anybody can answer that question. Why would you get it inspected when you don't use it? Why would you heat it when you don't use it?

Mr. Stegman – As I stated in my report, the reason why, it is a boiler type building, we are the owner of the building, by law for our insurance because it is a boiler we cannot get insurance unless we get the boiler inspected. That's why we have the boiler inspected. It is not running, it doesn't operate, it's not running but we have

to have it inspected to show that it's in condition that it could be up and running. That's just for our insurance. We have to keep insurance on our buildings. If it would burn down we need to get the money recouped for what we have in it. The other thing is the state elevator, if we go to sell the building, we have to have it certified by the State. The State says if you've got an elevator in your building it must be operational and also certified. That's the only two things we're spending on Imwalle's. As far as the lights, you have to keep lights on for all the vandalism and burglaries and stuff like that to keep it well lit so people can see people around the building. You do that to your own home, I hope.

Jim Fastbender, 4419 Tower – I do it all day long too, Phil. Leave them all on. We shouldn't even be involved in that building. That's my point. You're putting the burden on the tax payers and then you keep raising the taxes and then when the people can't pay the taxes you want to run them through your little court system and it's ridiculous. I could go on all night.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 15, 2014. Motion passed 5-1. Mr. Kalb voted no.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16, 2014. FIXING THE 2014 AND FOWARD COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD SERVICE DEPARMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 16, 2014. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 16, 2014. Motion passed 6-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Culbertson – I would like to thank Susie Steiner and the members of the Immanuel Church of Christ for inviting me up to read to the children during their last Book Worm Diner episode for public service.

Mr. Tobergte – Peggy, I was told the CIC did sell the property on Tower Ave. that was closed.

Mrs. Brickweg – I had not heard that but we saw a deposit into their bank account for \$110,000.00 so I'm assuming that is probably what that is.

Mr. Tobergte – So, we'll get our money back soon?

Mrs. Brickweg – I'll talk to Paul about that. Like I said, no one has even told me anything we just happened to see it when we were looking at our bank account numbers today. I'll look into it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Brickweg – The nurse, Laura Schmitt asked that she be put on the COW agenda for next week. She’s hoping to have someone come from the County and would like to speak to Council about possibly doing a Resolution of support of the “We Thrive Program”. She just asked to be put on the agenda.

**AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None.

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

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.