

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

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held January 21, 2016 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Ms. Valerie VanValkenburg-Walden - The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed all members present: Mr. Tobergte, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Estep - I would like to thank Judy Mersfelder. She has been a big help this week and last week as well with the Mayor's, not only Mayor's Court but Police Court and helping Cheryl Abrams get on board.

We had a very positive meeting last night with our Fourth of July Committee. We signed a contract with Rozzi to have the fire works back this year. There were twelve people present and we're working on how we're going to do the booths, food, drinks, music and so on and so forth. We're looking for a band. We have our fingers crossed that we get the Rusty Grisswold. We're waiting.

We have one more opening on the Mayor's Advisory Board and I'm waiting for a response on him and then we'll have our six people and we will be having our first meeting probably the middle or the latter part of February.

I enjoyed my lunch with the Service Department this week. Tommy Paul and myself were invited down. The lunch was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Schell. They live at the end of Delmar. They put together a nice pulled pork barbecue, chili, soup. They went all out especially on the day that we had all the snow. It really was well timed and I don't think there was much left. I also enjoyed a short visit with the senior citizens. I was supposed to go swear in new officers but with the weather a few of them weren't there so I stayed and had cake and coffee with the ladies and it was very enjoyable.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg - The Auditor's Office has prepared Ordinance 2, 2016 for tonight's meeting. Ordinance 2 authorizes the auditor to transfer \$1,383,076.00 from the general fund transfer out line 5-A-19 to:

TO CASH ACCOUNTS:

02-1000 Street Maintenance Cash Account	\$100,000.00
04-1000 Swimming Pool Cash Account	\$30,000.00
05-1000 Master Plan Cash Account	\$300,000.00
10-1000 C-9 Trust Fund Cash Account	\$50,000.00
18-1000 Cap Project-Strom Sewer Improvement	\$3,076.00
31-1000 General Bond Retirement Cash Account	\$400,000.00
51-1000 Employee Health Plan Cash Account	\$500,000.00

It establishes a new line item, 01-2-A-4 for the Historical Society and provides \$5,000.00 to it.

Ordinance 2 also provides additional appropriations to:

01-2-A-2 Mayor Secretary	\$1,126.67
01-2-E-1 Tax Commissioner	\$1,930.46
01-2-O-1 Service Director	\$1,930.46

01-8-A-2	Building Maintenance Safety Center	\$10,000.00
01-58-13	Fitness Center Equipment Outlay	\$1,500.00
01-66	Unemployment	\$14,000.00
07-04	Vine St. Streetscape Project	\$711,809.41
12-01	Drug Offender Fines	\$2,800.00
13-01	Criminal Act Forfeiture	\$25,500.00
21-01	Mayor's Court Computerization	\$900.00
22=01	Clerk of Court Computerization	\$6,000.00

The need for transfers is so invoices can be paid out of the correct cash accounts. The additional appropriations for the Mayor's Secretary, Tax Commissioner and Service Director are due to the first payroll of 2016 including the last week of 2015 and because when the previous administration started their jobs in 2008 and 2009 they were not paid their full salary the first year. The Safety Center Building Maintenance is because it was reduced too low in the original budget. The Fitness Center appropriation is to cover an expense from 2015. Unemployment is needed to cover recent requests from the previous administration. The additional appropriation to Vine Street Streetscape is the remaining bond money left to be used on this project. The last four accounts are to appropriate their funds available in the corresponding cash accounts. The Auditor's office provided Council and the Administration with the 2015 year end revenue and expense spreadsheets. The revenues spendable for 2015 were \$13,105,100.95. When compared to 2014 the revenues were up \$177,170.88. The expenditures for 2015, with grant and bond money removed were \$12,256,435.33. Comparing the same numbers to 2014 the expenditures were down \$225,339.23. On the expense spreadsheet there is some additional information to help Council and the Administration analyze the year end of 2015. When you take into account additional appropriations, encumbrances carried forward from 2014 that were expensed in 2015, remove the bond and grant expenses and compare the expenses to the revenues the Village underspent by \$848,665.62. The Village encumbered \$493,681.97 to 2016. \$234,414.00 of that is bond money, so the actual expenses encumbered are \$259,267.97. \$199,902.00 of that is a new ambulance which Council recommended to purchase in 2015, but it could only be ordered so the expense will be paid this year.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Peck - Last night we had Mayor's Court. It went pretty smoothly. We were done in well under an hour. The large part of the reason is because a lot of people didn't show up for Court probably because of the weather. We did get some things done.

Tonight we also had a Laws, Contracts & Claims Committee meeting. I got a better idea of the feral cat issue. Thank you Mrs. Bedinghaus for calling that meeting. I'll let her address the rest of the issue that we went over in her report. Also I received a question from Mr. Paul concerning what House Bill he thinks whether the employer can put a box indicating whether a person's been convicted on the application employment for a public position. House Bill did indicate that he cannot do that any more. So I made Mr. Paul aware of that or confirmed what he was thinking. That is a fact but I want to point out though you can't have that box on a public employment application, it doesn't stop the employer from asking those questions post application. So I just wanted to caution everybody that you can still ask those questions after.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe - I was working on getting my report together this evening and I had a couple of numbers I was off on and just sitting here I just spotted them so I think I'll have my report prepared for the next meeting.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stutchell - The Ohio Emergency Management Agency has announced that the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program provides a rebate for the purchase and construction/installation of tornado safe rooms for Ohio homeowners. A safe room is an extreme-wind shelter or space that provides protection to people during a tornado. Residents selected for the program are eligible for a rebate up to 75 % of the cost to install or construct a safe room - up to a maximum of \$5,250. To apply for the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program, homeowners have until 5p.m. Feb 10, 2016, to register on the Ohio EMA website:

<https://ohiosharpp.ema.state.oh.us/SafeRoom2016>.

The St. Bernard Fire Department is looking for volunteers to join our soon to be created Community/Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. CERT training includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations and light search and rescue operations. Classes will be held at the St. Bernard Safety Center, beginning March 10, 2016. Class times will be 6:00-9:00 and classes will be held once a week either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. To sign up for the class call 242-8474 during regular business hours. For more information about CERTs, visit:

<http://www.fema.gov/communityemergencyresponseteam>

The St. Bernard Fire Dept. responded to, for the month of December for a total of 29 fire runs, with 1 mutual aid run to Elmwood. The St. Bernard Fire Dept. also had, for the month of December a total of 87 EMS runs, with a total of 57 patients transported and mutual aid given for EMS, 10 runs to Elmwood and 3 to Norwood.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Paul - I have a communication from Lily Middendorf. The Mathew 25 ministries for the victims of the Texas tornado, the Missouri and Illinois flooding: she states, we did very well for such a short time. All together we collected 1008 bottles of water, 192 cans of soup, 40 bottles of bleach, 72 rolls of paper towels, 20 boxes of laundry soap and 3 big boxes of miscellaneous cleaning supplies. I would like to thank all the employees of the Village of St. Bernard who helped us, and thanks to the Village for the use of the van to help move things along. The people who will receive this thank you and so do I.

Sincerely,

Lily Middendorf, your National American Miss Pre-Teen National Cover Girl 2015-16

The rest of my report: on January 10th, Sunday the snow emergency, we did a light dusting of salt due to the fact that the temperature was going to drop into the teens. I would like to thank my advisors and employees. Well done!

On January 20th, another snow emergency, we got started ahead of the game at 4:30 when the salt hit the fan. Part of our salt supply was exposed to the winter elements and froze as hard as stone. These boulders of salt would jam the spreader and the workers would scramble to try and break them up by hand but to no avail. The trucks, all of them, returned to the department where they were emptied, the salt crushed, reloaded and back out to try again. I know the effort that occurred and again have to say thank you for by noon, the streets and parking areas were clear.

On this same day, Herb Shell treated the Service Department and the Mayor to lunch. We express our gratitude. Thank you Herb.

I would also ask Council for time with the COW on two issues. June St. and the old Police Department building. We have to add funds to the line item. To finish, may you find tranquility within our Village.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Moore - I put the tax receipts in the box today for the month of December and for the total year. Also I think it backed up and compared it to about ten previous years. You can see kind of growth and where we stand there. I'd like to say if you need to see that in a different format, or you'd like to see the numbers done another way, I'll be glad to do whatever I can that's within my power. I'm just letting you know as I said in my cover letter, as far as the Tax Office itself we're finally starting to hit a rhythm I think. We're doing some things to start to get ready for "tax day" on April 15th, which I understand is pretty hectic and we're also doing some things to kind of tie up 2015 with businesses and so forth so that we can put everything to bed as quickly and as efficiently as we can. We've done a couple of mailings. We mailed a 1099 to all the businesses in town reminding them that its tax season and they need to catch up with everything and then as far as tax day itself, April 15th, we're going to do a mailing to every citizen in St. Bernard. The only ones who won't get a mailing are those who are exempt. Those would be the retired people, people on disability, people who are not responsible to pay taxes. Just reminding them that tax season is here. And if they haven't paid their 2015 taxes that they need to pay them and that they're due April 15th. in full. I understand the legislation has changed a little bit and we're no longer able to actually do the tax returns for the people. My understanding is that in the past some people would just come in, give us their W-2s, their 1040s and say here it is, do it. According to the rules and regulations now, we're not allowed to do that. So we're going to try to educate people but they're going to have to do their own tax returns or have someone do them for them and then we can take it from there and make sure they're right and so forth. I know April 15th seems like a long way away but according to the other folks in the tax office who have been there longer than I have, it will come around quickly and we need to be prepared and that's what we're doing.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte - My 1st Town Hall for 2016 will be Tuesday, Feb 9th at 7pm. at the lower level of City Hall. Also a piece of really old business I would like to wish the WW of the 4th Ward Happy Birthday.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson - I have the Police report for the month of December: During the month of December, officers were involved in 722 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 25 accident reports and took 20 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 15 offenses. Officers made 62 misdemeanor arrests and 1 felony arrests. Officers responded to 46 parking complaints and issued 8 citations. Officers issued 35 traffic citations, 3 DUI and 59 warnings. We responded to 61 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach - No report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Ms. Hausfeld - No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus - As the Law Director stated we did meet tonight to discuss the concern relative to feral and stray cats. It was a very good discussion and thanks Mike for bringing up a lot of points and I want to thank Tom Rolfsen too because he was here as a citizen and did provide

some personal information. We did look at what we already have on the books which is very minimal and so what Mike will be doing for us is he will draft an Ordinance that is relative to feral and stray cats and bring it back to the Laws, Contracts and Claims for review. And then we will bring it to COW.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb - No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Schildmeyer - No report.

Mr. Asbach - Thanks to Mrs. Bedinghaus for running the meeting and the COW report has been submitted to the Clerk.

Committee of the Whole

January 14, 2016

Council approved the minutes of the Dec. 17th, 2015, January 1st and January 7th, 2016 Council meetings.

Marge Niesen presented 2015 in review of the St. Bernard-Ludlow Grove Historical Society and 2016 plans for the Society. Council approved to put \$5,000 into the appropriate line item for 2016 for the Historical Society.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS:

Mayor, John Estep

1. Thanked everyone for working hard over the last couple weeks.
2. Met with Joe Rozzi regarding fireworks. Wants to put together a 4th of July Committee.
3. Putting together an Advisory Committee to brainstorm any ideas.

CIC: There is an opening for an elected official to be a member of the CIC. Council agreed to have the Mayor be that member.

Discussed meetings that the Tax Administrator should attend. Council agreed that Tax Administrator should attend all Council meetings and COW when requested.

Paul Meyers presented to Council the property at Bertus and Vine St and the need to have the parking lot at that site turned over to the CIC. Council agreed to have an ordinance on the table for the Jan. 21st Council meeting for the transfer of property.

Auditor, Peggy Brickweg:

- a. Presented the Appropriations Ordinance. Council approved to put an Ordinance on the table for the Jan. 21st Council meeting.
- b. Preliminary report for 2015 Revenue up from 2014; expenses are down for 2014.

Law Director, Mike Peck

4. Reported that he had received the information relative to feral cats and will bring recommendations to the Laws, Contracts & Claims Committee.

Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell

5. Thanked the Police Dept. for their hard work in meeting with him to discuss the Police contract. Asked for contract. Council voted 6-0 to go into Executive Session.

6. Service Director, Tom Paul

Met with JMA to submit SCIP funds for Moeller Ave which is due by 12-9-16.

7. Final project expenses for Ross Ave have been received. Project came in under budget.

8.

9. Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Rick Moore: Absent. No report.

10.

11. Treasurer, John Ungruhe: Presented First Safety Bank report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance, Don Tobergte: No report.

Safety, Ray Culbertson:

12. Thanked crossing guards for their hard work.

13. Next Block Watch meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

14. Service, Steve Asbach: Absent. No report.

15. Public Improvements, Patty Hausfeld: No report

Laws, Contracts & Claims, Cindi Bedinghaus:

16. There will be a Laws, Contracts & Claims Committee meeting at 6:00pm on January 21, 2016 to discuss the ordinance for feral cats.

17.

18. Business & Industry, Andy Kalb: No report.

Highways & Transportation, Diana Schildmeyer: No report.

Audience Participation:

a. One person brought forth concern about misconduct of students after school off school premises.

Member Steve Asbach was excused for his absence – Vote 6-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions for January 21, 2016 Council Meeting:

Ordinance #1 – Appropriations

Ordinance #2 – Turning parking lot located at Bertus and Vine St over to the CIC

Ordinance #3 (if needed) – Add \$5,000 to appropriate line items for the Historical Society.

Next Council Meeting: Jan 21, 2016

Next C.O.W. Meeting: Jan 28, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Bedinghaus

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to read tonight's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2016. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH A NEW LINE ITEM AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFER FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 2, 2016. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 2, 2016 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 3, 2016. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTIES KNOWN AS 4504 VINE STREET (CARTHAGE AVENUE), TO THE ST. BERNARD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III SECTION 1 OF THE AGREEMENT AND PLAN BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO AND THE ST. BERNARD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 3, 2016.

REMARKS

Mrs. Bedinghaus - What is Carthage Ave.?

Mr. Tobergte - It's where Vine St. is. Its an old name for Vine St.

Mrs. Bedinghaus - OK

Mr. Tobergte - Just to let our residents know this Ordinance allows the CIC to work with Capital Development Services to develop this entire corner of Vine and Bertus. It's also in here that when its for sale if we do sell the property we get half the money back from the CIC and Paul you stated at COW that Council would have the final say or OK on the businesses going in there.

Mr. Myers - (Nodding in agreement.)

Ms. Hausfeld - I know there, Paul there were a lot of questions last week and some of them you had answers to and some you didn't. I know Don just clarified that we do have, it will come back to Council for a vote on it, I'm kind of, I don't like, I don't know how to word this, (sigh) there's a lot of properties in CIC that has already been given to the CIC that has not been developed yet and I know you said that this particular company is very interested in doing so many other things in St. Bernard once we get this and does this, my only concern is and trust me I understand what Donnie is saying as far as we get the final say but I guess I'm just fearful because I know what you guys originally wanted to put like in the old Police Station and I just don't want any bad business going in there and I know that sounds stupid but I guess my question is....there were some answers or questions last week that they asked like what kind of businesses, you have no clue. Help me out guys cause a lot of you guys asked the questions and I'm fearful that if we give them property that we're going to be stuck with something we really don't want and I'm just having a hard time just giving this property away because it is our main street, it is dealing another parking lot and pretty soon Vine St. is just going to be a parking lot and I just don't want to see that for Vine St. so that's my concerns.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - I got this. I think as a mom at St. Clement and a person of St. Clement and I feel your concerns and I think I expressed them last week that I wasn't happy with Meiners and I made that clear to John and everybody else involved. But last week I made it very clear that I was not happy with Meiners. And I'm not happy with this becoming, with St. Clement parents losing more parking lot spaces. And you said we'll talk to them about getting more parking spaces and maybe they will let us do parking spots. Correct?

Mayor Estep - Well I said there were some other options for St. Clement.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - It doesn't matter. What matters is this. St. Bernard matters. It matters to all of us. And what matters to all of us is that St. Bernard becomes a better place. And I think that if this is a great place for a great business then we have to welcome them with open arms. If it's a bad business then I think that if it's a cash place, if it's a something that we don't want here then we'll all say "no". And I think that Mayor Estep will say "no" I don't want that here. I think that if it's a good place for St. Clement and for St. Bernard and for the school system here then I think we will be all for that. But I don't think that, you can shake your head and say no.....

Ms. Hausfeld - I'm not shaking my head and say no, I'm just, I just have concerns, and you know that's all and I just wanted to publically say that.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - I have your back with that. This is where my kids go to school. This is two blocks from my house. I want the best places that John has brought on we want the best place, you want a good business here. We all do. And I think it's unfair to say that we will not all vote for the best place to come into St. Bernard. Right?

Mayor Estep - I think that's what everybody said last week. I think we have to take a chance. I'm closer to that corner than you are probably and I don't want check cashing places there and I think we have the final say. I think Paul gave us his word on that. And I did express, I said sometimes you have to take a chance. And

I don't mean we would take a chance on a check cashing place. No we're taking a chance with turning some property over to the CIC to work with a developer. To do away with a parking lot. And there are options behind St. Clement if they wanted to pursue those two pieces of property and maybe some in kind down the road from the Village to help them put two parking lots behind St. Clement because I'm all for teachers. I spent 31 years in education. Anything we can do to help St. Clement. I went to school there, believe it or not I served Mass and sung in the Choir. Let's keep the laughter down and I'm a big supporter of St. Clement's and education and this community or I wouldn't be sitting in this chair here. I think we're on the right path. But we have to take a step out and see what the developer can do. I appreciate all your, I know sincere thoughts are coming from your heart and I'm right there with you.

Ms. Hausfeld - I guess I'm just concerned because I, we in the past have turned a lot of land over to the CIC and some of its never been developed yet and we did put our hope in a developer and on the Tower Project and that went by the wayside and it's just like we've got a lot of things in the works and I guess I'm just reluctant to hand more property over to the CIC. That's my only concern.

Mayor Estep - Patty I can empathize with that and somebody brought up another example. I hear you're having fire works this year. They haven't had them in a long time. I said you know I don't care what we had or what we didn't have, what happened last year or the past three years or eight years, we're turning a page and I understand you haven't been real happy with some things not getting developed and neither have I as a resident. I've had several meetings with Paul and I'm trying to work in a very good rapport and build some trust with him. So I'm hoping this opportunity works for all of us.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - I think that John and Paul and I, and I think Patty that you know I'm very invested in St. Bernard. I don't think that you would think for one second and I would hope you wouldn't do this, for one second my heart isn't in St. Bernard. There is no way I turn anything over to somebody that I don't think would benefit St. Bernard. And as the President of CIC, I am proud to be the President of CIC, and I'm proud to work with Paul, and I'm proud to work with John, we will figure this out.

Mr. Tobergte - This project has been in the works for six months or so probably? This isn't something that just showed up there. The developer is hot on the trail and wants to get going so I say we give it to them and see what happens.

Mrs. Brickweg - I have a question. It's funny you said that it's been in the works for six months but as a member of the CIC I've never heard anything about it.

Mr. Tobergte - My conversation with Paul down in his office said they've been working on this so I don't know.....

Mrs. Schildmeyer - I knew about it.

Mrs. Brickweg - I'm glad you knew about it but what about the rest of us on CIC. Once again, Executive Committee knows everything and other members have no clue. So I don't know anything about this, but that blows my mind. It's been in the works for six months but a member of the CIC has no clue what's going on. Only certain people do. I still have a huge issue with that.

Mykala Williams, Ross Ave. - As a citizen of St. Bernard, for almost four years now, I'll tell you this, I'm really watching from my seat in the house and here and you know I just watch so many things go by. One thing I noticed is how many places the CIC's bought but they yet, you know we turned it over to them, yet there's nothing done with it so why do we want to put a new place when they already got all this other places that they could be fixing on now? It's just a question.

Mr. Tobergte - Mykala, like I said, you know, Paul has been working on this for six months, this is kind of a hot issue, but this developer wants to get started. He doesn't want any other property right now because he has his eyes set on this place to get a foot hold in St. Bernard. Maybe he'll develop some other places, I don't know, but this is a start.

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. - First of all, I'm taking it that this is the 3rd Ordinance of this year, OK? The first ones were all passed by emergency. So, first of all, I think that's bad. I don't know why this one has to pass as emergency. I was at the COW. Half the people there had no idea about it. There was talk about, well it's been in the works, OK. What it was going to be, there was nothing definitive about it so I don't understand why this has to be rushed through instead of letting citizens understand it and stuff. And yeah, like he just said, as of 2014 there was 24 properties OK, they owned the shopping center, they owned the funeral home, nothing's been done, you have this corner spot, why don't they take this and I don't think they bid out any of these things when they fix houses and stuff, they don't bid them out like I think they should. I just think its ridiculous to pass everything by Emergency Ordinance, especially this. The COW meeting they said they talked about it two months ago, half the people in the COW did not know anything about it. And Peggy saying she's part of it. I've been at the meeting. When was the last time there was a CIC meeting? September? So what is the big emergency where you can't have input from the citizens on what you're doing. That's a, right next to a school OK. You have no idea. I've listened to him say what's going to go there. Well it might be this, it might be this, we might give it to him, we might sell it. Maybe they'll build us a parking lot. There's nothing definitive, OK. Why do you have to pass it as an emergency?

Mrs. Schildmeyer - It wasn't, we didn't pass anything that's going to happen now. We are passing that it's going to the CIC. That's all.

Tom Rolfsen, - This Ordinance is being passed you turning over without the second and third hearing.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - Everything we do is by emergency and Tom I completely agree with you. When I got on Council I said why is everything emergency. I completely agree with you.

Tom Rolfsen - Then explain why is this an emergency.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - To me it's not an emergency. Nothing

Tom Rolfsen - So when you vote today, you vote for what you believe, right?

Mrs. Schildmeyer - I agree that this should go to the CIC.

Tom Rolfsen - So you're going to pass it as an emergency? That's what I'm saying. This one shouldn't.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - No, I'm telling you for the past four years, since I have been on Council, nothing has been an emergency. But every single thing

Tom Rolfsen - So you're just doing it because that's the way it's been. Don't go back to what's been in the past, start over OK. So explain why you're going to pass this as an emergency instead of letting citizens come in and talk about it OK.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - You just talked over me Tom. You got mad at me before and you hate me because I talked over you. So now I'm

Tom Rolfsen - I'm not addressing this issue I'm saying everybody is going to vote on this today. I agree with Patty, OK.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - OK.

Mr. Asbach - Just, Tom, to somewhat answer, if we don't pass it emergency tonight we're going to wait for a month and a half. Then we're going to turn it over to them. If there is something and we have the right to refuse it I don't see the problem with emergency. If we're going to give it to the CIC, why wait for two more meetings, like I said, because that would be six weeks, when if we're going to give it to them we're going to see what's happening up there. If we don't like it then we refuse it. But we won't know that for a month and a half if we don't go emergency.

Tom Rolfsen - And do you have a legal document that says you have the right to, to turn it down?

Mr. Asbach - I won't deny I wasn't at COW last week but I watched the meeting tonight and I heard the same thing. I heard that we have the right of refusal.

Tom Rolfsen - So you know that for a fact? It's legal?

Mr. Asbach - I can't answer that because I wasn't there.

Mr. Tobergte - That's why I asked Paul at the beginning of the meeting. When we were beginning to read the Ordinance.

Tom Rolfsen - So you have a Law Director here. You should be asking if you have it in writing that you do have the refusal, OK. Instead of just going on somebody's word. So can I ask the Law Director if there is some legality where you can say no we don't want this when you turn it over to them?

Mr. Peck - If Council would like me to take a look at it I certainly will. But Council has to ask.

Mr. Kalb - Tom for the last about year and a half, two years I've been right on your side. I've been, I've been one of the biggest criticism of the CIC not developing property. We hear this and it goes by the wayside and we hear big things here and it kind of falls apart. I'm going to go with John. I am taking a leap of faith because in the past I have turned down property transfers for that exact same reason. We, the difference I feel with this one versus the other ones is we have a developer that wants to develop it. It's not turning it over to look into a developer or to someone looking into the property. We have somebody that wants it. It's just a matter of they can't give it to them because they don't have it yet. So to me that's the

difference between this one and the other four or five. I still do have a lot of concerns. This is going to be kind of like my testing ground. If this one still goes to the wayside then I'm going to be right back on the negative trend of the CIC but I'm trying to micromanage them. I'm hoping that now with the new administration, with the new board on the CIC that we can hopefully turn a page and start living in a more positive direction and have some more transparency and it takes one step. And I'm going to give this one and hope that it goes in a positive direction. It kind of goes along with what you said, the final say so, that was discussed here prior hand, because that was one of the things that we talked about and you're right, there is nothing in this Ordinance, to my knowledge, this is me speaking for myself, there is nothing that I have any right to legally go back to the CIC and say, they didn't give us a say in that. Because there is nothing that says they have to do it. Again, I know I've had a lot of trust issues with the CIC. I'm the first one to admit that. I'm going to go out on a limb and I'm going to take the administration's word. I'm going to take Paul Myers' word, I'm going to take the President of the CIC's word and hope that, you know, that we can move finally in a positive direction and put aside what's been done wrong in the past and start moving forward.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - Tom, this won't make things any better because, this won't make you feel any better about it. Mayor Estep, Paul and I, nothing can happen unless I sign a document. That means nothing to you but it means a lot to a lot of the citizens in St. Bernard. And it should mean a lot to the Council of St. Bernard. If the three of us can come to an agreement and Andy and the rest of Council, if we all agree on something, nothing can happen unless I sign a document. Is that right Paul?

Tom Rolfsen - I thought it was the Treasurer that signs stuff?

Mrs. Schildmeyer - No.

Tom Rolfsen - Do you have a Treasurer?

Mrs. Schildmeyer - Yes.

Tom Rolfsen - It's not on your website in St. Bernard.

Mrs. Brickweg - I'm going to agree with him as a resident. Why can't you guys wait two weeks and then put it in there. I don't understand why you wouldn't wait and put it in there. Put it in there that Council has to approve it. It makes no sense to me. Well you can talk but I was talking. Or you could amend it and possibly put it in here but I do agree that there is no teeth here and I understand what the residents and what he is saying and it's, it's, I don't understand how it would hurt you to cover it, you know, just put it in there that you get final approval either amend it or wait two weeks. I mean we saw how long the library took and thank God we have it but I think we should learn from that make that secure.

Mr. Tobergte - If I may, Ray and I talked this morning, Andy and I talked tonight, I've talked to Mike about adding a section in here that Council, like Section 3B, whatever, that Council would have the final approval over said project but Mike was saying he was not sure how legal that would be, correct?

Mr. Peck - Yeah, without researching it, I'm not sure you can give away that property and then retain some power over what they do with it. I can research it but at this point I'm not ready to say you can do that.

Mr. Tobergte - You know, Paul is on record saying Council has the right of refusal. Paul, I believe the contract you're writing to the developer also states Council has rights.

Mayor Estep - Paul has relayed to me that it is written in the contract. You know tonight is just approval of the transfer of the property to the CIC. But the final say will be written in that contract that we have the final say what goes in there.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - Mayor Estep, Paul and I would never sign anything that the three of us did not agree with. And the three of us are completely politically divided and we would never do anything without Council's approval. So I think that this, right John?

Mayor Estep - Paul would you like to go to the podium and explain this?

Mrs. Brickweg - Dianna, this is nothing personal for him, her, you, whatever, I'm just saying how legally you should probably do the right thing to make it a possibility just attach the contract to the Ordinance and you're done. I'm not saying anything about anybody's personality or who's with any political power but I'm trying to cover our bottoms with this maybe we could just attach the contract to it.

Ms. VanValkenburg-Walden - Mr. Myers.

Tom Rolfsen - Wait, I'm not finished, OK. So I think I still have.....

Ms. VanValkenburg-Walden - Well actually you're beyond your five minutes at this point so I would ask you to step aside and let him speak.

Tom Rolfsen - You let Mr. Miller speak for an hour?

Ms. VanValkenburg - I don't recall letting Mr. Miller speak for an hour.

Tom Rolfsen - Alright, whatever, am I allowed to come back up here?

Ms. VanValkenburg - Yes, for five more minutes, yes.

Paul Myers - OK the contract between the CIC and the developer, and the developer has signed it, he has no problem with Council getting final approval. That is written into the document. Any questions? It is there.

Ms. Hausfeld - Did you just say the contractor signed?

Paul Myers - Yes, the developer is ready to go. He wants to do something. He's signed it.

Ms. Hausfeld - How can you sign something when we haven't passed it yet.

Paul Myers - He's ready to go. Why can't he sign it?

Ms. Hausfeld - To me it's just kind of seems weird that somebody can sign something that hasn't been approved.

Paul Myers - It will just be thrown away. If nothing changes on it, it's signed and ready to go. If you want something done, there's a developer waiting. You can't complain about nothing being done and say don't do anything.

Ms. Hausfeld - I can complain about what hasn't been done and I will complain about what hasn't been done. You may not get to hear what the rest of the citizens complain about what's not being done but I do. And that is why I raise the question on this.

Paul Myers - And you have the answer.

Ms. Hausfeld - And I would be more than happy, no I wouldn't I'm not, I'm not, I'm not going to vote for, I'm going to vote against it but, I, I, don't want to see this unless we have the contract attached to it or our own Law Director said he's not, he's not willing to say unless he researches it so I don't know what the big deal is to wait a little bit. That's my two cents and you guys know how I feel.

Mr. Tobergte - As far as the developer signing the contract, the contract is not binding unless we sign it also or Paul I should say or whoever.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - Or Di.

Mr. Tobergte - Anybody can sign a contract, one party signs it, it doesn't mean anything. But he's got enough faith in signing the contract already to me (inaudible).

Ms. VanValkenburg-Walden - Ms. Hausfeld, I can tell you as an Attorney, people can sign documents with effective dates after something else happens it is contingent on something else. So the fact that this is a developer waiting for this, it's not that unusual.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - John, this is what you want to happen? Is that correct?

Mayor Estep - Yes.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - Nothing can happen with the CIC unless I sign a document. Is that right Paul?

Paul Myers - That is correct.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - That is correct, so the three of us, once again have to be inclusion to making this happen and believing in St. Bernard and believing this is what is the best for our Village? John, is this what, correct?

Mayor Estep - Yes, this is what we agreed on.

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay St. - OK, If this is such a rush, what is he putting there? OK he doesn't even know what they're going to be putting there OK so you want to sign this contract with him and you have no idea so what is the big deal. He is not ready to build anything, he has no plans, Paul can't come up with and say this is what he's proposing and then you guys are going to vote on something? You voted on this Lot over here and what ever happened to that OK? It fell apart. So now you want to pass a rush Ordinance based on, well this guy doesn't know what he wants to put there but he wants to develop it OK? And then you have Dianne here that has, she's part of the CIC with Paul and stuff like that, I just think that guys need to control a little more of what the CIC does and where our money is going OK? I'm a tax payer. I live in St. Bernard. Paul doesn't live in St. Bernard, OK? I do, I've lived here all my life. So I think you guys should research things out before you pass these quick Ordinances OK? I don't understand why you can't

wait two weeks while the Law Director looks at it. You're saying a signed contract don't mean nothing, well a hand shake does not mean anything either, OK? So you guys are all going to be held to this vote here OK? If you go ahead and pass this and something falls apart like it has in all the other things you've done so far OK? So as a tax payer, I'm against it and I give Patty for getting up there and saying basically the same thing and then you have Dianne that's part of the CIC and like I said is the auditing done on the CIC yet? Are the results in? So I wouldn't give anything more to the CIC until the audit comes in and you see it OK? Because the hold up is the CIC right now as far as I know on the City audit. Is that right Peggy?

Mrs. Brickweg - That's where they were working last. I have not heard.

Tom Rolfsen - So I don't understand why you're going to give more property and you don't even know what the audit, the audit is being held up just because of that one department, OK? So you ought to think about that before you do something like this.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - We all agreed as Council, Tom, that nobody can put anything in there unless Council all agrees on it. So Council does retain some power here. So we need to say we're giving it away, that's incorrect. Isn't that right Council?

Mr. Culbertson - Mike, would that kind of be a solution just attaching a contract that Paul is referring that in that contract with the developer it comes back to Council before anything materializes. I mean does that give it some teeth?

Mr. Peck - Well if you pass the contract and I haven't seen that done with any of our Ordinances before but I can say if that's in the contract in kind with the realtor or you know whoever, the developer and you don't attach it to the Ordinance that's part of that contract.....that's my understanding right now. Based on what I know now.

Mr. Culbertson - And to be clear on this, this particular piece of property, Paul, is just the parking lot. The property between the parking lot and the school is already in CIC hands. So this is attaching it to make one potential development.

Paul Myers - Inaudible

Mr. Culbertson - Right. OK.

Mykala Williams, Ross Ave. - I'm with them, why don't you cooperate a little more, get some more facts and from there it'll probably work out better. Instead of arguing about it, you know, give them something about telling you, it would probably be easier if you just cooperate on it just a little more than what you did now. Talking about researching the things that he's done, what these need to know, Like what he's going to do, have them research if it could be done. Probably better and more easier and save some more time.

Alan Siefert, 118 Bank Ave. - My wife and I watched the COW meeting last week and we were excited to see development. I'm a fourth generation St. Bernard resident. And moving back here after my father passed away I see the library go in. I see things develop. I want to see something happen with St. Bernard Square. I was excited to see something happen with this parking lot close to St. Clement. As a teacher we always hear negative. Parents calling and complaining saying negative things. You don't hear positive. So when I hear people complaining that's

one aspect. But I want you guys to know that there are citizens that are excited. That want things to happen and move St. Bernard forward.

Mrs. Brickweg - I'm all for moving forward and I really want to move forward I just want to make sure we do it correctly and cover our butts so we don't look back. But absolutely I would love to see development here. But I would just like to make sure we do it correctly, that's all.

The motion to suspend passed 6-1. Ms. Hausfeld voted no.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Shildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 3, 2016 as read. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Hausfeld voted no.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Asbach - As I stated, I was not here last week at COW but a question for the Safety Director, I actually watched most of the meeting on the ICRC website and I'm just curious, I know everybody voted to have, I think voted, I missed that part of it, to have Paul Myers and the two Chiefs here and I know the Fire Chief has been coming for probably over a year. I personally just want to ask the Safety Director if he feels the need for the Chief to be here. A lot of times if there are questions that, and I can see if it pertains to something we should have them here, but to me I'm looking at the Police Chief sitting there and he's probably thinking, this is the last place on earth I want to be tonight. I just want to ask that question, like I said, I wasn't here but I don't agree with them being here unless they feel like they want to be. I don't want to put you on the spot, I just wanted to know if you thought it was necessary.

Mr. Stuchell - That's fine. I'm sure that it's going to come at some point but as far as, it was not my initial request, it was asked of the entire Council addressing individuals if they wished to be present at their pleasure. Going back and reviewing that, the vote and the request that was made, it was not my initial request, I do believe there is some merit to having them here. Whether it be on occasion or whether or not it would be more appropriate to potentially have them for COW when there is more business discussion instead of a venue like this. To me as far as being at a true Council meeting, my honest opinion in this is they're just in the audience as well. I mean it's, that's just my personal opinion, but as far as if they were here during COW when we actually, it's more of a working meeting, that's my opinion but it wasn't my request.

Mr. Culbertson - Can we put this on for the next COW and discuss this further. I kind of agree with what Jonathan said and I think it started out with the Tax Commissioner and kind of worked into something unbeknownst to all of us. But I think we should have some more discussion and again we've got the proper person in place to direct safety questions to and if he feels like they're needed then he can request that they be here but lets put it on the table for the COW to be discussed further.

Ms. Hausfeld - Yeah, this whole thing got started with when Mayor Estep came and asked if Mr. Moore had to attend all the meetings. Sorry Mr. Moore I didn't mean to put you on the spot but I've been around now for at least 10 years and early on when I was elected it was one of the things that there were a bunch of questions at those times that come arise either at Council meeting or COW and I don't care if it's a Council meeting or COW, that to me doesn't matter. I believe

that the Department Heads should be at one or two meetings a month and it just was decided last week to have it at Council and not COW but I'm up for discussion with it too. I just think that in the past there's been times where there have been questions and we actually had to wait until the Safety Director or the Mayor or the Auditor went back to the Department Heads, got the questions answered and then came back to us again so I just think it's more of an active role to have if you're having Department Heads here then it's only fair to have all of them here. That's my opinion. You might crucify me Department Heads, sorry, I did get Kerry Meyer's a thumbs up because for as long as I can remember since he's been Chief he's been coming I know it has to do with the meeting after the meeting too, but he's still be coming and still and there's been times where we had to call on him to get questions answered to move us a little bit faster in getting some things done. So I was the one that after the Mayor last week brought it up, said that I would personally like to see, ten years ago they did it for a little while and then it fell by the wayside. I still think it's beneficial to us as Council and the rest of the Administration to be here and that's my two cents.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - Once again I think that while Chief Meyer has been here and he has made his presence known and answered a lot of questions, there has never been one time that Chief Moeller has not been available to me if I request him. I think that if we're going to define Department Heads it's going to be up to John to define Department Heads because they're more departments and so it's not three of them, and I think the Tax Dept. you know I called today, was that yesterday, yesterday I called and talked to you and I think that it's going to be a slippery slope and it's going to be up to the Mayor to say who needs to be here and who doesn't need to be here and Jonathan answers for a lot of these guys. So I think Jonathan will have the answers that we need and like I said as much as Kerry deserves kudos, there's not been one time that Chief Moeller has not been available to me and I have called him on several occasions. Thank you Chief Moeller.

Mayor Estep - I agree with Ray. Maybe we should discuss this a little more, you know a couple people came to me and asked why aren't they there, and I agree with Patty in some respect and this was bundled with the Tax Commissioner and I think if we discuss it at COW and if a question needs to be answered we could have them address it. Jonathan is here for them. Like Peggy stated, she's got the same numbers as the Tax Commissioner. A lot of times it would be redundant to have him sitting next to her and repeat the same things. So maybe there's one meeting a month they need to attend and we can talk that out.

Mr. Tobergte - Paul could you step up by the microphone for a minute. I have a question for you. Please, pretty please with sugar on top. In Peggy's report there's \$711,809.00 left over from Vine St. Streetscape project. A lot of money. My understanding is all of the benches and everything has been already paid for so this is money left over basically.

Paul Myers - Yes. Well not spent yet.

Mr. Tobergte - It's not ear-marked for anything on the Streetscape that would be....

Paul Myers - Actually it's a time question but there are multiple plans with Streetscape related projects. We just haven't gotten to them all.

Mr. Tobergte - Can you define Streetscape related project?

Paul Myers - For instance the parking lot that we were talking about on Lawrence. That would come out of the Streetscape because we took parking from the street, all of the parking lots are part of that plan. Money has to come from somewhere so it was included in that Streetscape.

Mr. Tobergte - Was the Leonard parking part of the original Streetscape?

Paul Myers - Not the original. No.

Mr. Tobergte - OK.

Paul Myers - Financing wasn't planned for the original.

Mr. Tobergte - My question is if we have over \$700,000.00, can we look at instead of putting parking lots in maybe going from McClelland down to Ross finishing up the Streetscape that way? Anyway we get an idea of what the cost is?

Paul Myers - You have any idea what that cost? I'm saying, yes, we can plan that out, of course.

Mr. Tobergte - I would rather do that than put more parking lots in.

Paul Myers - Well that's up for discussion. If you take one away you should replace it.

Mr. Tobergte - Well we just put that big lot behind LaRosa's.

Paul Myers - True. If you want businesses to thrive you do multiple small lots. That's what we're trying to accomplish. A big parking lot, like Patty said before, we have parking lots on Vine St. Yes, that is an extremely bad idea. You don't want your Streetscape to look like a parking lot. So how do you accomplish that? The goal would be to put them off Vine St. so they're not seen at all and short of that and in addition to that you make a cluster, not a cluster but a group of small ones so that you don't have any one large, if you put one large parking lot anyplace it's inconvenient for somebody. So dot area with small ones that are easier to put in, serve more businesses and actually after business hours, serve the residents. There's a rational good reason why you want to do that. Extending it down Vine St., sure, great. Wonderful idea.

Mr. Tobergte - I got another question for you. Last year you said we sold the property on Tower, the 4200 block, I got an email October or November, Elaine didn't know how much money that was supposed to come back to the City. Did you ever give us the money back to the City yet. Peggy said she couldn't find any record of it.

Mr. Tobergte - It was supposed to be like \$22 or \$25,000.00 back from the CIC when they sold the property on Tower.

Paul Myers - Yes, I think we did. I'll go back and look. I think that check has been written. Yes.

Mayor Estep - I just forgot one thing, part of my earlier notes. The St. Bernard little Titans football cheerleading group wanted me to remind everybody that they have sign up dates. From 4:00 until 6:00 on Friday, January 22nd, 27th and 29th

and also February 3rd and February 5th. Those are at the St. Bernard Library. if 014you have any questions you can call the president Darell Howell at 628-4745.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hausfeld - I just want to give a thank you out to our, especially our Service Department, but the Police and Fire too. I was not here over the past snow stuff that we had but, I was up in Indianapolis and let me tell you, our streets and the people that work out in that element, you guys can't even compare yourselves to anybody else because nobody can compare themselves to you is what I meant. Said it backward, sorry. I actually got waylaid up there for an extra day because there was no way in heck I was driving on them streets. So I was just amazed on how well our streets were or always are when I got back home today because the streets up there still are covered in snow. So just a thank you to the Service Department. But also the Police and Fire because they work out in this stull too and they all need to be commended for that.

Mr. Kalb - I have a question for the Tax Commissioner and I'm going to ask her tonight put him on the spot again. I was looking over your report for year end and a lot of these questions kind of go back to the previous tax commissioner to that's why I'm not looking for an answer tonight. You have plenty of time to look it up. Our projection for income tax this year was going to be \$11,200,000.00 because they thought that we were trending last year, even though we originally projected way less, we were trending towards the \$11.2 mark and in December we ended up falling from previous, 2014 to 2015 about \$500,000.00 less that in 2014 which brought our year end to \$10,664,000.00. So, again, I'm not looking for an answer tonight, our budget was, we did have a nice you know \$2, 3, 4,00.00 cushion between what we projected income and our expenditures but you know if we're not going to bring in, if you feel like we're not going to bring in \$11.2 you know it would be good to let us know that so we have a better handle on the budget because that was based off the previous person and the way it was trending and it looked good. I kind of agreed with them but we ended up at \$10.6 so if that's where you think we're going to be at \$10.6, \$10.7, \$10.8, \$10.5, that's a big difference than the \$11.2 that we had projected in our budget that we based our budget off of. Like I said, no answer tonight just kind of keep an eye on that and if you feel we need to lower that down that just helps us you know in the future with expenses.

Mr. Tobergte - I might add, Andy, I talked to Mr. Geiser and to LeAnne back in December, we were trending \$1.2 million ahead of last year on revenue and they both assured me they saw no reason why it would drop. But it did drop, so I, that's how we based the actual was if we had the \$11.2 the actual what we estimated was like \$11.7 and we only put \$11.2 in the budget as a cushion. So that's where we came up with that.

Mr. Kalb - And I totally agree, it was looking like it was going to be spot on. I'm just saying that those official hard numbers are in. Like I said there's a cushion in our budget anyways but it's good to reevaluate that number and if we have to lower that number that just gives us, like right now we've got \$400,000.00 extra we could do additional projects, maybe, but if we don't think we're going to have that then that could change the way we budget.

Mr. Moore - Would you want, how do I say this, as the month goes on, would you want to see like on a week to week or bi-weekly basis where we are for that month

and maybe some idea of what we're expecting to come in for the remainder of the month? Would that help you?

Mrs. Schildmeyer - Inaudible.

Mrs. Bedinghaus - Inaudible. But I do like monthly, with individual weeks in total. I don't really think I need anything else. But I would like to have that. If I need anything else I can let you know or we can let you know.

Mr. Moore - I'll be glad to fix your numbers, I won't fix them but, I'll be glad to present the numbers however you would like to see them.

Mrs. Schildmeyer - I think that what you've given us and we all know where you are, we all know where to find you.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Don Middendorf, 5117 Broerman - First of all I'd like to address the latest issue with the snow. First and foremost our department has never played the political game. We don't work for the green party, we don't work for the orange party. We work for the citizens of St. Bernard. That needs to be known. I'm going to read a statement and then I'm going to show you why we had the problems that we had. You know I'm a member of the Service Department, as a truck driver for the Service Department I and my fellow truck drivers take great pride in being number one in the State in snow removal. This is by the news media around our area. We're always in the top 5. It pains me that we were not able to provide the service that our citizens have come to expect out of our crew. On the past Wednesday, the 20th of January, a major flaw in the system was exposed. In an effort to save money, large amounts of salt were bought at a reduced rate. This was back when we were having the so called shortages of salt. The companies were playing games with us. We all got our big refund or something if you remember. By buying all that salt it was a great idea at the time, but the salt bin that we had it was exposed to the weather, rain comes through, that salt had a lot of sand in it because it was brought up from South America. One of the problems that we have is, in my 20 years of doing snow removal we have never had this issue. We have had pieces of wood from tree branches that have been hit by the trucks, fall into the augers and clog them up. Easy fix. Go on. But this right here when that stuff hit water this is what you get. This stopped the augers on those trucks. This is what caused us to not be able to provide the services to the citizens of St. Bernard that are used to having. Wasn't any political games. We're not supporting the orange party or the green party, that has been said by people and I'm not going to sit here and say what it is, I normally would but I'm not going to but I want to thank everybody for the support. Tommy's been letting us make the calls, which is something we haven't had in the past. We know what we're doing, we've been doing it for 20 years, most of us. I've been doing it, Wiedmann has been doing it for 27, so as a member of the Service Department, I would like to apologize to the citizens. This was unacceptable, we did end up getting a handle on it and I do agree with you Patty, because when I left that night to go over the West Side, I drove down Spring Grove and I couldn't believe the mess they had going down Spring Grove. That's all I wanted to do, I wanted to show everybody what was going on.

Ms. Hausfeld - Well guys I apologize because I thought you did a wonderful job. When I got back today our streets were clean and I got news for you the ones up at Indianapolis they were still covered and so I thought you guys did a great job like

you always do. I had no clue that you guys were having problems like that though. Thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Mr. Stuchell - I just wanted to say thank you to Don for being so compassionate and dedicated to what he's doing. Even though it's not my Department, I really admire him and I want to say thank you to the citizens for their dedication to the Service Department. And I still think they did a great job regardless.

Mayor Estep - I'd just like to add that Mike Wiedmann called Tommy and I down that day and he said I want to see you both and we didn't know what was going on. Mike said I just want to tell you two, we apologize. And I said there's no need to apologize it's a perfect storm that took place that day and it worked against us and there's no need to apologize, I have a lot of faith in everybody down there and I appreciate everything they do on a daily basis. But thank you Donnie and Mike.

Mr. Asbach - The next COW is next Thursday, January 28th at 7:00pm.

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