

# **THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD**

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The St. Bernard Village Committee of the Whole was held on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Council Chambers.

Moment of Silence was held in honor of Mike Schildmeyer.

Roll call showed six members were present: Mr. Moreton, Mr. Stuchell, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Schildmeyer, and Mr. Culbertson, Absent: Mr. Estep.

A motion by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to dispense with the reading of the last council meeting minutes. Motion passes 6-0.

A motion by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to approve the written minutes of the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, council meeting. Motion passes 6-0. Minutes will stand as submitted.

### **REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS**

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you Mr. President, I would first like to offer my sympathy to the family of Mike Schildmeyer, who was a former councilperson and longtime community advocate. He was a true class act and his presence in the village will be missed.

We are gearing up for the event of the year, the St. Bernard German Luau that will be held next weekend on Friday, August 1st and Saturday, August 2nd.

Friday: 5 pm to Midnight

- We start off with the Keg Tapping at 6 pm on the Lower Stage.
- Elder High School Steel Drum Band at 6:30 pm
- Crown Watts on the main stage at 7 pm

Saturday:

- St. Bernard German Luau Parade at 12:30 pm starting from Ross Park
- Ross Avenue to Sullivan to Church to Tower ending at Ross and Tower Avenue
- This year's Grand Marshall is Former Mayor Charlie Vondermeulen
- Fresh Market in the lower lot from 12:30 to 3 pm
- At 1:00 pm we have the Akela Island Dancers on the Big Stage
- At 1:30 pm we have the Dog Costume Contest on the lower stage
- 3 to 6 pm we have the Sunburners on the Big Stage
- 6:30 pm we have the Mayoral Proclamation for the Parade Grand Marshall
- 7 to 11 pm we have NKG on the Big Stage

There will be plenty of food and beer options, this is a family friendly event with kids games. We have consolidated everything to Washington Avenue. The big stage will be in the School lot. We

will have shade options throughout the street and the main hall will be available for seating instead of the tent in the municipal lot. This is a great event and we truly appreciate our community partners in giving of your time to make this happen.

I am encouraging other members of the administration and council to sign up for the dunk booth. Yours truly will be in it on Friday from 7:30 to 8 pm and on Saturday from 5 to 5:30 pm. Bring a pocket full of cash to get your opportunity to dunk the Mayor.

I am asking that a shared committee meeting with both the Public Improvements Committee and the Safety Committee be held for the residents the 4200 block of Sullivan to discuss the recently installed speed bumps. I would like to get opinions on the currently installed bumps and a proposal for a potentially different option that would be a hump.

Both projects are currently on schedule (i.e. Langley completed 9/05; Greenlee completed 10/31). The work scheduled for the next 2-3 weeks is as follows:

#### Langley Avenue

- Install storm sewer this week and finish up by early next week, including the curb at catch basins
- Begin excavating the roadway upon completion of the storm. They will install the geogrid + aggregate base as they progress. Driveways will be wedged with gravel temporarily. That should take about a week.
- After the gravel base is installed and to grade, they'll place the asphalt base (2nd - 3rd week of August)

#### Greenlee Avenue

-They will continue installing water main over the next 3 weeks. They'll complete the testing; then tie-ins; then services. This will likely continue on the water through early September. I am asking for a motion to go into executive session after the meeting to discuss pending litigation. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. I, I prepared Ordinance 22 2025 to be voted on. It's, it's rather lengthy, but I will go ahead and read what I actually emailed out to everybody yesterday. This is the additional appropriations for Ordinance 22 2025: 01-2-I-9 Professional Services for \$30,000 which will be used for future outside legal fees, 01-2-K-2 Miscellaneous for \$15,000 this replaced revenue we received for criminal forfeitures that we had to pay back to other government offices that worked with St. Bernard, 1-2-K-6 Insurance for \$10,000 this is needed due to additional coverage that is needed for the village, 1-2-0-4 Service Department Supplies for \$5,000 this is for the line item running low due to the cost of supplies going up, 1-2-O-SC City Hall Maintenance for \$50,000 this is for work and equipment needed on the HVAC at City Hall with the unit being over 20 years old and for the relocation of offices at City Hall and upgrading security which we may have to add more than that due to the age of the HVAC units, 1-2-0-9 Equipment Maintenance for \$5,000 this is for the break down of the aged vehicles and equipment at the service garage, 1-2-0-16 Fuel for \$50,000 due to rising fuel cost, 1-2-P Professional Services for \$30,000 this line item is running low due to the increase in road repairs and fee due to the Duke Energy work going on around the village, 1-6-A-8 Equipment

Maintenance Police Department for \$15,000 due to some of the older cruisers are requiring additional work, 1-6-A-14 Police Training for \$10,000 more training is being required and we are training new officers but most of this money comes back to use through reimbursement grants, 1-7-A-2 Paramedic and Firefighter Training for \$30,000 for the cost of the additional paramedic training for our newly hired firefighters, 1-8-A-2 Safety Center Maintenance for \$40,000 for mold remediation that was in the budget last year but the work was not done because the leak has not been fixed. It is currently not fixed and just a heads up, we have a lot more issues so this figure I'm sure will go up but we are having a mold company coming out to reevaluate. 1-58-9 Community Events for \$30,000 this is the start up cost for the Luau which will be covered by the revenue brought in which I will deposit after the event, 2-33-2 SCMR Materials for \$5,000 this is for the increase in asphalt and concrete to fix the street from all the pot holes this year which this year is the most asphalt and concrete we have ever ordered since I have been the Auditor. Any questions? That concludes my report.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Thank you Mr. President. I prepared for you Resolution 10 2025 dealing with the. Saint Bernard Eagles Aerie 1162 parking lot easement. I had written it as going by emergency, however on further discussion with several members or several individuals, I would ask that it go by regular course. And that concludes my report. Thank you.

Treasurer, Ms. Darrenkamp- Thank you, Mr. President. As of month end June 30th, 2025, our Star Ohio balance was \$10,371,698.65 and that concludes my report.

Safety and Service, Mr. Williams- Absent, no report.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- JUNE 2025 end of month receipts

- Tax collections for JUNE 2025: \$1,159,946.00
- JUNE 2025 is up 8.39 % or \$89,786 from June 2025.
- Refunds for June: -\$2,910.52
- Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$202.47.
- Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$19,589.59

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Finance, Mr. Moreton- Thank you Mr. President, our next Finance Committee meeting has been scheduled for August 20th at 6:00 PM in the lower level of City Hall. The next Community Connect is scheduled for Thursday, October 2nd at 6:00 PM in the lower level of City Hall. Again, as always, all who live, work or shop within the village are more than welcome to attend to share any celebrations or concerns. Thank you. That concludes my report.

Service, Mr. Stuchell- The Waste Collection Fee Report for June 2025 shows that \$23,703.20 was remitted to the Village.

As part of the Waste Collection Report for the month on June 2025, the Service Department completed the following: • Spotted 27 dump trucks at residences • Spotted 19 dumpsters at residences • Hauled 184.93 tons of garbage to the landfill • Sent 20.2 tons of recyclable material to Rumpke Recycling • Recycled 4,920 pounds of scrap metal • Recycled 2 tires and 2 batteries

- Responded to 7 nuisance property complaints, resulting in all 7 properties being cut and billed by the Village. Lastly, just as Mayor Stuchell stated I kindly ask all councilmembers and administrative officials to sign up for at least one 30-minute shift in the dunk tank during the upcoming German Luau next weekend. This is a great opportunity to show support for the many community groups volunteering to make the event a success.

Public Improvements, Mr. Edwards- Thank you, Mr. President, there was no need for a Public Improvement Committee Meeting, but I would like to say that the St. Bernard-Ludlow Grove Society sponsored another great program this month. July's program was on the history of amusement parks in the Cincinnati area. We were told how the Ohio River 150 years ago was so clean that manmade beaches were created and hundreds if not thousands would gather on hot days to cool off. As time went by and the river got more polluted, places like Coney Island were created. It started as a picnic area in an apple orchard and over the years it evolved into the Coney Island we knew with picnic areas, food you could purchase and the rides I loved in the 1960's. We were told that because of flooding, being by the river and lack of room to expand Coney was purchased and moved to Mason and evolved once again and became Kings Island. Now the only ride that was moved from Coney and still exists at Kings Island is the Merry go round. There were other parks mentioned. In Kentucky amusement parks were developed by flooding corn fields and making the lake the focal point and building attractions around it. Chester Park was a great amusement park that was just down on Spring Grove Avenue and Americana amusement park were two more that were mentioned. It was very interesting to see how some parks adapted and thrived while other had to close. St. Bernard can learn from this. We need to hold on to what has made us special but adapt and change to offer our residents what they need today so they will never want to leave and have the necessary new businesses to attract visitors and new residents to make St. Bernard better and stronger than ever before. Thank you, Mr. President, this concludes my report.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- No report.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mr. Schildmeyer- Thank you Mr. President. We'll be setting the next meeting for laws contracts and claims. Right now where you're targeting August 6th. We had talked about doing it earlier, but we had some folks that were unavailable. I will be checking with Mr. Estep to make sure he can make it, but for now, we will meet on August 6<sup>th</sup>. I will get with Heidi to put it on the calendar for August 6th. Also, I just wanted to thank everybody who reached out with condolences and some nice stories about Mike Schildmeyer. He was a lifelong resident and loved the village and he'll be missed. Thank you Mr. President, that concludes my report.

Marketing, Mr. Culbertson- Mr. President, on Friday, August 15th, there will be a family night at the Aquatic Center. The event starts at 6:00 PM and will end at 10:00 PM. The next Garden Club meeting is on Monday, August 12th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and the lower level of City Hall. Also on August 12th there will be the WeThrive meeting. This event runs from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the main level of Municipal Hall. Finally, the next Saint Bernard Ludlow Grove Historical Society meeting will be on Monday, August 18th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the main level of Municipal Building. Condolences go out to the entire Schildmeyer family for their loss. That concludes my report.

Business and Industry, Mr. Estep- Absent.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- Thank you Mr. President. Minutes for the last council meeting were submitted July 23<sup>rd</sup> and I have no communications this evening.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT EASEMENT WITH ST. BERNARD EAGLES AERIE 1162 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to have Resolution 10 2025 to go regular course. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to place Ordinance 22 2025 on the table. Motion passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2025

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 22 2025. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to adopt Ordinance 22 2025. Motion passes 6-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- At this time, does anyone on council have anything under old business? New Business?

Motion made by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation. Motion passes 6-0.

No audience participation.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Culbertson, to excuse the absent member. Motion passes 6-0.

The next Committee of the Whole will be Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Council enters into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Council returns from executive session after discussing pending litigation.

Motion made by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting is adjourned.