

**VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 28<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

The St. Bernard Village Council Meeting was held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Council Chambers.

The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to dispense with the reading of the last council meeting minutes and approve of the written minutes of the last council meeting. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS**

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you Mr. President. We're going to be doing the ceremonial swearing in of Captain Mark Sicking and Lieutenant Jason Smith for the fire department and Lieutenant Michael Petraski and Sergeant Lucas Barrow for the Police Department so we will refer to that for a few minutes.

Captain Mark Sicking, Lieutenant Jason Smith, Michael Petraski and Sergeant Lucas Barrow each individually raised their right hand and was sworn in to the Fire and Police Departments.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Construction update of the village: Greenlee Ave. currently waterworks contractor is working between Jefferson and Ross to complete 16 tie ends and they will start curb and apron work on the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>. Langley speed cushion installation starts tomorrow. Pool Lane: additional milling needs to be done before paving can start after surveyors determine that the appropriate slope was not created for water flow for the installed storm drain. There will also be a new asphalt ramp installed into the pavilion gates to accommodate the raised curb that was intended and to prevent runoff from getting inside the structure or the pool. Please be careful if there is any unfinished work if you're attending Saturday night's concert in the pavilion where Don't Tell Steve will be performing from 7 to 11pm. I know that there's a lot of work going on in the village and I appreciate your patience. It appears that we will be performing a similar project on Tower Ave. and lower Washington similar to that of Greenlee Ave. in 2026. The village is proud of the work that we have done improving our streets and will continue to seek grant funding to help offset this huge investment. Lastly, St. Clemont festivals is this weekend on Saturday. We start with mass in the building at 3:00 PM and open up going until 11:00 PM. Buzz Bin will be playing from 7:00 to 11:00pm and on Sunday they're open from

1:00 to 8:00 with Hanky Panks playing from 4:00 to 7:30pm and that concludes my report thank you.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. The first thing on my agenda is I'm asking council to please place Resolution 1 2025 on the table for tonight's vote. This summer when we had the public hearing for the 2026 budget, this is returned by Hamilton County for their proposed rates, and we just need to approve that. I also wish to add Ordinance 23 2025. This is for additional appropriations for \$800,000 from general fund transfer out with \$400,000 going into general bond cash account \$400,000 going into employee health plan cash account. It also provides additional appropriations 01-P-S for \$25,000 for phone services; we did not budget correctly. The we have 2-K-7 for computers that are being upgraded to Windows 11 in the amount of \$50,000, 2-0-2-B Service Department/seasonal employees for \$30,000 due to keeping out seasonal employees longer, 2-O-8-C City Hall Maintenance for \$35,000 for a new air conditioning unit, 0-5-MP-1A Code Assistant Officer \$30,000 to pay out new code assistant officer, 50-01 Employee Accumulated Retirement for \$30,000 for retiring employees cashing out their funds. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenberg- Thank you. I would like to withdraw Resolution 10 2025 and table it indefinitely. I was looking through some of the notations in the documentation and it looks like there was an notation by the engineering firm that they were going to place the easement on the plat itself. When I was downtown looking through the documents, I did not pull the plat. They were having computer issues and while I went I was kind of manually going through the list of separate and easements, I did not pull the plat. It appears that it's probably there I will double check but at this point it does not look like we need that resolution. I would also like to go into an executive session very briefly to discuss ongoing litigation at the end of the meeting please. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Treasurer, Ms. Darrenkamp- Absent, no report.

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

Tax Administration, Ms. Helmes- JULY 2025 end of month receipts:

- Tax collections for JULY 2025: \$592,956.00.
- JULY 2025 is UP .73 % or \$4,309.00 from JULY 2024.
- Refunds for JULY: -\$321.58
- Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$563.94.
- Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$17,287.29.

Briefly, I need to request a Laws, Contracts and Claims committee meeting to discuss creating legislation for mandatory residents and business registrations and to discuss Ordinance 24 2025. I need to amend the tax code 182.17 removing unnecessary language pertaining to the State of Ohio and not the Village of St. Bernard. Thank you, that concludes my report.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Finance, Mr. Moreton- Thank you Mr. President. Our next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 17th at 6:00 PM in the lower level of City Hall. We will be joined by Lashay Roche from LISC to share the final proposal for the revive home repair program. The next Community Connect is scheduled for Thursday October 2nd at 6:00 PM and again of the lower level of City Hall. 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- Thank you Mr. President. The Waste Collection Fee Report for July 2025 shows that \$26,468.03 was remitted to the Village. As part of the Waste Collection Report for the month of July 2025, the Service Department completed the following:

- Spotted 36 dump trucks at residences
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- Hauled 192.55 tons of garbage to the landfill
- Sent 24 tons of recyclable material to Rumpke Recycling
- Recycled 4,920 pounds of scrap metal
- Recycled 6 tires and 4 batteries
- Responded to 8 nuisance property complaints, resulting in 6 properties being cut and billed by the Village. The remaining 2 were resolved by the property owners.

The Service Department will operate the Leaf Truck from October 10th through December 5th. Residents with leaves prior to October 10th should place them in bags or cans for collection on their regular garbage days. We appreciate residents' cooperation in helping maintain a clean community. Lastly, the Service Department will be closed on Monday Sept 1st in observance of Labor Day. There will be no trash collection on Monday. The schedule for trash pick-up is as follows:

- Normal Monday collection will take place on Tuesday.

- Normal Tuesday collection will take place on Wednesday.
- Thursday and Friday trash and recycling collection remains unchanged.

Public Improvements, Mr. Edwards- Thank you, Mr. President, The Public Improvement Committee met on August 21 concerning speed bumps on the 4200 block of Sullivan Ave. The meeting was well attended by the Mayor, Council Members, John Goedde of JMA and about 15 concerned residents. The reason for the meeting was to get feedback on the two speedbumps recently installed. Some residents preferred no speed bumps at all but most were pleased with the effect the bumps have had on speed feeling that both adults and children are safer. The speed bumps currently installed are generally installed in parking lots intending to slow traffic to less than five miles an hour. Some thought they were too extreme. There was also a fear bicycle riders might be endangered as they ride over the current bumps. The mayor had prepared diagrams of speed bump options that might be better suited to accomplish the same results. The result of the conversation was a compromise. The plan right now would be to use a wider speed bump to slow traffic to about ten miles an hour and to install a third bump to keep traffic slowed to the desirable speed. This seemed to satisfy those in attendance that were pro speed bump. The mayor is currently checking speciation's on various speed bumps to find the right one for this application. The Greenlee Ave project was also discussed. Two Greenlee ave residents were interested in the completion date and if speed bumps are part of the plan for Greenlee. John Goedde of JMA informed us that the project would be completed in October or November. Most work now consists of gas and water lines. Mr. Goedde also informed us the the plan now is for 5 speed bumps on Greenlee, but this plan can be changed. Resident input is important. I also asked Mr. Godde if a stop sign could be installed on Greenlee at Delmar. I believe it would make this intersection much safer. He will check into it. I am thankful for the great turnout and great input that was given by all in attendance. This was a great meeting. Thank Mr. President this concludes my report.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- Thank you Mr. President. Tonight, I have the police and fire department reports. The police department: For the month of July, they had 657 call for service resulting in 486 contacts. There were 432 other services from details that were not called in by the public. These calls for service included 39 total criminal offenses with 62 criminal arrests including 3 OVIs. There were 43 traffic citations including 7 for speed, and 49 traffic warnings including 8 for speed. They responded to 23 accidents with 4 involving injuries. A reminder that the Police and Fire Steak Fry is rapidly approaching. It will be held on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Vine Street Park. Food will be served from 4-8pm and the event will last until 11pm. Everyone is encouraged to get their tickets in advance and will sell out. Tickets are \$20 each and are being

sold by each officer of each department and at the Safety Center. The fire department: For the month of July they had 10 structural fires, 5 other fires, 1 vehicle fire, 7 auto accidents, 2 hazmat incidents, 9 service calls, 19 fire alarms, 3 CO alarms, 18 EMS assists for a total of 74 incidents. Mutual aid given: Elmwood 6, Norwood 4, Lockland 1, Springfield Township 3, Wyoming 1, and Reading 1. Mutual aid received: Norwood 1, Springfield Township 1, Reading 1, Lockland 1 and Wyoming 1. EMS Incidents: Transports 36 and non-transports 66 for a total of 102. Mutual aid given: Elmwood 18, Norwood 3, Green Township 1. Mutual aid received: none. All personnel completed ladder training and fire hydrant flow testing was completed. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mr. Schildmeyer- Thank you Mr. President. Leighanne, can you please repeat the subject you wanted to discuss? For the next meeting, I will coordinate a date for the next Laws, Contracts and Claims meeting and I will send it to Heidi to post the meeting information accordingly. I will take care of getting it scheduled. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- I want to discuss creating legislation for mandatory residents and business registrations.

Marketing, Mr. Culbertson- Thank you Mr. President. This Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a concert in the pavilion. The band Don't Tell Steve will perform from 7-1pm, Bring your chair and a cooler and the recreation department will provide the food. The final day for the Aquatic Center will be Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. On that day, from 7-9pm will be the annual Dog Swim. Thanks to Jen Johnson and the employees of the Aquatic Center. The next St. Bernard Ludlow Grove Historical Society meeting will be held in the upper level of the Municipal building on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Shane Meeker will be giving a presentation on Proctor and Gamble. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Business and Industry, Mr. Estep- No report.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- Thank you Mr. President. The minutes for the last meeting were submitted on August 26<sup>th</sup> and I have no communications this evening.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to table Resolution 10 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to place Resolution 11 2025 on the table. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO 11, 2025

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE  
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND  
CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Resolution 11 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Culbertson, to adopt Resolution 11 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2025

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER AND 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 23 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 23 2025. Motion passes 7-0.

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 Mr. Moreton, for council to enter into an executive session to discuss ongoing litigation at the end of the meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to change the September council meeting from September 25<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion passes 7-0.

Don Middendorf, Service Director Forman- The service department and I would like to congratulate all the officers of the police and fire department who were promoted this evening. Congratulations.

The next Committee of the Whole will be held Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Council enters into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Council returns from executive session after discussing ongoing litigation.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I have a correction to my report. Seems some people pay attention to what I say. Thank you to Clair and my wife for pointing out that the St. Clemont Festival is next weekend, September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. There are signs posted around town and I will do a call command as another reminder. Thank you.

Motion made by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

Meeting is adjourned.

