

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
COUNCIL MEETING
November 20th, 2025

The St. Bernard Village Council Meeting was held on November 20th, 2025, in Council Chambers.

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

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. Culbertson, to dispense with the reading of the last council meeting minutes and approve of the written minutes of the last council meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you, Mr. President. Last night, the Saint Bernard Heritage Hill District Task Force met to review some conceptual plans for existing buildings, which included one of our most valuable assets, the old police station. Of course, this includes the vacant lots where new construction would occur. This is an exciting project, and the vision for the Heritage Hill District is going to create a true destination for the village. The village was the recipient of a mini planning grant from Hamilton County, and we've retained Yard and Company to guide us through the process. This task force consists of village representatives and other Vine Street stakeholders. Yard and Company will be present at our holiday event on December 6th and at an upcoming open house here at City Hall from 3:00pm to 7:00 PM on the 3rd of December. At the upcoming open house, they'll have visual conceptual rounds on boards for everyone to see. I also encourage everyone to go to the link on the village website under the new tab to complete the survey for their Heritage Hill District. We've had 115 people to date that have completed it and thank you for doing so. I'm also asking residents to complete their registration for the new village notification system. The link is available in the Alerts and the Notification tab on the website, which will allow you to register for the alerts or just the simple emergency text option. The current call command system will be abandoned altogether by the end of January, and the use of both systems will occur during the month of December. I'd also like to remind residents that the next CIC meeting is next Tuesday, November 25th at 6:00 PM here in Council Chambers. Lastly, since we are approaching Thanksgiving and keeping in the spirit of giving thanks, I'd like to express my gratitude for all the dedicated employees here in the wonderful village, all the incredible volunteers that we have are awesome citizens who support us. I could not ask for a better administrative team and I appreciate everything that they do for us. I would also like to

thank our outgoing council member, John Estep for his service and wish him the best in his retirement from council. I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. That concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Absent.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- No report.

Treasurer, Ms. Darrenkamp- Absent.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Wendling- Thank you, Mr. President. The Greenlee Ave. paving project is substantially complete. The contractor has applied sealant to the edge of the asphalt where it meets the curb, and initial crosswalk markings have been applied. Residents with any outstanding concerns should contact Village Hall. Weather permitting, the second speed cushion will be installed on Langley Ave. sometime within the next few weeks. The Village will provide notification once we have a definitive date. Capital Electric has tested the crosswalk signals at Vine and Church and St. Clement School due to recent concerns about their operation. The timing of this traffic signal on Vine Street will be adjusted for optimal time between sections and traffic control. A reminder that the Planning Commission is recommending several text amendments to the village's zoning ordinance. The commission's recommendations will be presented for consideration by council in December. And finally, we will soon be taking possession of the second Ford F-550 chassis dump truck. That concludes my report.

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

Tax collections for October 2025: \$820,234.00

October 2025 is down 16.25 % or \$159,165 from October 2024.

Refunds for October: -\$23,955.19

Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$317.56.

Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$1872.97.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance, Mr. Moreton- Thank you. Mr. President. No report from the Finance Committee, but I want to share that because the next regularly scheduled Community Connect is currently scheduled for January 1st and that's New Year's Day. I will be pushing it back a week to January 8th at 6:00 PM in the lower level of City Hall again. People who live, work or shop within the village are more than welcome to attend to share any celebrations or concerns. That concludes my report.

Service, Mr. Stuchell- At this time, we have not yet received the remittance fee from Greater Cincinnati Water Works for the October 2025 Waste Collection Fee Report. As part of the Waste Collection Report for the month of October 2025, the Service Department completed the following:

- Spotted 27 dump trucks at residences.
- Spotted 30 dumpsters at residences.
- Hauled 172.38 tons of garbage to the landfill.
- Hauled 25.1 tons of recyclable material to Rumpke Recycling.
- Recycled 6,460 lbs. of scrap metal, 80 lbs. of aluminum cans, and 2 car batteries.

As a reminder for the week of November 24th, in observance of Thanksgiving, the trash and recycling schedule will be adjusted as follows:

- Regular Trash Pick-up on Monday and Tuesday.
- Recycling Pick-Up on Wednesday for all residents and businesses.
- No trash or recycling pick-up on Thursday or Friday as City Hall and the Service Department will be closed for the holiday

Lastly, I would also like to advocate for the passage of Ordinance No. 27, 2025, which renews the \$15 per month waste collection fee. The revenue generated from this fee is allocated directly back into the Service Department's budget and is essential for covering the rising costs of fuel and the ongoing maintenance of our garbage trucks. This funding allows us to continue providing core services, such as twice a week trash pick-up, weekly recycling, and free dumpsters and dump trucks spotted at residences at no additional charge, all of which help keep our community clean and well-served.

Public Improvements, Mr. Edwards- Thank you. Mr. President, there was no need for a public improvement committee meeting, but I would like to report on the November program with the Saint Bernard Ludlow Grove Society. This month's program was changed due to illness, but Larry Phillips filled in with a very informative and interesting presentation on the evolution of the 1969 Redleg's stockings uniform. Not only did we hear how uniforms evolve from wearing suits and ties to wearing knickers, but we also received information on how the team was formed and why the Red Stockings became the first openly professional baseball team. All this happened years just following the Civil War and how the Civil War itself helped spread baseball throughout the country. Another great presentation by a group of very dedicated people that are passionate about our local history. I'd like to invite both young and old to attend our monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the main hall of the Municipal Building. A fee of \$5 for admission for one meeting, or you can also buy a yearly membership for just \$10 if you're over 60. I would like to piggyback just a little bit on what the mayor said

about the meeting last night of the Saint Bernard Heritage District Plan. It was a fascinating meeting, and Yard and Company came up with some great ideas I never conceived of. I think in the next two or three months, the residents of Saint Bernard can be really excited about what is going to happen. Thank you, Mr. President. This concludes my report.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- Thank you, Mr. President. Tonight, I have both the fire department and the police department report for the month of October. Fire incidents: structural fire 7, other fires 3, vehicle fires 1, auto accident 6, hazmat incidents 5, service calls 5, fire alarms 12, CO alarms 2. EMS assists 12, with a total of 53 incidents. Mutual aid given, Elmwood Place 10. Lockland 1, Reading 1, Springfield Township 2, Deer Park 1, Delhi 3, Green Township 2. Mutual aid received 1 by Cincinnati. EMS incidents: transports 61, non-transports 29, total of 90. Mutual aid given, Elmwood Place 16, Norwood 4, Springfield Township 1. Mutual aid received, none. All personnel have completed auto extrication training and hazardous materials refresher, and all officers attended the hazardous zone conference in Sharonville, and fire instructors attended live burn training in Colerain Township. The police department has 452 total contacts involving 615 calls for service. There were an additional 518 calls for service that were not called in by the public. These include 32 criminal offenses resulting in 71 criminal arrests, 34 traffic citations with 59 traffic warnings with 15 for speeding violations. They responded to 20 accidents with 4 including injuries. They also responded to 22 requests for mutual aid. With the holiday season upon us, residents are reminded that they can choose to have these packages shipped to the Safety Center to avoid the possibility of having them taken off their porches. They may be picked up at the Safety Center with a receipt and a valid form of ID. Happy Holidays to all. Thank you that concludes my report.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mr. Schildmeyer- No report.

Marketing, Mr. Culbertson- Thanks Mr. President, So another reminder that Saint Bernard's Christmas celebration will be on Saturday, December 6th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Stop down at City Hall to watch the tree lighting at 6:00 PM, Visit Santa and Miss Claus and get your picture taken with your own camera cell phone. Ride the trolleys and participate. In the pack lay contest, visit the petting zoo and Christmas carolers, grab some hot chocolate and cookies. Check out the fresh market on Washington Ave. and see the Queen City Hi Railers Train display. That concludes my report.

Business and Industry, Mr. Estep- Absent.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- The vendor market starts at 5:00pm on December 6th.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- Thank you Mr. President. The minutes for the last meeting were submitted on November 19th, and I have no communications this evening.

ORDINANCE NO. 27, 2025

AUTHORIZING THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR OF 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Stuchell, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 27 2025. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Stuchell, to adopt Ordinance 27 2025.
Motion passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF SAINT BERNARD TO ENTER INTO
A CONTRACT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE PROVISION OF
BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 28 2025. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 28 2025.
Motion passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 29, 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
ALLOY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 29 2025. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to adopt Ordinance 29 2025.
Motion passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 30, 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 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 30 2025. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to adopt Ordinance 30 2025.
Motion passes 6-0.

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

No audience participation

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

The next Committee of the Whole will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Inauguration will be held on Monday, December 1st at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

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

Meeting is adjourned.