

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

December 1st, 2025

The St. Bernard Village Inaugural Ceremony was held on December 1st, 2025, in Council Chambers.

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

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you, Mr. President. Welcome and congratulations to our new council members and welcome back to our senior members as well. So, this evening I'd like to introduce Judge Mike Peck, current Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge, our former Law Director and President of the Council. We're pleased that he could be back here with us again on this special day. So again, we'll turn this over to Judge Mike Peck.

Judge Mike Peck- Good evening, everybody. I see here I have to do an inaugural address, but I can never do an address like Judge Marsh. She would always call me when I was on council to get the scoop on everybody. She would talk for like a half hour. I am not going to do that. So, I believe we have one new council member, Ms. Rytov. Congratulations! Then we have the oldest tenure, Mr. Asbach. How many years?

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- When my term is up it will be 40 years.

Judge Mike Peck- Wow! No one has that beat, correct? No, I don't think so. Ok, so we also have returning members, Mr. Moreton, Mr. Stuchell, and Mr. Edwards. Congratulations everybody! I was on council for two years, then President of Council for four years, then I was the Law Director for four years after that. It was not always fun, and it was sometime challenging, but I made some great relationships, and you will learn a lot by serving your community. I thank everybody here for your service and stepping up for your community. I wish you the best and I wish St. Bernard the best. We lived here for 15 years and loved most of our time here in St. Bernard. My wife and I and our kids feel very fondly about St. Bernard. With that being said, can I have all the newly elected council members stand up and I will swear you in?

All members of council stand to be sworn in. Each member raises right hand and states their name stating the follow:

"I do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, in the Statutes and Rules of the Village of Saint Bernard and faithfully discharge the duties as an elected member of this council for the term of which I have been elected, so help me God."

Judge, Mike Peck- Congratulations!

The audience applauded.

President of Council- At this time, I will open nominations.

Council member Mr. Culbertson nominates Mr. Schildmeyer for President of Council Pro Tem, seconded by Mr. Moreton.

Motion made by Mr. Stuchell, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to close nominations. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Rytov, to elect Mr. Chris Schildmeyer as President of Council Pro Tem. Motion passes 7-0.

President of Council Pro Tem, Mr. Schildmeyer reads the report of standing committees' assignments as follows:

Finance- Chair- Mr. Moreton. Committee Members- Mr. Schildmeyer and Mr. Edwards.
Service- Chair- Mr. Stuchell. Committee Members- Ms. Rytov and Mr. Schildmeyer
Public Improvements- Chair- Mr. Edwards. Committee Members- Ms. Hausfeld and Mr. Moreton

Safety- Chair- Ms. Hausfeld. Committee Members- Mr. Culbertson and Mr. Stuchell
Laws, Contracts and Claims- Chair- Mr. Schildmeyer. Committee Members- Mr. Moreton and Mr. Stuchell

Marketing- Chair- Mr. Culbertson. Committee Members- Ms. Hausfeld and Ms. Rytov
Business and Industry- Chair- Ms. Rytov. Committee Members- Mr. Culbertson and Mr. Edwards.

Committee on Committees- Mr. Schildmeyer as President Pro Tem followed by Mr. Culbertson and Mr. Moreton.

Motion made by Mr. Moreton, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to receive and file the report on standing committees. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Stuchell, seconded by Ms. Rytov, to set the committee of the whole meetings to the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm and the regular council meetings to the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Motion passes 7-0.

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

The next Council Meeting will be held on December 18th, due to Christmas falling on the 4th Thursday of December. This will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole.

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

Meeting is adjourned.