

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2013**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, June 6, 2013 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. Michael Peck – The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll called showed that all members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Meier, Mr. Holt, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

Mr. Walden – If I may, Kim Burke is here to meet with Council in Executive Session tonight to discuss some issues with the landfill so I would like to go into Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Peck – We are resuming the St. Bernard Village Council meeting where we were in Executive Session discussing pending litigation.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – The Mayor’s Monthly Court Report Receipts for May, 2013: Mayor’s Court Costs/Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous receipts were \$3,439.50, total to St. Bernard is \$3,439.59. Total to the County was \$26.00. Total to State was \$1,034.00. Total Disbursements were \$4,499.59.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new St. Bernard Service Department will be held next Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 4:00pm. As a result of the widening of Interstate I-75, the site of the existing Service Center is being acquired by the State of Ohio Department of Transportation(ODOT). This event necessitates the relocation of the Service Center to a new location within the Village corporate limits.

This new facility will be constructed at 5226 Vine Street. It will consist of three structures. This primary structure will be the Administration Building housing offices, meeting/brake rooms, toilet/locker rooms, a high-bay maintenance area, and paint/carpentry/storage rooms. A second garage structure holds a fleet of trucks, machinery, lawnmowers, and an assortment of power /hand tools. The third structure will be use exclusively for salt storage. The schedule requires the Village to occupy the new facility no later than April, 2014. Please join us.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s Dept. has prepared Resolution No. 5, 2013 for tonight’s meeting. This Resolution is a “Then and Now” Resolution which is asking Council to certify so that we can make a payment of \$15,571.40 to Taft, Stettinius & Hollister for the legal fees that has incurred from February

through now. I also put in everyone's mail box the expenditures report from the software encumbrance reports from May until now and the revenue reports. The revenue report looks a little bit different. It's going to look a little different. I'm still working on improving it. If you notice in the very first column, basically that's what we, the estimated revenue is what is projected to be brought in. Once we get everything tweaked out there will be another line item that will show the remaining but we were having some issues with the transfer in line items so I'm working with the software company to make that better so I took that column off this time. I will be updating the two spreadsheets once we get that fixed and I will get those to Council as soon as I can.

DIRECTOR OR LAW, Mr. Walden – I know that the Mayor's report talked about Mayor's Court. I'm happy to say that before Mayor's Court yesterday, year-to-date we had brought in almost \$31,000.00. That's not counting the money that came in yesterday so I think we're doing good there. I will be attending the Dept. Head meeting on Monday to discuss the Securities Exchange Commission ruling against a municipality and the implications of that for the Dept. Heads and let them know what is going on with that. I think I discussed that with Council a couple of weeks ago.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – I will have the Treasurer's monthly Revenue Report at the next Council Meeting since May's Revenue Report was not printed off until three o'clock this afternoon and I did not have the opportunity to get it together before tonight's meeting.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenburg – I have distributed a summary of the HIP Programs letters that have been issued to date but if anyone wishes to see copies of the certified letters that were sent out to property owners I do have those with me this evening if anyone would like to take a look at them. Also Mr. Myers will be available at COW next week to discuss the prospects with you so that you understand some of the time frames involved. Additionally, I know we discussed this briefly at COW, on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:00pm at the Teen Center we will be offering a citizen CPR class. If anyone is interested please contact Officer Setters at dsetters@stbernardpolice.org if you wish to attend.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Absent.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Absent.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Meier – No report.

SAFETY, Mr. Asbach – I have the May, Fire Dept. report. Fire run activity had a total of 18. Emergency medical responses – a total of 84 and inspection activity, there was a total of 34.

I also have the Police Dept. monthly report.

During the month of May, officers were involved in 851 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 26 accident reports and took 40 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 21 offenses. Officers made 81 misdemeanor arrests and 4 felony arrests. Officers responded to 27 parking complaints and issued 7 citations for parking violations. Officers issued 43 traffic citations, 0 DUI arrests

and 49 warnings. Officers responded to 128 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons.

SERVICE, Mr. Holt – Tonight I have the Service Dept. report for May, 2013. There were 38 trucks and 35 dumpsters and 92 special pick-ups at residents' homes. There was 197.41 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. 28.21 Tons of recycling material, 5.6 tons of cardboard, 160 pounds of scrap aluminum, 24 pounds of brass, 3 pounds of copper and 375 pounds of scrap metal.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mr. Culbertson – No report.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mrs. Bedinghaus – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mr. Tobergte – For the month of May there were 1707 regular Dial-A-Ride riders which brings the yearly total to 8,687riders. The Medical Bus had 19 riders which brings the yearly total to 94 Adding to what Valerie said, the CPR class is the new “hands only” CPR. It's a new type of CPR and Derek is on vacation so if they want to contact me at 543-6801 I can make sure you get on the list, there's probably about 12 more slots that need to be filled so it makes 30 people.

Mr. Asbach – The COW Report has been submitted to the Clerk.

Committee of the Whole
May 30, 2013

1. Council approved the minutes of the May 16th Council Meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
 - A. Thanked all the efforts of the Police Department and the community for their help with finding the missing children. The efforts really demonstrate how close knit this community really is.
 - B. Thanked everyone for supporting and organizing the annual Memorial Day festivities.
 - C. Reported that the Hamilton County Public Health, who we are under, was named the 2013 Crumline Award Winner.
3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 - A. Asked that the review of the new expenditure report be placed on the next COW since it was the end of the month and a new report will be done next week.
 - B. Said she will review some bills with Curtis on the Bank Ave. litigation that are from February through now. Council asked that Curtis start the process to recover the money from the home owner that held up the testing. Council voted 7-0 to put a Then & Now Resolution on the table for the amount.
 - C. Asked for the numbers from the Finance Committee to plug into the 2014 budget.
 - D. Said that she asked for a month extension on our audit since the State Auditor was in the hospital for about a month.
4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
 - A. Attended a few meetings today and one was on the Service Center. Some paperwork will need to be completed to move forward with the project.
5. Safety Director, Valeire Van Valkenburg
 - A. Reported that the paramedics are finishing their refresher course and should be done soon.

- B. Reported that the two teens, that were missing, had been found and reunited with their families.
 - C. Said that she would have had a report on the HIP program, but her computer was hacked and will give Council a copy when it is back up and running.
6. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
 - A. Gave Council a copy of a Columbus Ordinance on taxes on gambling winnings. He will work with the Law Director on an Ordinance to add to our Tax Code. Council will review the Ordinance and will discuss the recommendations from Ed at the next COW meeting.
 7. Finance, Kevin Meier
 - A. Said that he would get the numbers out to the department heads to plug into the 2014 budget. He said that we were looking to budget about 1% more, for non-employee items, over last year.
 8. Safety, Steve Asbach
 - A. Reported that at the last Block Watch Meeting, Officer Rick Smith, from the Regional Terrorism Early Warning Group, talked to the group. The theme for the night was, if you see something, say something. If you see an emergency call 911 and if you see something suspicious call Ohio Homeland Security at 1-877-647-4683.
 9. Business & Industry, Cindi Bedinghaus
 - A. Reported that at the last CIC meeting it was announced that Woodstone Creek will be moving into one of the properties on Vine St. They make different wines and other whiskey items. More info will follow.
 10. Highways & Transportation, Don Tobergte
 - A. Reported that Duke Energy will be having an appliance recycling on 10 to 30 cubic foot freezers and refrigerators. They must be clean and in working condition. Please visit the Village website for more info.
 - B. Said that Block Watch is working on bringing back a bike rodeo for kids. Target will donate a boys and girls bike for the event. More info very soon.

There were a couple of questions from the audience. First was how many rental properties were there in St Bernard. She said her property hadn't been inspected from the rental program yet. How much money the inspector made last year should be looked into. Second was about the new tax law being researched on gambling winnings. He felt it should not be retroactive and should start when it is passed by Council.

Respectfully submitted,
 Steve Asbach
 President of Council, Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Meier to read this evening's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2013. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ONE INVOICE COVERED BY "THEN AND NOW"

CERTIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING \$3,000.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 5, 2013. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Resolution No.5, 2013 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Culbertson – I just want to give the residents of Chalet and Heger Dr. a brief update on the street improvement project. The advertisement for bidding on the project was in the Cincinnati Enquirer on June 3rd and it will also be in there on June 10th. The bid is scheduled to be opened on Wednesday, June 19th. We anticipate starting the street project in August and it should take approximately four months to complete depending on any weather delays or any unforeseen circumstances. I will do my best to keep the residents informed as more information becomes available to help manage the parking issues and other inconveniences that many occur.

Mr. Tobergte – First I want to thank Elaine Sipe for putting the Duke Energy refrigerator and freezer recycling information on the Village website which they will do. If you call them they will come and pick it up, you're old refrigerator or freezer, and give you a check for \$30.00. It has to be in working condition and it has to be cleaned out.

This is just another reminder that I have been working with Officer Derek Setters to bring back the bike rodeo. We have been given a girls and boys bike to give away thanks to Target. Also the Block Watch is sponsoring a helmet give away. The final date is not set yet but it will be sometime in mid July.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Walden – If I may I'd like to thank Council for passing Resolution No. 5 tonight so we can pay some legal bills that are outstanding. I'd also like to advise the members of the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee that I have received two more emails from Chief Moeller about the updated Ordinances today and we hope to have those available for the committee to look at by the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Brickweg – I'm sorry I forgot one part of my report. I'd like to thank Councilman Don Tobergte and his company NewShoots Landscaping for providing me with a check today to pay for the overtime for the Soap Box Derby in the amount of \$831.70. We really appreciate that.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, June 13th at 7:30pm.

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

