

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, September 19, 2013 in Council Chambers.

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

Roll call showed that six members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Meier, Mr. Holt, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

Mr. Asbach made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mrs. Bedinghaus seconded the motion. Council agreed 6-0.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – Absent

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s Office has supplied all of Council and the Administration with the expenditure report, the revenue report and the fund report for August. I will work, now that I am back from vacation, I will be back on Monday, I’ll go to the spreadsheets, which makes it a little easier, but in the month of August the revenues were \$1,824,088.00 with expenditures being \$1,177,652.75. I’m happy to report that we once again received an inheritance settlement that was not expected since we’re not expecting to receive in 2013 for the amount of \$86,693. 49. Now the total fees on that are \$908. 57 so in the future we might have to (inaudible)/

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – Before Council tonight for the first reading are Ordinances No. 35 and Ordinance No. 36. I’m going to ask that we not give those Ordinances their first readings tonight. I discovered some information today that will require some further work on our part. Basically, the piece of land on which we are trying to get the easements for has no parcel number, has no legal description because it is actually part of old Cleveland Ave. when Cleveland ran all the way down to Vine St. We’re going to have to do a quick survey so we can give a legal description and therefore actually give meaningful easement to that property. I also know that several Council people had questions about the transfer of property and I would be happy to address those in Executive Session tonight or if you desire we could do that next week. I’ve given Council a copy of the east grant of the easement for the first time tonight to look at. That may raise some more questions after you’ve had a chance to review it so we can do that either tonight or next week if that makes more sense to Council. Also I am requesting Executive Session so that Ed and I can address Council on some new pending litigation that we discovered this week. I would like to do that tonight if we could.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – The monthly Treasurer’s report has been prepared and submitted to Council members.

Receipts for the month of August 2013: \$ 1,093,417.91

Receipts for the year through August 2013:

\$ 8,473,450.09

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. VanValkenburg – No report.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Its last call on the big green cans, the recycling cans that we've been selling for \$25.00. Out of the 450 we have about 100 left but Hamilton County is well aware. Several months ago I went to the County and they were able to come up with the additional \$25.00 for every one we sold for \$25.00. They're asking for the final count. I told them I would give the residents a couple of more weeks, two to three weeks, so I'm trying to get it out there. This will be the last call, these green cans for \$25.00 so we can get our numbers into the County so we can receive those funds that they would match. We still have about 100 so hopefully we can get rid of those here in the next few weeks.

Also, I just wanted to remind everyone that October 19th, 10:00AM until 1:00PM here at City Hall we have "Shred It Day". Everybody wanted to know in advance and so we keep on trying to announce that so people can get their documents together to shred that day.

TAX COMMISIONER, Mr. Geiser – I met with Mr. Culbertson this past week regarding things in the Tax Dept. that we will be bringing to Council in the next couple of weeks. I also want to reiterate what Mr. Walden said about meeting with Council in Executive Session regarding some issues in pending litigation.

I got a notice today from someone in the State that the State has had their last hearing in the Committee that House Bill 5 is in. So now it will be up for an impending vote and then move to the floor. So what direction this is going to go, I'm not really sure, but obviously it's going to have a great impact on not only St. Bernard but every City and Village in Ohio. I'll give you a further update as soon as I hear.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Meier – We did get the copy of the Auditor's report and once I get a chance to go through them we'll go ahead and schedule a Finance Committee meeting so we can get an update on where we're at and where we need to go for the rest of this year and make a plan for next year.

One comment that I'd like to make on Mr. Stegman's report, we got one of those large recycling cans a couple of months ago. You'd be surprised on how much you can get into it. It's, there's no comparison between the smaller ones and the amount of trash that actually goes out. It's considerably less so if you haven't taken advantage of that. I highly recommend it.

SAFETY, Mr. ASBACH – On next week's COW I will put an item on there to discuss a request North Avondale Block Watch to possibly do a Resolution to block the building of a new teen type home over in North Avondale that we were made aware of. So we will have that on the COW agenda.

I have the Police Report for August;

During the month of August, officers were involved in 821 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 21 accident reports and took 41 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 27 offenses. Officers made 56 misdemeanor arrests and 4 felony arrests. Officers responded to 44 parking complaints. Officers issued 11 traffic citations, 3 DUI arrests and 37 warnings. Officers responded to 76 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons.

SERVICE, Mr. Holt – No report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mr. Culbertson – Absent.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mrs. Bedeinghaus – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mr. Tobergte – On Sunday Sept. 29th I'll be collecting donations for the Colorado flood victims from 10:00am until 2:00pm here in front of City Hall. Items needed include: non perishable food, preferably the pull top can types and bottled water, personal care products, cleaning supplies, they prefer powdered form of bleach, paper towels and toilet paper, baby and infant supplies and first aid items. These items can also be dropped off at the Police and Fire Stations and I will be taking them on Monday the 30th.

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

Committee of the Whole
Sept 12, 2013

1. Council approved the minutes of the Sept 5th Council meeting.
2. Council voted 6-0 to put a Resolution on the table to approve the rates from Hamilton County.
3. Safety Director, Valerie Van Valkenburg
 - A. Read a letter from Amy Yosmali, the owner of the new art gallery on Vine St., thanking Paul Meyers and the Building Department staff for being a tremendous help and made the process of renovating the bar into the gallery and studio pretty smooth. She had horror stories from several of her friends who are business owners and how difficult it was for them to work with their municipalities and she told them how wonderful you all have been to work with. They are in awe and she tells them they need to relocate to St. Bernard.
4. Service Director, Phil Stegman
 - A. Asked Council to meet in Executive Session for the sale or transfer of property. Council vote 6-0 to do so at the end of the meeting.
 - B. Reported that there were 8 full refunds and 1 partial refund for the lifeguard reimbursements from Ordinance 18, 2013.
5. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
 - A. Reported that the Department has sent out about 500 letters to residents who have not filed their taxes. When he took over the office they sent out about 1200.
6. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
 - A. Reported that there was \$5,614.12 in the 4th of July fund.
7. Finance, Kevin Meier
 - A. Reported that the Committee will schedule a meeting soon to begin working on the 2014 budget.
8. Safety, Steve Asbach
 - A. Reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 17th at 6:30 downstairs. Enter on the Vine St. side of City Hall.
9. Laws, Contracts & Claims, Ray Culbertson

- A. Thanked Mike Wiedmann and the Service Department as well as Paul Strotman and the Recreation Department for their help with the Kicks for a Cause last weekend at Vine St. Park.
- 10. Highways & Transportation, Don Tobergte
 - A. Asked if the CIC meeting has been rescheduled, and if it could be put on the website when the meeting was set.
- 11. A resident agreed with Mr. Culbertson about how good the services are here in St. Bernard because she had been in an accident in Cincinnati and the officer didn't even fill out the report. They were given the paperwork and told to fill it out themselves. They stopped at the police station and Officer Nimmo helped them fill it out.

Council met in Executive Session to discuss the sale or transfer of property.

Council voted 6-0 to excuse the absent member.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Mr. Peck – Is there a motion to table the Ordinances?

Mr. Walden – I believe since they haven't been read for the first time we can simply delay them and bring them up at the COW.

Mr. Peck – OK

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – I make a motion that we go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting and discuss pending litigation with Curtis and Eddie.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I'll second that.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Walden – I would request that the City Officials attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Asbach – At the October 3rd Council meeting, Chris Holt (Service Operation Regional Manager) and Kathryn Tores-Jones, who will be our new St. Bernard Branch Manager would like to come to Council meeting and provide some library/levy information. The presentation will take no longer than 10 minutes and they have requested that they be the first thing on the agenda that night.

Mr. Ungruhe – The St. Clement Festival will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday this weekend and we extend a very welcome to everyone.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Council went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to excuse the absent member. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:30pm.

Motion by Mr. Holt, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.