

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2013**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, October 3, 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. Holt, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Shildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

Mayor Burkhardt – Introduced Mr. Chris Holt and Ms. Kathryn Toren-Jones from the Public Library.

Chris Holt (Service Operations Regional Manager) and Kathryn Toren-Jones (new Branch Manager) attended the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting to provide some Library/Levy information. Mr. Holt explained the details of the levy, assuring citizens that it was a renewal, not a tax increase and that it would continue to keep the library strong. The library needs to submit a 2015 budget by March and that is why they want to know what their funding is going to be before that happens.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the regular order of business and discuss Resolution No. 9, 2013. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to read this evening's Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9, 2013. EXPRESSING THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD'S SUPPORT FOR THE RENEWAL OF A 1 MILL OPERATING LEVY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND NECESSARY FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY TO BE VOTED UPON ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schldmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 9, 2013. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2013 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Burkhardt – At this time I would like to let everybody know that there are yard signs in favor of the levy out by the Mayor's office. If anybody would like to take one home and put them up in your yard we would greatly appreciate it.

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

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – I would like to thank both Chris Holt and Kathryn Toren-Jones from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County for providing the Library Levy information this evening. St. Bernard supports the Library and are most definitely looking forward to the new branch next year. The Mayor’s Monthly Court Report Receipts for August, 2013: Mayor’s Court Costs/Fines/Fees /Miscellaneous receipts were \$3,547.84, Bond Forfeiture \$150.00; total to St. Bernard is \$3,697.84. Total to the County was \$16.50. Total to State was \$960.50. Total Disbursements were \$4,674.84.

The Mayor’s Monthly Court Report Receipts for September, 2013: Mayor’s Court Costs/Fines/Fees Miscellaneous receipts were \$3,128.08, Bond Forfeiture \$150.00. Total to St. Bernard is \$3,278.08. Total to the County was \$25.50. Total to State was \$1,302.50. Total Disbursements were \$4,606.08.

The next edition of the newsletter was sent to the printer last week and should be arriving on everyone’s doorstep very soon. I think I received mine tonight.

The Pilot Chemical Luge event is this Saturday on Tower Avenue. I would like to thank Phil, Elaine and the Recreation Department for helping organize this event. A special thank you to Mr. John Zerges for suggesting St. Bernard; we are very lucky to have been chosen as the host this year.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s Office has prepared one Ordinance and two Resolutions for tonight’s meeting.

Resolution No., 8, 2013 provides for Council’s acceptance of the property tax rates and amounts as certified by the Hamilton County Budget Commission and estimated by the County Auditor. These rates and amounts were derived from property valuations and state reimbursements and from the budget submitted to the County in July for fiscal year 2014.

Resolution No. 10, 2013 amends Resolution No. 7, 2013 which stated the increase in employee contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension. Resolution No. 10, 2013 provides the corrected dates the increases will begin.

Ordinance No. 37, 2013 provides for the transfer of funds that were appropriated but need to be placed in the case fund.

From: 5-A-19 General Fund Transfer Out \$25, 698.89

To: 51-1000 Employee Health Plan Cash Account \$25,698.89

Ordinance No. 37, 2013 provides additional appropriations to :

01-6-A-20	Police Pension.....	\$40,000.00
0107-A-20	Fire Pension.....	\$60,000.00
01-2-C-3	County Collections.....	1,000.00
01-2-I-9	Professional Services.....	20,000.00
51-07	Employee Health Care.....	173,500.00

The reason for the additional money for the Police and Fire Pension line items is due to the way the Ohio Police and Fire Pension are collecting the employer’s portion of the pension. Starting in 2013 they decided to collect the employer portion every month. In the past years it was collected quarterly and was behind a quarter. So in 2013 the Village has to pay October, November and December of 2012 and the entire year of 2013. I calculated what I think the payments for the rest of this year will be, but there is a chance these line items may need additional funding. The County Collection line item increase will be used if the Village is fortunate to receive additional unexpected estate tax.

The increase in the Professional Services is for the Law Director. Mr. Walden has received invoices for over \$14,000.00 for legal consulting for an ongoing Civil Service Lawsuit. He also needs \$5,000.00 for a legal retainer to hire outside counsel to research a tax case. Currently his professional services line item has a balance of \$8,285.56. Mr. Walden is asking Council for an additional \$20,000.00.

The increase to the Employee Health Care line item is appropriating the premiums the employees are paying for their healthcare. When Council voted on the original 2013 budget the premiums were not included. \$173,500 is the amount of premiums being paid by the employees through this week's pay period. Council and the Administration were given the September Expense, Revenue and Cash Account reports from our software system along with updated expense and revenue spreadsheets. Copies of these reports are also available at the front door of Council Chambers. At the end of September the Village had revenues of \$9,416,782.41 which included \$93,533.05 from the sale of the rear of the Imwalle property. The expenses for the end of September were \$9,036,831.40. That number does not include the expenses for paying off dept that was financed with the new bonds. So as of the end of September the Village's revenues are up \$379,951.01, but Council and the Administration need to know that in the next few months the swimming pool, fire truck and storm sewer bond payments, along with the monthly payment for the new bonds are due. This is a little under \$300,000.00. The \$615,000.00 for the Heger and Chalet Street Project will also come due. On a final note I am very happy to report that the new payroll changes started this week. All employees are now submitting timesheets through Tuesday and not forecasting what they will be working through Friday. We also had 100% of the employees paid through direct deposit. A big thank you to all the Department Heads and the employees for assisting with these changes.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – As Peggy discussed there are two bills pending for the \$20,000.00 I'm asking for to be put in professional services item right now. As she described this is money that will be going out, unfortunately as soon as it comes in, but I will also have the \$8,000.00 in the line item to help for things that come along in the future. To follow up, we had talked a couple of months ago about having someone come in and do training for the public records and open meetings certification. Heidi and I went to a seminar on that on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and we were able to sign up everyone seated down here as well as Elaine, LeAnn and Sarah McCollough. I think we have everyone covered now for the training we did. One of the things that they brought up which was new that I had not heard of before, it goes into effect on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, is the State of Ohio recently amended the Executive Session law to include a new section under which Council could go into Executive Session. This is to consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategies, production techniques, trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for an economic development system. Council would first need to conclude that the information could be confidential, the information the applicant has provided, and would of course need to go into Executive Session on that ground. But with the development that is hopefully coming to the City it might be something that is useful to Council in the future. I would be happy to answer any questions about it when that comes up.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – The revenue (inaudible)

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenburg – To let you know that the Police Dept. officials met with employees and staff and teachers at the elementary school (St. Bernard Elmwood Place) and participated in "Alice" trainings for them which is a way for them to be able to respond effectively and get children and themselves out of harms way in the event of things happening. I also understand it happened with St. Clement and I believe Roger Bacon already. We're coordinating with the high school, and I believe they are also going out to Elmwood with the staff there.

I was hoping to have the HIP statistics for you tonight but unfortunately I don't. I will have them for you next week with the breakdown of what's happened. I think the last one we got was August. I'll have everything updated through next week for you next week.

I did also want to share with you a letter that we got because our industry is such an important source of income for us. This is a letter from Shaun Anderson who is the senior architect that is working on the Procter & Gamble TSDC facility. He sent a letter to Mr. Myers. I'll give a copy to Sue. It says, "As my involvement with the many projects at the Procter & Gamble, TSDC facility wind down, I did not want to miss the opportunity to compliment your building department for making the permitting and inspection process an unusually pleasant experience. From the beginning, you understood the aggressive schedule Procter & Gamble had requested for the construction of the large addition to their TSDC facility in St. Bernard. At the start of the project you personally took the time to meet with me to review the overall project. You guided us on the best and most expeditious path to accomplish the permitting and field inspection process of the project. Your department's permit review duration and their response to field inspection requests were more than equitable. Every time I stopped by your department to drop off a new permit application for review by the building department, except maybe two, I was able to catch yourself and/or Mr. Moeller in their office to quickly discuss what was in the submittal and update you on the construction process of the project. Along the way we created a few issues, but they worked with us to resolve them without critically delaying the project and enabled us to complete the project on time for Procter & Gamble.

Again with our unusually pleasant experience with the Building Dept. A sincere and grateful thank you.

Respectfully,

Shaun A. Anderson

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – I have more bullet points than a report. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 1:00pm we have "Shred It Day" here at City Hall. This is a reminder to everybody. Please bring all your paper documents you want shredded. You can watch them being shredded at that time. Ross Park started the construction to the restrooms. This is the \$140,000.00 grant. No matching funds that we obtained. They started upgrading our restrooms for making them handicapped accessible, painting the inside, new floors, new bathroom fixtures. That's on its way, that's why we had to close the park down early this month. Also Hamilton County is in the final month of the 2013 computer and TV recycling drop-off. That's all this month. The last day is Sat., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Every Sat. from 8:00am until noon you can drop-off TVs, computers all electronic type things at Cohen Norwood over on Beech St. in Norwood and Cohen Cincinnati on Kellogg Ave. All you need to do is bring, or show that you live in Hamilton County and its free to drop those things off. Also I talked with Peggy, the Auditor's Office, this week, we've had some problems with our dumpsters, with our businesses, plus the village needs a couple of dumpsters. I was able to get some good pricing from American Can, the manufacturer of the dumpsters. \$750.00 and that's with freight per unit. I went around to our businesses that have a need for some of their dumpsters to be repaired and eight businesses came up and said that they would buy a new dumpster with the two that we needed. As I was telling Peggy, these are \$750.00 checks coming in and going to the General Fund. I had asked Peggy what was the best way to do that? Take it out of Miscellaneous line item, that's showing revenue going out and coming in and that's 2-K-2. I don't need a Resolution because its under the \$10,000.00 threshold but when I'm using that Miscellaneous

line item I like to know, let Council know, what's being appropriated for and how that's working.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – I gave each member of Council and the Administration a copy of the report for the Tax Dept. income for the current year. We are at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter so now you get a comparison of where we stand three quarters of the way through the year. We brought in \$950,000.00 for the month of Sept. If anybody has any questions please let me know about that. I want to thank Peggy for changing the way the time sheets are done. That's been an issue that has bothered me since I started here so I appreciate you getting that taken care of. We no longer have to predict our time. On another note I wanted to thank Mayor Burkhardt. About a year and a half ago Mayor Burkhardt met with, and Rodney, about enforcing the police cars up in front of St. Clement. I just want to thank them again. They are continuing to still do that. If you ever have been up there at 7:30 in the morning, sometimes the officers, even Chief Moeller, will literally sit in the middle of the street with their lights going and it really slows the traffic down so again my thanks to Mayor Burkhardt and the Police Dept. for their continued enforcement.

Mr. Stegman you mentioned when the "Shred It Day" was but you didn't give us a time.

Mr. Stegman – 10:00am until 1:00pm.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FINANCE, Mr. Meier – (read by Mr. Asbach) The Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and Mr. Meier will get in touch with all the Dept. Heads so everybody is not sitting around. He will give out assigned times.

SAFETY, Mr. Asbach – During the month of September, officers were involved in 653 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 28 accident reports and took 25 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 25 offenses. Officers made 67 misdemeanor arrests and 10 felony arrests. Officers responded to 33 parking complaints. Officers issued 20 traffic citations, 1 DUI arrests and 48 warnings. Officers responded to 57 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons.

SERVICE, Mr. Holt – The Service Dept report for September 2013; there were 27 trucks, 32 dumpsters placed at residences, 111 special pick-ups and 172.28 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. There were 20.52 tons of recycling material, 6.17 ton of cardboard, 920 pounds of scrap metal all recycled.

I'm also pleased to announce that the Village will be receiving \$4,810.93 from the Residential Recycling Incentive Program.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – No report.

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

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mrs. Bedinghaus – I would just like to ask the Mayor, I read in the paper about the American Bottling Co. that might be moving to Bond Hill and I know that City Council will be voting on giving a tax credit. Is there any way that we're trying to keep them here in our Village? Can that possibly happen?

Mayor Burkhardt – They want to expand and we just don't have the room to have them expand. They want more dock space and more truck space, parking, and we just don't have an area to give them. That's the reason they're looking into Cincinnati.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mr. Tobergte – For the month of September there were 1,361 regular Dial-A-Ride riders which brings the yearly total to 14,781. The medical bus had 17 riders which brings the yearly total to 140. I want to thank the residents of St. Bernard for their generosity. I was able to collect a truck load of supplies and clothing along with \$150.00 in checks which I delivered to Matthew 25 Ministries on Monday. At our next Block Watch Meeting, October 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting at the Fire House at 6:30pm to have a fire extinguisher class.

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

Committee of the Whole  
Sept 26, 2013

1. Council approved the minutes of the Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
  - A. Said that 46 kids have signed up for the US Luge event on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, but are looking for 14 more to make 60.
  - B. Asked for Council's and the resident's support of the Hamilton County Library levy on the ballot at the Nov 5<sup>th</sup> election. Yard signs are available at City Hall.
3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
  - A. Discussed a Resolution to accept the rates from Hamilton County. Council voted 6-0 to put the Resolution on the table.
  - B. Asked for a Resolution to approve the new police and fire pension funds. Council voted 6-0 to put it on the table.
  - C. Asked for an Additional Appropriations Ordinance for various line items. Council voted 6-0 to put the Ordinance on the table.
  - D. Said that direct deposit starts next Friday. Anyone who hasn't given her the proper info will not be paid.
  - E. Received a report from the Hamilton County Auditor that showed that we will receive \$92,522.99 which will be \$4,052.01 less than this year.
4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
  - A. Discussed needing two Ordinances for next week. One will be for the purchase of property and one for an easement. Council voted 6-0 to put the Ordinances on the table. A request was made and voted on, 6-0, to meet in Executive Session to ask a few questions about the property at the end of the meeting.
5. Service Director, Phil Stegman
  - A. Reported that the Chalet and Heger St project was on schedule. There will be three weeks of road removal and replacement starting soon.
  - B. Said that the Village Newsletter has gone to the printer and will be mailed when completed.
6. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
  - A. Reported that his refunds line item was down to about \$7,000.00 from the \$50,000.00 that was put into the line item a few weeks ago, due to a large refund.
7. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
  - A. Gave Council a copy of the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> securities report which had a total of \$3,405,000.

8. Finance, Kevin Meier
  - A. Reported that the Committee will meet on Tuesday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 with the Department Heads on the last quarter of 2013 and also the 2014 budget. He also asked that Mr. Geiser get the latest revenue numbers and Ms Brickweg any updates on the Auditor's report as well as revenues.
9. Safety, Steve Asbach
  - A. Reported that there will be representatives from the Hamilton County Library at the Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting to talk about the new library as well as the renewal levy that is on the November 5<sup>th</sup> ballot.
10. Public Improvements, Diana Schildmeyer
  - A. Reminded everyone that St Clement will have a Super Bingo on Saturday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.
11. Highways & Transportation, Don Tobergte
  - A. Said that he would be collecting non-perishable food items as well as other items, for the flood victims in Colorado, in front of City Hall on Sunday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until 2 PM.
12. Council voted 6-0 to excuse the absent member.
13. Council met in Executive Session to discuss an easement and purchase of property.

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

## **COMMUN ICATIONS**

St. Bernard Fire Dept.

We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to Firefighters Baur and Sicking for their genuine care and concern.

They calmed me (Annie) when I was having serious breathing problems this past Sunday night. They helped me decide whether to go to the ER by explaining what my treatment would most likely be or stay home if I could stand it and felt comfortable enough, making me feel safe with them.

It was easy to place our trust in them as they took care of her. They are truly the best.

Tom, Sue and Annie Kathman

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to receive and file the communication and send a copy to the Fire Dept. Motion passed 6-0.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08, 2013. 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 by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 8, 2013. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Holt to adopt Resolution No. 8, 2013 as read. Motion passed 6-0

RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2013. AMENDING SECTION 1. OF RESOLUTION 7, 2013 STATING THAT THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD WILL CONTINUE TO PICK-UP THE MANDATORY CONTRIBUTION PER SCHEDULE BELOW BY ITS EMPLOYEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 10, 2013. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Resolution No. 10, 2013 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 35, 2013. DECLARING THE PROPERTY PARCEL #582-00007-0197-00 ON HARVEY COURT TO BE NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEED OF SAID TRACT; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 35, 2013.

## **REMARKS**

Mr. Tobergte – It's not listed in here Curtis, I'm assuming the price is still \$1.00?

Mr. Walden – You're correct. I talked to the people that do easements like this on a regular basis and they said that the price is always contained in the contract for sale as opposed to the Ordinance just in case anything would change but there has been no change in this case.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Holt to adopt Ordinance No. 35, 2013 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 36, 2013. AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND GRANTING OF A PERMANENT PARKING LOT EASEMENT FROM THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD TO TIMOTHY R. HACKNEY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 36, 2013.

## **REMARKS**



Patty Hausfeld, 4413 Tower – Since I don't have my glasses on, correct me if I'm wrong, this piece of property that we're doing for Tim Hackney is the grassy area next to his apartment building, correct? Where exactly, I see the parcel, but where exactly is the 35 piece of property located. I know it's on Harvey but is it like?

Mr. Stegman – It's actually on Bank Ave. going up towards Harvey. It's that empty lot on Bank Ave. that goes up the hill in the back of the property owners on Harvey.

Patty Hausfeld – And did I hear you guys correctly, that's \$1.00.

Mr. Stegman – Yes, that's the trade off for this.

Patty Hausfeld – OK. I just wanted to clarify that for myself.

Mr. Walden – Patty if I could further explain, when that property was initially platted that was considered the back yard of the property on Harvey. That's why it's still in the legal description Down Town.

Patty Hausfeld – That's why it kind of threw me when you said Harvey. I'm like, where the heck is this.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Ordinance No. 36, 2013 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 37, 2013. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFER FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 37, 2013.

**REMARKS**

Mr. Tobergte – Here we go once again, I know Curtis it's not your fault, but we're spending money we don't have in the line item. I don't understand why we keep, Civil Service go \$14,000.00 to pay all the bills, no money in the line item to cover it, but nothing was brought up but now we have to pay bills. I think this is ridiculous.

Mrs. Brickweg – Next week I'll be doing a "Then and Now" so.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 37, 2013 as read. Motion passed 5-1. Mr. Tobergte voted no.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Tobergte – Curtis, you talked about the Sunshine Laws and stuff, can you give us an update in writing or a presentation so we know what the new laws are and stuff.

Mr. Walden – Sure, I'll put that together and maybe do that at the COW next week.

Mr. Tobergte – Another question for Phil and Peggy and probably Curtis too, about selling these dumpsters to the businesses, are we also charging them sales tax? In my business if I buy a piece of equipment I have to pay sales tax on it.

Mr. Stegman – Yes we are.

I reported this last week, October 18<sup>th</sup>, on our green recycling cans that we've been selling. The County has been asking me to finalize the sale of all those because they're giving us \$26.00 for a can that we sold after we extended that. They're asking me to put a cut off on that so, October 18<sup>th</sup>, any time after that they'll go back up to \$50.00 for the cost of the green recycling so anybody that was holding out on buying those. They're still \$25.00 until the 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll decide what we want to do with the remainder. I think we're at 320 right now. We had 450. We've got a little over 100 left. Hopefully we'll get rid of those and we'll come up with a plan to get rid of the rest of them.

With Michael's report tonight it's a little hard to read that but we did go up to the next tier with the recycling we're doing. With these green cans it has helped. We went up to the next tier to get more dollars per ton. They've given us a range and we went up to the next tier. So congratulations St. Bernard residents for doing recycling and buying these green cans.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Brickweg – Bob Sawtell stopped in yesterday and he gave me a flyer and asked me to put something out on Face Book. There's a woman in Norwood and she started this, it's on Face Book and its called Cash Mom, Cash Mom, Norwood. What she does is she's trying to increase the business in Norwood. Like she goes in and if you have a "special" she puts it on Face Book. Well she came and she talked to Scherpie's and on this Saturday from 12:00noon until 2:00pm they're going to give out something free. I don't know what it is. I went ahead and put that on my personal Face Book page and I just wanted to pass that on. Bob said what he hopes to do is build this up. So feel free to stop in at Scherpie's from noon until 2:00pm and get whatever the little surprise is.

Mr. Tobergte – Just a reminder, my next Town Hall meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in Centennial Hall.

## **AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Patty Hausfeld, 4413 Tower – And I know Phil you're going to say the word that you thought you got away without me mentioning the library. Say your prayer. But, firstly you don't know me. I've lived in St. Bernard all my life. I sat up there for a while and I was very optimistic about a new library coming to town. We waited 18 years for this library is my calculation is correct. My only thing is and I know this renewal is a renewal but you mentioned, Chris, that something about I guess if it doesn't pass there will be set backs. Correct? I just want to know for our citizens purpose, it took us so long to get our foot in the door to get stuff started, what happens if the renewal doesn't pass? I don't care about the

surrounding towns. I care about what's going on in St. Bernard and I know you really don't want to talk about this particular branch for the new phase but my feeling is that we waited so long to get one and I don't care if you're for it or against it, Phil and I have kind of gone back and forth on this a few times because I was a pain in the butt to him about this, but like I said, I don't care about the surrounding towns I want to know what the impact will be on our library being built either if this passes or doesn't pass. Does that make sense?

Chris Holt – At this point since we still will be under the previous levy, which doesn't end until 2014, we haven't even begun to discuss the impact to the system except that we will lose \$17 million. I'm not sure what plans would be drawn up at that point for anything. We haven't even started meeting about that yet. We're very optimistic. I think we have a very high possibility of this passing. We have really high support so I think that's just been a topic that hasn't come up at this point.

Patty Hausfeld – My only question to you is what is, I guess, when are we supposed to start on the library? I know you said something about it or do you have plans on finishing our library or anything like that yet.

Chris Holt – We just started meeting with the architect five weeks ago so we mostly have dealt with land placement more than the actual building and what we think would work best on that piece of property. We'll be moving forward with conceptual drawings and things like that. I know we're supposed to have these plans done before the year is over with bids going out to construction probably February or March. We'd like to have everything planned out by March so that we can get the construction started by spring.

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

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. I would like to make everybody aware that we will also have the following COW on the 24<sup>th</sup> as there are five Thursday's and Halloween falls on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> so we will bump the next COW after next week to the 24<sup>th</sup>.

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