

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2014**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held April 17, 2014 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 all members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

Mayor Burkhardt – Mrs. Marjorie Niesen is here to present two outstanding youths in the school districts that have been presented a Good Citizenship Award and Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Cincinnati Chapter.

Mrs. Niesen – Both students were chosen because every day they live their lives as good citizens, showing honesty, courage, truthfulness, service leadership and patriotism. In fact, these were ideals set out by George Washington.

I present to you Ms. Kelsey Estep representing St. Clement School and Mr. Daniel Hackney representing St. Bernard Elmwood Place.

Laura Schmitt, Public Health Nurse – Provided information on a new program St. Bernard would benefit greatly from.

Laura Schmitt, Health Services commission,

I would like to take a few minutes of your time to present some information on the Hamilton County Public Health Department We THRIVE Program. Mary Ellen Kramer, a health educator from Hamilton County was going to attend tonight's meeting but is not able to be here this evening, So I will go ahead and discuss the program with you. If, after this evening, Council still feels the need to Have Mary Ellen present at a meeting I can try to make arrangements for that, or if you have questions that I do not have the answers to I can take those back to her and get them answered, but hopefully I can address any questions or concerns you may have.

The Mission of We THRIVE!: We THRIVE! is a county-wide initiative to make healthy living easier. This effort focuses on increasing access to healthy eating and physical activity, while decreasing tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. We THRIVE! works with community partners, schools, businesses, churches, elected officials and residents to address obesity and chronic disease through many strategies.

The We THRIVE INITIATIVE is compiled of 4 pathways- they are, Chronic Disease, which is the pathway that is being focused on currently, the additional 3 pathways are in development and they are Communicable Disease, Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness

Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) serves a resident population of more than 470,000 people in 44 political jurisdictions in southwest Ohio.

The We THRIVE! Initiative began in 2008 and is funded primarily by three national grants held by HCPH:

- Strategic Alliance for Health, a \$2.5 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- “Healthy Kids Healthy Communities”, a \$360,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- Communities Putting Prevention to Work, a \$6.7 million grant from the CDC.

The We THRIVE! Chronic Disease path focuses on reducing childhood obesity and other chronic diseases for the residents of Hamilton County. Initiatives aim to protect families by increasing access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity and decreasing exposure to tobacco products where they live, work, learn and play. The goal of the We THRIVE! Initiative is to make the healthy choice the easy choice by implementing policy, systems and environmental changes to support improved nutrition, increased activity, and decrease chronic disease.

Community partners, schools, local businesses and other key stakeholders from across Hamilton County are joining forces to implement evidence-based strategies that promote physical activity, healthy eating and reduced tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke – all of these lifestyle behaviors are associated with obesity, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases. The We THRIVE! Initiative is building a solid foundation for sustainable changes by addressing policy, systems and environmental change.

Chronic disease is the leading cause of death in this country due to specific behaviors such as poor diet and physical inactivity. The chronic disease rates in Hamilton County and across the nation are far too high.

In Hamilton County

- **59.6% of adults are overweight or obese**
- **24% of adults report no physical activity**
- **30% of adults smoke**
- **37.9% of third graders are overweight or obese That number is scary!!**
- **Over the past 40 years, childhood obesity has increased more than fourfold in children ages 6-11**

The Standard Mortality Rate (SMR) is a ratio of the observed deaths to the expected deaths with in a community. The SMR baseline is 100

In St. Bernard

- **Our overall SMR is 101**
- **St. Bernard’s SMR rate for Heart disease is 118**
- **For Malignant Neoplasms (cancers) is 87**
- **Diabetes SMR is 190! Which is far to high!**
- **St. Bernard and Mt. Healthy have the worst diabetes SMR in the County.**

Some of the benefits to being a WE THRIVE COMMUNITY:

- It will assist in increasing our economic development
- Community revitalization
- Sets our community apart from others
- Residents and Businesses want to be in a community that supports a healthy environment. Healthy Residents equals a Healthy workforce

What we will gain from partnering with Hamilton County in the We THRIVE program: (Besides the obvious which is a Healthier Community with healthier residents.)

We will gain:

- Technical assistance- we will be assigned a public health educator that will provide technical assistance in a variety of topics, which may include capacity building, community mobilization, grant writing, assessment, planning and more.
- Recognition- A We THRIVE! Community sign will be provided for display in the community after we complete all steps. Additional recognition will also be provided via social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc., press releases on the We THRIVE Website, and at a future Hamilton County Board of Health meeting.
- Learning collaborative- we will participate in the We Thrive Learning Collaborative. The learning collaborative provides a forum for communities to come together and

discuss successes and challenges, participate in capacity building trainings, and stay abreast of funding opportunities.

- Data Assistance- we will receive guidance on how to navigate through Hamilton County Public Health's online community access assessment data and epidemiology, which is the science that studies the patterns, causes, and effects of health and disease conditions in defined populations . It is the cornerstone of public health and informs policy decisions and evidenced based practice by identifying risk factors for disease and targets for preventative healthcare.

The tool provides the most current public health data available.

- Assistance is also offered on how the data can be used in community health planning and funding applications.
- Marketing and promotional resources- Resources will be provided to promote community efforts, which include, sample press release, social media plan strategies and recommendations, and marketing style guide.

Some of the other communities that have joined the We THRIVE movement are; Addyston, Amberly Village, Avondale, Cheviot, Cleves, College Hill, Evendale, Lincoln Heights, Lockland, Madisonville, North Avondale, North Bend, Northside, Norwood, Roselawn, Woodlawn, and Wyoming.

The state of Ohio also has put in place a program called "Get with the plan 2014-2018" it is a plan to reduce chronic disease throughout the State of Ohio, being part of the We Thrive! Program puts us one step closer to also meeting the plan needs for the state of Ohio.

I know the question most of you will have at the top of your mind is "How much will it cost us?" The best answer I can give you is TIME and EFFORT! It will require time focusing on getting this program in place and running, and will require effort on all of our parts to work together collaboratively to make this program a success for our community, HOWEVER I think that this is a very important step for our community and well worth the time and effort that will be put into it. It is a no brainer to me.

Depending on what strategies and plans our WE THRIVE team puts together, we should be able to do most of what we decide through these funding opportunities, I can assure you that the team will ALWAYS work to accomplish our goals with as little or no expense to the Village and will attempt to gain funding through the many funding opportunities that we will be privy too.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Laura, do you know when the pathways will be developed?

Laura Schmitt – I'm not sure. They're working on them now. Hamilton County is. I think fairly soon they will probably be coming out.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – Laura and I have had, we've talked about this already, and I'm already in support of this program and we do have to have at least one Council member as part of the Committee and I would be happy to be that Representative from Council.

Laura Schmitt – And that would be great and I know that Don Tobergte has volunteered too. We have to have at a minimum of one person from Council, one Administration, which would be myself, obviously, and Mike Peck has been a little bit involved with the learning collaborative too and I will be going to and attending those meetings from now on and he has offered to give some input and help as well if we need it. And I would like to get a few residents involved on board. I think it's a great program. One of the perks, we had our pros and cons when we lost our City status, one of the perks to being a Village and being under the County now is programs like this and being privy to those funding opportunities. The money is

there, they assist us with the grants and trying to get that money in here for whatever programs. It is a huge tool for what the program would work with demographic areas and it also focuses on a lot of the chronic disease areas and things like that where we will pull numbers in, look at the pathways and see what type of plan we would like to come up with. Here in St. Bernard we do a lot of this already. We've already got a foot in the door with this. It is really a no brainer if you ask me. We have the walking tracks for people, we do, we've got the fitness center, we have people that host the Zumba classes, there's a lot of things that we already do that benefit us but there's a lot more we could do with some grants and funding and I would be thrilled to bring this "We Thrive" into the community.

Mr. Asbach – I think that we had OKed the resolution to put on the table but I will put it back on COW to discuss it and firm it and put it back up next week.

Mrs. Brickweg – Laura, I just wanted to add that if we can work together with the Wellness Program that started with our Health Insurance Program with the employees and maybe we can link this with that.

Laura Schmitt – And that's another angle that we can take through this program. It's not just for the community. It's for the Administration, it's for the employees to help get us a wellness program in place with that as well. If anybody has any other questions for me I would be glad to answer anything that I can.

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 March, 2014: Mayor's Court Costs/Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous receipts were \$5,855.66, Bond applied to Tax \$275.00, total to St. Bernard was \$6,130.66. Total to the County was \$22.50. Total to State was \$1, 501.50. Total Disbursements were \$7, 654.66.

The Annual Easter Egg Scramble is this Saturday, April 19th at Vine Street Park. The event begins at 12:30 with a petting zoo and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The Egg Scramble will begin promptly at 1:00pm. Please dress for inclement weather and remember to bring your Easter basket. Thanks to all the departments for their ongoing support of this event, as well as several local businesses.

At the beginning of April every elected official received a letter from the Hamilton County Auditor, Dusty Rhodes, with an update on the Homestead Exemption Program. Elaine contacted Auditor Rhodes and he offered to come and provide the information to our Senior Citizen Organization in person. He will be attending the meeting next Wednesday, April 23rd at 12:30pm. The Homestead Exemption for property owners who are 65 and over or permanently disabled will, from this year forward, be means tested. This means owners who have annual incomes over \$30,500.00 will no longer be eligible for this program.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County official ground breaking ceremony for the new St. Bernard Branch is next Monday, April 21st at 4:00PM. Please join us for the momentous occasion.

The St. Bernard Woman's Club Annual Scholarship applications are due Friday, April 25th. Please drop off with the required essay and letters of recommendation before 5:00pm.

The St. Bernard Community Yard Sale date for 2014 is Saturday, May 17th. If you are interested in participating please contact the Administrative offices by phone or email with your name, address and phone number (optional). Signs will be posted a few days in advance of the yard sale with a map available of all homes participating. Sign up deadline is Friday, May 9th.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s office has prepared two Ordinance 17s for tonight’s meeting. The reason for two Ordinances is that I would like to let Council decide which one they want to vote on tonight. On Tuesday all of council received an e-mail from Elaine Sipe regarding the Police Departments computers that are used for Mayor’s Court. It was brought to her attention that both of their systems need to be upgraded like hers since all three systems are using Windows XP and they are no longer being supported. She requested that with tonight’s Ordinance Council vote on appropriating enough money for all three systems using:

21-01 Mayor’s Court Computerization which has \$1,900.50 with the suggestion to appropriate \$1,700.00. This was discussed at the COW meeting last week.

22-01 Clerk of Court Computerization has \$3,873.00 available with the suggestion to appropriate \$3,570.00. This was not discussed at the COW because Elaine did not realize what system the Police Department was using. After finding out the systems need to be compatible to run Mayor’s Court she sent out her suggestions via e-mail to all of Council.

The money in both of these cash accounts can be used for computers, annual software support fees, online payment fees, etc for Mayor’s Court. This is money received from Mayor’s Court. The money is in the cash accounts, Council needs to appropriate it to an expense line item so it can be spent. It is not additional money being spent.

I received many e-mails in support of adding the Clerk of Court Computerization additional appropriation to the Ordinance. I did receive one from Councilman Andy Kalb stating he did not have a problem with the addition, but he added that he wants to urge the Administration and department heads to when at all possible bring up items at the COW meeting as this will be 3 council meetings in a row that will now have an Ordinance changed in the middle of the week. As I stated before to Council as the Auditor I prepare the Ordinances. In order to avoid any controversy and lengthy arguing I am providing Council with two different copies of Ordinance 17, 2014. Council can decide which one to use. It is Council’s job to appropriate the money. As Auditor I just prepare the Ordinance. When Council decides which one to use I will provide the Clerk of Council with the correct one.

Two other items in Ordinance 17, 2014 are:

01-2-E-3	Tax Refunds	\$100,000.00
07-06	Safety Center Project	\$4,595.13

The Tax Department is receiving tax returns with refunds that exceed what is in their line item so the Tax Commission requested an additional \$100,000.00. He also said that most likely this will not be enough for the rest of the year. The money for the Safety Center Project is money that was paid by the contractor so it needs to be re-appropriated back into the line item.

The State Auditor continues to work on our 2013 Audit. We are working very closely with him on many changes he is suggesting for this year and going forward. He is going back almost 10 years of past practices and “highly recommending” changes the Village needs to make. Nick and I plan to implement all of his recommendations. I will inform Council of the changes when the Audit is done and when we will be implementing them. He did give us praise for making

payroll checks mandatory direct deposit and for changing the timesheets to actual days and hours worked.

I would also like to wish all the residents of St. Bernard a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Mr. Asbach – At this time I make a motion that we place Ordinance No. 17, 2014 with the four appropriations on the table, obviously so we can continue to run Mayor's court.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I'll second the motion.

Motion passed 7-0.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – Mayor's Court went very well last night. We had the tax docket, the criminal docket and the traffic docket. We had it all wrapped up by about 7:30. In addition, this week I have been working on about eight research projects for the Police Dept. and Mayor's Court to make sure that we are keeping in compliance with some recent rulings by the Supreme Court. I've also been researching an issue for Civil Service. I would like to thank the Safety Director for her help with that. Lastly I need to request an Executive Session tonight to discuss pending litigation but hopefully it should be a short meeting.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – I've prepared the securities report for the money that is held for us from Fifth Third as of this year.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. Van Valkenburg – There will be a promotion exam for the position of Fire Chief, in the Village of St. Bernard. It will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 9:00am. this exam will be given in the Centennial Hall, Lower Level of St. Bernard City Hall, located at 110 Washington Ave.

Any eligible employees who wish to take the exam should send a letter, expressing their intent to take the exam, to the Civil Service Commission, St. Bernard City Hall, 110 Washington Ave. In order to be eligible to take the exam, this letter must be received no later than 4:00pm on Monday, May 5th, 2014.

Additionally, a promotional exam for the position of Lieutenant, in the Village of St. Bernard Fire Dept., will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 9:00am. This exam will be given in the Centennial Hall, Lower Level of St. Bernard City Hall. Any eligible employees who wish to take the exam should send a letter, expressing their intent to take the exam, to the Civil Service Commission, St. Bernard City Hall, 110 Washington Ave. In order to be eligible to take the exam, this letter must be received no later than 4:00pm on Monday, May 5th, 2014.

A couple of weeks ago we discussed the flow of traffic on Greenlee Ave. and what we could do to help some of the problems there. The Police Dept. was able to set up basically a monitoring system to track cars going through and speeds. In April they did a survey about 28 hours in duration which showed a total of almost 6,000 vehicles going down the street from Greenlee to Rose Hill. The total number of cars was 5,891. The average speed was 21.49, the maximum speed was 45 and the minimum speed was 11. There was another one done in the Greenlee, Cleveland area lasting about 11 hours. The total number of vehicles was 2,182. The average speed was 17.5, the maximum speed was 32 and the minimum speed was 11.

Maybe it was the same person, who knows. In any event, given the duration of these I think we should run a little bit more perhaps to get a little better feel for what's going on down there and I'll report back on that. And Mrs. Bedinghaus I

do have a proposed Ordinance for you to look at and to discuss with you and your Committee about the possible banning of portable sports equipment and I'll get with you later this evening.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Absent.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – I am unable to be with you this evening. I would like to thank all the St. Bernard residents who filed their 2013 St. Bernard Tax Returns. We thank all those who have timely met their tax obligations and we appreciate their cooperation. The taxes we collect allow our Village to operate and provide the great services we have.

Council and the Administration received an email this week from our Deputy Tax Commissioner, Ms. Helmes, indicating her appreciation for the presence of the Police Officers at the Tax Office this past tax day April 15.

I would like to reiterate this same message not only to Council and the Administration, but to the public and extend our appreciation and gratitude. Tax day, April 15, is the busiest day of the year at the Tax Office where we remain busy all day with lines forming with tax payers needing assistance.

Officer Mc Creanor and Officer Moore along with Chief Moeller made their presence known throughout the day spending time just being present around the Tax Office. Many of those in line enjoyed talking with the officers to pass the time waiting for assistance. Several taxpayers made comments about feeling safe and secure, especially those who had to make a large payment.

I believe the officers' presence provided not only an assurance of safety to the public but it was a great opportunity to provide positive public relations with the residents of St. Bernard.

Again we would like to thank the officers for their service and hope that we can have them present every April 15th.

At Mayors Court last night, the Police Department provided a new and greatly appreciated service. Every person attending Mayors Court was wand with a metal detector. Many Mayors Court throughout Ohio have this same additional security to protect all the court personnel.

Again thanks to the Police Department and the Administration for providing this service.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – The Finance Committee will be meeting Thursday, April 24th at 6:00pm to discuss the Deputy Auditor's pay and Phil would like to discuss the street sweeper. I did speak to Police Chief Moeller and he is on board with his line items. I'm still working on getting sponsors for the Soap Box Derby. The date is Saturday, May 10th. Races start at 9:00am. If anybody knows a youngster who would like to participate between ages 7 and 12 they can call my house at 242-9499 and leave a name of the child to be entered into a drawing to race for free. Valarie, it seems the Soap Box Derby will be the same day as those promotional tests so the Washington part or McClelland will be closed just past the parking lot so they should know that.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – I would like to remind the residents one more time that the next Block Watch Meeting is Tuesday, April 22nd. We will be touring the Rumpke Recycling Facility. If you are interested, meet at the lower level of City Hall at 6:00pm or at 6:15pm out at the Rumpke Recycling Facility.

I have the Police Department monthly report for March 2014. During the month of March, officers were involved in 798 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 17 accident reports and took 38 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 23 offenses. Officers made 79 misdemeanor arrests. Officers responded to 51 parking complaints and issued 15 citations for [parking violations. Officers issued 30 traffic citations, 3 DUI arrests and 78 warnings. Officers responded to 94 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – I have the Service Dept. report for March. There were 15 trucks placed at residences, 22 dumpsters placed at residences, 53 special pick-ups at residences and 172.52 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. As far as the recycling report; there was 26.28 tons of recycling material and 3220 pounds of scrap metal.

I would also like to remind everybody that at the next Thursday, at the beginning COW meeting, we will have the Public Hearing on the change to the zoning map for the area between Washington and McClelland Ave. otherwise known as the new Townhome Property.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – Messer Construction will be renting the old Pager Plus space in the shopping strip for their construction office serving the library project.

Thanks to all who supported the St. Clement Bingo and Walk-A-Thon, both were big successes. Thanks also to all who support the St. Bernard Elmwood Place Schools and the Titans Club. Our community will excel as our schools succeed.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – No report.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – No report.

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

Committee of the Whole
Apr 10, 2014

1. Council approved the minutes of the Apr 3rd Council meeting.
2. Laura Schmidt, Health Nurse, asked that a Resolution in support of the “We Thrive Program”, be placed on the table. Council voted 7-0 to place it on the table.
3. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
 - A. Reminded everyone that the annual Easter Egg Scramble will be next Saturday April 19th at Vine Street Park. Pictures with the Easter Bunny and a Petting Zoo will begin at 12:30 pm and the egg hunt will begin promptly at 1:00 pm.
4. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
 - A. Asked for an additional appropriation to line item 22-01 for \$1,700.00 for Elaine Sipe’s computer since it is having a lot of problems. She also asked for \$4,595.13 for line item 07-06. Council voted 7-0 to put this Ordinance on the table.
 - B. She also said that the proposed \$1,000.00 increase for the Deputy Auditor, would be acceptable to him. She also said that the adjusted salary, to be put in an Ordinance before next year should be looked into. The matter was placed back into the Finance Committee for review.

5. Service Director, Phil Stegman
 - A. Reported that because the Service \Department is off next Friday, for Good Friday, the trash pickup will be moved up one day. Please don't put trash out on the wrong day.
 - B. Asked that if any resident has leaves from their yard to please put them in cans and put out for yard waste. The leaf truck doesn't go out at this time of the year.
 - C. Reported that the restrooms at Ross Park, Area's #1 & #3, are now handicap accessible. These restrooms will be locked at all times, so if you rent one of those areas you will need to get a key from City Hall and at the end of your event you can take it to the police station or drop it in the deposit box at City Hall.

6. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
 - A. Asked Council to put \$100,000.00 in his refund line item. There has been an unusually high request for refunds this year. Council voted 7-0 to put the Ordinance on the table.

7. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
 - A. Reported that there is \$5,616.96 in the 4th of July fund in the bank.

8. Finance, Don Tobergte
 - A. Thanked the residents for their attendance at the meeting on speed and traffic on Greenlee Ave and filling out the traffic study forms. In 2005 there were 164 cars per hour in a span of 43 hours and in 2014 there were 207 per hour in a 39 hour period.
 - B. Said that the Soap Box Derby will be May 10th on Tower Avenue. If anyone wants to use a car at no charge, there are a limited number of cars, please call Don Tobergte at 242-9499.

9. Safety, Ray Culbertson
 - A. Gave the fire department report for March. There were 29 calls for fire run activity, 75 calls for emergency medical runs and 24 inspections.

10. Highways & Transportation, Patty Hausfeld
 - A. Talked about the Greenlee Ave meeting from last night. It was brought up that any visitors to the Senior Center are asked not to park in their parking lot. People from Church St going south toward Mitchell complained about both traffic and the speeding cars from Mitchell to Church St and the fact that some people run that stop sign. Many other items were discussed and will be discussed by the committee.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2014. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance. No. 17, 2014. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 17, 2014 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and pending litigation. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Tobergte – I'd like to place on the agenda for the COW meeting the Avondale group fighting Alaska Commons. They want to come to Council to discuss the issue. They are having a meeting tonight. Officers Setters is going there to get more information. The Monday after the next COW meeting, I know it's confusing, I don't know the date, they're going to CMHA, they're trying to get final approval, they're trying to get a letter, Curtis says it can't be a Resolution, possibly get a letter, stating our opposing the project.

Mr. Walden – Don, since we spoke this morning it did occur to me that if Council wanted they could call a special meeting for that evening before the COW. We could actually pass the Resolution then, if that's Council's pleasure. I didn't think about it when we were talking this morning.

Mr. Tobergte – Wouldn't this be just as good?

Mr. Walden – Probably, probably, yes.

Mr. Tobergte – I think we just do a letter myself, instead of having a special meeting.

Mr. Asbach – After listening to the Tax Commissioners report, I would like to suggest that next year on tax day if anyone has a large tax payment, have them call the Police Dept. and bring them down here. Get those big tax payments in here. If they feel more secure, I say let's pick them up and bring them down.

Mr. Culbertson – I should have mentioned this in the Safety Report but I would like to thank the Police Chief and the police officers that were on duty that day of the St. Clement Walk-A-Thon. I had the privilege of walking with the kids that day and the officers on duty were very visible that day and Mr. Eisner, the Principal, even came out of his way to come down and mention that to me. He said that the Police Dept. really takes care of the kids up here at St. Clement. I just wanted to pass that along.

Mr. Tobergte – Curtis, this "We Thrive" Resolution that Laura asked for, can you doctor that up?

Mrs. Brickweg – I've already offered. I can put it in our normal, if that's what you mean by "doctoring it up". I've already told her I would help her.

Mr. Walden – For my portion of Executive Session, I would like Peggy back there. If she is available I will come and get her after the other discussion is over.

Mr. Tobergte – John, with the Fifth Third securities detail that you gave out, one is June 13. Are you planning on reinvesting that or what's the plan for that money?

Mr. Ungruhe – When I talked to the people up there they suggested that we keep that liquid until we know what our fine is going to be for the landfill project since they were threatening a six figure penalty, potentially.

Mr. Tobergte – Ok, I'm just curious.

Mr. Ungruhe – And we have that deal with Fifth Third right now where they are giving us, I can't remember, for that balance that we have that construction grant through. So that was my reasoning to not invest it and then have to uninvest it.

Mr. Tobergte – That's why I was asking.

Mr. Ungruhe – No problem.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hausfeld – Mr. Burkhardt, you were talking about Dusty Rhodes coming in to the Senior meeting on the 23rd.

Mayor Burkhardt – Yes.

Ms. Hausfeld – Not all of our seniors belong to the Seniors but I think it is a very vital thing that it be opened up to any senior that wants to come. I know my mom personally doesn't belong to Seniors but I do believe it's something she should hear for herself so she knows what the heck is going on along with some of our older citizens. So I don't know if that's possible unless they join the Seniors.

Mayor Burkhardt – No, anybody is welcome. What we can do is put out a Call Command and invite everyone to that.

Ms. Hausfeld – I think it's very important to the ones that this will affect to make sure that they know there is an open meeting and also make sure the seniors don't get, the seniors that belong to Seniors, don't get feathers ruffled if more people are coming to that particular meeting

Mr. Asbach – I also talked with Elaine Sipe and I believe Mr. Rhodes has some copies that he will be bringing over to City Hall after the meeting.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – None.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:30pm.

Mr. Peck – Council will go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters.

Mr. Peck – Council has returned from Executive Session where they were discussing pending litigation and personnel matters and resumed regular session.

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