

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2014**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, May 15, 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.

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – (read by Mr. Walden) The Mayor’s Monthly Court Report Receipts for April, 2014; Mayor’s Court Costs/Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous receipts were \$4,533.83, Bond applied to Tax \$150.00, total to St. Bernard was \$4,683.83. Total to the County was \$15.00. Total to State was \$1,202.00. Total Disbursements were \$5,900.83.

The St. Bernard Community Yard Sale is this Saturday. Please visit our website, FB page, or pick up a map on the signs around town or here at City Hall. I believe there are a few maps available on the table with the Ordinances.

Mr. Myers and the Mayor will be meeting with the Cleveland Avenue residents, as well as a few others that have shown concern, next Tuesday, May 20th at 6:00pm. I believe copies of the resident letters were given to each member of Council.

The CIC meeting has been moved to Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00pm.

Elaine is continuing to work with the Auditor’s office to get the FSA up and running. After another phone conference with David Dunning, Chard Snyder, it was agreed that we would move forward with a “soft enrollment” period to confirm we have at least 20 employees (monthly minimum) that are serious about utilizing this benefit. This is a fee based service and we want to confirm that only the employees that are truly interested sign up. We will finalize the contract with Chard Snyder once the monthly minimum is met. The Mayor’s office received confirmation today that the enrollment forms have been created and will be distributed to the employees as soon as possible.

I’m sorry to report the Kirtland Turner Group is no longer in operation. This was the group planning to be the townhome builder on Tower Ave. Paul is working to find a replacement builder for the project which will move forward in the near future.

Elaine has also been working on securing the best wireless option for the Village due to the buyout of Cincinnati Bell. She and Phil met with Verizon, Elaine met with T-Mobile and she is working to get something set up with Sprint. The buyout is not complete until final authorization is given by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission). Our goal is to have a new provider in place when the final decision is made to provide for an easy transition.

I would like to thank Ms. Lily Middendorf, daughter of Don and Sue Middendorf, for her efforts in planting the beds at the entrance to City Hall. The plants look beautiful and will provide months of enjoyment for everyone visiting.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s office has prepared Ordinance 21, 2014 for tonight’s meeting which transfers:

FROM GENERAL FUND
5-A-19 General Fund Transfer Out \$725,000.00

TO CASH ACCOUNTS:
04-1000 Swimming Pool Cash Account \$125,000.00
31-1000 General Bond Retirement Cash Account \$300,000.00
51-1000 Employee Health Plan Cash Account \$300,000.00

The Ordinance moves certain appropriations to pay for the first year lease payment for the new street sweep. It moves:

FROM:
01-2-O-13 Service Dept. Equipment Outlay \$8,821.18
02-33-8 SCMR Equipment Maintenance \$17,073.84

TO:
02-33-13 SCMR Equipment Outlay \$25,895.02

Ordinance 21, 2014 provides additional appropriation of \$12,003.40 to line item 05-MP-16 CIC which is the rent the Village has collected for the Shopping Center. As discussed at last week’s COW the Village will collect rent for June, but the CIC needs to take over collecting the Shopping Center rent and get new leases with the tenants that state the CIC owns the Shopping Center and not the Village.

Council and the Administration were given the April 2014 Expense, Revenue and Fund 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. In April, the Village received \$1,606,214.68 in revenues. Comparing the 2013 to 2014 year to date, the Villages revenues are up \$36,615.05. The expenses for April were \$1,583,929.19. Of that \$194,197.00 was spent on the new Service Garage Building, \$490,862.10 was spent on the new Safety Center and \$16,000.00 was spent on the Vine Street Streetscape Project. Comparing the 2013 to 2014 expenses with the projects that use bond money removed, the expenses for 2014 are up \$281,804.49. Some of the expenses that were greater year to date in 2014 are:

- Tax refunds is up \$107,837.99
- Litigation is up \$39,466.67
- Gas well monitoring is up \$44,553.32
- Heger and Chalet Road project is up \$86,335.76
- Bond Financing payments is up \$231,176.46

By breaking out the larger items I hope this helps give a clearer view on the year to date revenues and expenses.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – I met with the Police Chief, the Magistrate, Elaine, and the Tax Dept. last Friday to discuss proper procedure for Mayor’s Court. I was able to answer the six questions I had been asked. However, another five came up, and we will be meeting again on June 3rd to address those issues.

I am continuing to work on a contract with the Mayor. We will be addressing Council in Executive Session when we receive some new security information from Columbus hopefully in the near future.

Just one quick note; the Appropriation Ordinance tonight has been numbered Ordinance No. 21 so that we can transfer the money before spending it as approved in the Sweeper Ordinance which is now Ordinance No. 22.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – I have prepared this Treasurer’s report for this evening: Receipts for the month of April 2014: \$ 1,606,214.68
Receipts for the year through April, 2014: \$ 4,577,571.83

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. VanValkenburg – The HIP Program and the HIP inspections are beginning again. HIP Inspector will finish up with some remaining issues on Church and Cleveland Sts. which were the streets addressed last year. The new streets, selected at random for this season are Park Pl. because this is a short block, the second street was also selected at random and that is Tennis Ln. I’ll be able to give you updates as we begin that process again.

Also just to follow up on the Mayor’s report, I did confirm with Paul Myers that the CIC actually owns all that property, the real property across from the Eagles, and the current library location, where the townhomes are expected to be erected. That real property should not be tied up in the Kirkland Turner bankruptcy.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – I urge passage tonight of Ordinance 22, 2014. This is to lease the sweeper, even though it’s going to take us between 70 and 90 days to receive the sweeper, Jack Doheny Group is going to try to get us a rental so that we can start sweeping our streets sooner than that so I urge passage of that tonight.

This week I had 25 calls and reports of high grass, so please cut your grass. Do not blow it into the street. When bringing limbs and branches to the street, the curb, please bunch them so they are able to put them right into the truck. The new parking lot at 4716 Vine St. will be starting on May 22nd and will be completed on July 3rd. Water Works just got their plans over to JMA so this will get our bids out for the StreetScape some time in June.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser –I just want to follow up on the Auditor’s report about the income and expenses for the Tax Office. As John presented to you last week, and I thank him for presenting that, we had our best first quarter ever with the Tax Office. This year we had the best April. So the income is coming in. Unfortunately I just processed another \$114,000.00 worth of refunds this past week. That leaves me \$27,000.00 for the rest of the year, just giving the Finance Dept. the heads up. All the ones that I have on my desk have been processed but there will probably be some more coming in. Just to get an indication that for some reason why the refunds have been so high this year and we still have another \$175,000.00 that’s sitting there appropriated that we cannot touch. That’s only for that one particular refund we discussed earlier.

On a lighter note I want to thank SH Consulting for their providing a computer for the Tax Office. I want to thank Phil for his work in getting that together. As some of you know, with the older Windows XP we can no longer use them because of security issues, especially in the Tax Office. The window we, the computer we had at the window, we can no longer use and it’s a real inconvenience. It’s like going to a bank and the teller has to run to the back room to take care of your payment so we had a computer there for the last couple of years and it was the old Tax Commissioner’s computer so it was a very old computer. SH came through

with an old computer that they fixed up and adapted for it. It's not the best computer but it meets our needs and I believe it was no cost to us so we appreciate their work in coming through with that. Thanks to Phil and Elaine for getting that taken care of.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – I would like to thank the following sponsors for this year's soapbox derby. The St. Bernard Service, Fire and Police Departments, Greenlee Garage, Jerry Days Auto Service, the Progressive Citizens Club and Gerry and Pat Wiedmann for sponsoring the cars along with Charlie and Marilyn Vondermuelen and New Shoots Landscaping for sponsoring the Service Department overtime. St. Bernard was represented by Andy Gruenwald taking 3rd in the morning stock race, Quintin Zerges 3rd in the morning super stock race, Matt Wethington taking 2nd in the afternoon stock race. We did have a wreck by one of the rookie drivers, after the investigation of the wreck the driver reported that he listened to his Uncle Phil instead of his Aunt Karen. He'll change that next year.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – The next Block Watch meeting is Tuesday May 20th at 6:30pm here in Council Chambers.

I have the April Police report. During the month of April officers were involved in 791 calls for service. Of those calls officers responded to 20 accident reports and took 39 offense reports. Officers made 64 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests. Officers issued 27 traffic citations, gave 55 traffic warnings, and made 1 DUI arrest. Officers responded to 99 calls for suspicious activity.

I also have the April Fire report. During the month of April the Fire Dept. made 28 runs and 116 emergency medical response runs. The department also conducted 28 fire inspections.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – The Service Committee recommends passage of Ordinance No.22 this evening for the new street sweeper.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – I just want to apologize for running out of our Council meeting last week. We had a small fire at our house. I want to say thank you so much to our Fire Dept., the Police Dept. and the Service Dept. They've all been so gracious to us and we say it all the time but its true and when it happens to you, we are so lucky in this Village to have the services that we have. Thank you to everybody.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – Tonight the Laws, Contracts and Claims committee recommends the passage of Ordinance No. 23, 2014 which is declaring the placement and use of recreational equipment along public roadways and within the right-of-way to be a safety hazard. Including in the recreational equipment are such things as your portable recreational equipment for basketball goals, backboards, skate ramp, and hockey nets, soccer nets and so forth. The public right-of-way includes the sidewalk, your driveway apron, your tree lawn and your roadways. As stated in another meeting when this was first brought to our attention, it has been told to us by our insurance agent that this could be and will be a liability for the City so that is why this Ordinance is going to be deemed necessary. I do highly recommend that this gets passed. There will be a timeframe from the time that this does get passed to the time it will be implemented which will be thirty days. There will also be an opportunity that you

will get a written notice, you will be required to move that piece of portable equipment within 24 hours. If not, the City will remove it. They will keep it down at the Service Garage for a total of 14 days where you can come and retrieve it. If it get put back up, they will automatically take it away and it will not be held at the Service Garage. Phil is going to be working with all the individuals who have this now, who he sees and get this taken care of. Any Questions?

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – I was actually going to read the report about the Cleveland Ave. meeting that we're having on May 20th at 6:00pm but Curtis kind of took care of that. I do urge the residents of Cleveland Ave. and the surrounding residents that live around there, even though that block is in my Ward, it can also affect the surrounding homes and stuff too, so anybody and everybody is welcome to this meeting and it will be a good informational meeting for everybody. I do urge you to come, Tuesday, May 20th at 6:00pm downstairs.

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

Committee of the Whole
May 8, 2014

1. Council approved the minutes from the May 1st Council meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
 - A. Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council: see other sheet...request voice vote to approve Bill and Walt as representatives. Council voted 7-0 to have Mayor Burkhardt and Walt Moeller be our representatives.

I met with Paul yesterday to discuss the residents' concerns on Cleveland Avenue. We decided to meet with the residents in the near future to provide a better understanding of where we are in regards to updating that area. Elaine will be reaching out to the residents to get a meeting scheduled and I will keep Council informed of any new developments.

We continue to monitor the monthly healthcare claims report from HealthSmart but due to the "tail" it is somewhat difficult to identify if the plan design changes that were made are making an impact. We will continue to monitor closely and hopefully will have a better idea in the next few months.

Elaine, Nick and I had a phone conference late this afternoon with Chard Snyder to review and complete the Flexible Spending Account enrollment paperwork. There were a few items that will need to be discussed with Peggy but we feel confident that open enrollment (for this year) will begin June 1st with a July 1 start date. Again, we will only move forward if we have enough employees enroll to offset the minimum monthly fee of \$100.00 (\$5.00 monthly admin fee per participating employee).

St. Bernard will be hosting a community wide yard sale on Saturday, May 17th. If you would like to have your address added to the list please submit by tomorrow, Friday, May 9th by contacting Elaine or Heidi at 242.7770.

If you are interested in renting one of the two halls in the Municipal Building for July through December, rentals will begin on Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30 am at the Administrative offices located at 110 Washington Avenue. The hall rental fee is \$100.00 and an additional deposit of \$50.00 is required at time of rental. You must be a registered resident of St. Bernard to reserve a hall or park.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade, Program and Reception will again be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th. If you or someone you know belong to an organization, or are a local veteran and would like to participate in the parade, please contact the Recreation Department at 641-3137 and leave your name and contact information.

3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg

- A. Reported that the leases with the Shopping Center are with the Village and not the CIC. She will collect the May and June rent, but will work with Paul Myers to change them over to the CIC.
 - B. Asked for an Ordinance for a transfer and additional appropriation for various line items. Council voted 7-0 to put the Ordinance on the table.
 - C. Said that she and Phil met with our workers comp people and she commended Phil for putting in a light duty policy and they will work on one for all departments. They said that we should have an employee handbook. She thinks we can do that in house.
4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
- A. Said that the Tax Department estimates that there is \$500,000.00 in uncollected taxes currently owed to the Village. He attended a meeting with the Tax Department as well as several private businesses to discuss options to pursue collection of these taxes. Obviously, in the financial situation we are in, St Bernard needs to collect these monies to keep providing the high level of services to our businesses and residents.
 - B. Said he is working on making the Mayor's Court operate within the rules recently announced by the Ohio Supreme Court. He will be meeting with the Magistrate, the Police Chief, Elaine Sipe and the Tax Department on Friday to discuss his findings and implement any changes needed.
 - C. Said that the lawsuit of former employee, Eric Minshall, for additional workers comp benefits, has been assigned to Judge Melba Marsh. Judge Marsh has scheduled the trial for Feb. 17, 2015. He will be happy to answer any questions about this at the next Council meeting.
5. Safety Director, Valerie Van Valkenburg
- A. Said that she met with the School Threat Assessment Team (STAT) to work on policies for different situations in the schools.
 - B. Said that she is working with the Laws, Contracts & Claims committee on the Ordinance for the removal of portable basketball hoops from the Village right of way. This was a recommendation from the Village's insurance carrier.
 - C. Will be working on the Ordinance that deals with the time that our parks close. This was brought up by Peggy Brickweg earlier in the meeting.
6. Service Director, Phil Stegman
- A. Gave Council info on a new sweeper. He, as well as the Service Department, recommends that we go with the one from the Doheny Company. He has come up with the first years lease money from his current budget. Council voted 6-0 to place the lease Ordinance on the table and add the transfer of funds to Peggy's Ordinance.
 - B. Thanked S&H Consulting for all their work on our computers. We had 6 computers go down and they gave us one to use while things got corrected.
 - C. Thanked the Service Department for shifting jobs and making way for people on light duty.
 - D. Asked for an Executive Session for pending litigation and purchase of property. Council voted 6-0 to do so at the end of the meeting.
7. Treasurer, John Ungrhue
- A. Gave Mr. Geisers' report and said we brought in \$1,083,809 for the month of April.
8. Finance, Don Tobergte
- A. Met with Paul Myers to discuss two ongoing major projects. The Service Center is 80% complete and on budget and the Safety Center is 50% complete and is also on budget.
 - B. Thanked the sponsors for this year's soapbox derby- St Bernard Service, Police and Fire departments, Greenlee Garage, Jerry Day Auto Service, Progressive Citizens Club and Pat and Gerry Wiedmann for sponsoring the cars and New Shoots Landscaping for sponsoring the Service Department overtime. The date is Saturday May 10th and races start at 9 AM, rain or shine.

- C. Said that his next town hall meeting is Tuesday May 13th in the lower level at 7⁰⁰PM.
- 9. Laws, Contracts & Claims, Cindi Bedinghaus
 - A. Reported that the committee met tonight to discuss the banning of the portable basketball hoops. Once the Ordinance is passed there will be 30 day notices to remove and if it isn't, they will be removed by the Service Department.
 - B. Asked the Safety Director for a copy of the Ordinance for the closing times of the parks.
- 10. Business & Industry, Andy Kalb
 - A. Reported that the next CIC meeting will be Tuesday May 20th at 5:30 PM in the lower level.
- 11. Highways & Transportation, Patty Hausfeld
 - A. Thanked Phil and Paul Myers for putting together a meeting with the Cleveland Ave. residents.
 - B. Thanked Phil for taking care of a complaint about the equipment and trucks on Tower Ave and the grading of the property.
- 12. A resident thanked Patty for addressing the problem on Tower Ave.
- 13. Council met in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and purchase of property.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2014. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER AND MOVE FUNDS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 21, 2014. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 21, 2014 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2014. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-TO-OWN CONTRACT WITH JACK DOHENY CO. FOR ONE (1) 2014 ELGIN MODEL CROSSWIND J PLUS STREET SWEEPER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 22, 2014.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte – A question for Phil and Peggy. We're only transferring \$25,000.00 and the payment is \$27,000.00?

Mr. Stegman – There is already \$2,000.00 in that Equipment Outlay line item. We're not going to buy cones and barricades so we're going to use that \$2,000.00 also.

Mr. Tobergte – And Peggy in your report earlier, can we afford \$27,000.00 for the next six years?

Mrs. Brickweg – Actually, that's up to Council, you vote on that, but like I've said before, money is going to be tight when we get the \$1.2 million bond payment so when we do additional appropriations and enter into a contract like this you just have to take into consideration other things are going to be needed to be cut or we can hope that, you know, we see a little bit of an increase in revenue but we need it to go up a lot more.

Mr. Stegman – I'd also like to add to that a little bit. Like I said at the COW, we have been averaging \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 in the Maintenance line item for the sweeper over the last 2 to 3 years. There's pretty much that money right there for next year and possibly the year after that. Like I say, we're trimming everywhere we can to be able to afford this and yes, next year we're going to need some other equipment also. So hopefully we'll be getting more money in.

The motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 21, 2014 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2014. DECLARING THE PLACEMENT AND USE OF RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT ALONG PUBLIC ROADWAYS AND WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE A SAFETY HAZARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 23, 2014.

REMARKS

Ms. Hausfeld – I actually just said something to Donnie just a minute ago. I honestly thought this would go regular course so that if the citizens wanted to speak on it they could come down and speak but he just informed me, and I kind of knew this, but he just reiterated it to me, that the insurance company is really on our back because this is a big insurance problem. That is why this is most probably going to go emergency tonight. I just wanted to explain that to the residents because I really did think that we should give the residents a chance to speak on this if they wanted to. I know it most probably won't change anybody's mind or whatever because it is an insurance problem but I did just want to put that out there.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Patty, I agree. I think what we discussed last week at the end is that we're going to give it 30 days to get it in the minutes and give them the 30

days and they can still call us if they want to but we have to move forward with this because it is getting later into the season.

Mr. Stegman – I was basically going to say the same thing as Cindi. I think we put some time in there for the people to understand why it got passed. There is 30 days. Even though it passes tonight on the completion tonight there's another 30 days to wait, but it will be informative to where I can get out and get the information to those people and they would have the 30 days to call Council people or come down.

The motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 23, 2014 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Phil, since you brought up the topic of the StreetScape again tonight, can I just ask and maybe somebody else on CIC might know this. I looked at the renderings again the other night and I have this bridge going across in those renderings to the top of the pavilion. Is that still, is that an old rendering? Is that something that's going to be there?

Mr. Stegman – That's not in the StreetScape portion that we're talking about doing. That is a plan in the future of what it would be at some point. That has not even come into plan money wise. The StreetScape we're referring to is the trees, the sidewalks, all the decorative stuff on Vine St., the crosswalks, the traffic signals being painted, all that. But no, there was a plan to put a bridge from Vine St. over to the pavilion but that's not in any of the StreetScape we're talking about now.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Thanks Phil.

Mr. Tobergte – Cindi, I did talk to Paul about that and what he said was but they haven't gone out for bid on that so I don't know where he's going to come up with the money or whatever so I don't know.

Peggy, on the earned income tax in your report, can you add a column or a line somewhere that shows, take your refunds out, to show what we actually brought in? Because it says we brought in \$9.4 million last year and we have a half million in refunds so it mean we only brought in \$8.9 million.

Mrs. Brickweg – What we can do instead of having to redo this whole report is take the year-to-date off the expenses.

Mr. Tobergte – I understand that but it's kind of hard to have two or three pieces of paper. It would be a lot easier if you could put it on here somewhere.

Mr. Geiser – Just to correct this. We actually brought the money in and the refunds may not, sometimes the refunds we give out go back three years. We have to go back and apply refunds for three years ago, we have to go through court. It's an expense that we have that averages. I do in my annual report, I do give a report on the refunds, I have this display showing how the refunds come in and their

averages at the bar graph but again they're pretty consistent every year, this year they happen to be larger than normal.

Mr. Tobergte – We don't see your annual report. We have no clue.

Mr. Geiser – It's on the web site. It's put out there. I can get you a copy.

Mrs. Brickweg – I'm trying to think, maybe I can just add a line on the bottom of mine where I show it's coming in, where I show the expenses and the revenue.

Mr. Ungruhe – The total revenue year-to-date, and I apologize for failing to update that on my paper that I gave out, the total year-to-date through April is \$4,577,571.83.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – Valerie, you talked about Kirkland going out of business and the property at Tower and Washington. The Vine St. property they had an office in, did they own that or did they lease that from the City?

Ms. Van Valkenburg – I'll double check. I'll get back to you on that. I think they were leasing, I'm not sure but I'll double check on that.

Mr. Tobergte – Thank you.

Mr. Stegman – I can check with somebody on that. They were in the process of purchasing that property so they're in the process of now giving it back. It shouldn't be any problem because it wasn't that far. They are working on it downstairs to get everything transferred back. They didn't fully go through. It will be back into CIC hands.

Ms. Hausfeld – I actually wished the Fire Chief was here tonight but maybe Valerie or Phil, maybe six weeks ago I had said something to you when I saw you out one night about the fire hydrant down on, by your house, down on Vine St. and Orchard that was continuously running. You told me you took care of it and I don't know if you turned it off or got it fixed or whatever. Since then I had talked to a few Firemen and they were telling me that there is like 16 or 19 fire hydrants that are not workable or that need to be redone or whatever and I don't know if one of you guys could check into that. I know if I had a fire turn up on my street I would hope that my fire hydrant was working so I just wanted to make sure that all of ours were in working order just in case.

Ms. Van Valkenburg – I know that they do maintenance on those. The Chief is actually on vacation starting tonight but I'll get with him next week. He is due to return next week so I'll check with him then.

Ms. Hausfeld – I just wanted to double check.

Mr. Stegman – I'd like to answer Patty. Yes, I do remember, not on my street but on Vine St. down closer to Bacon. Bacon and Orchard. Yes, it did get taken care of. It was a problem where one of the contractors did something upon it and it was paid for through the contractor that messed it up. And yes the Chief did finally go out and do a lot of hydrant inspections on a lot of ours and come to find out there is

some repair needed to quite a few of them. That is his line item to get that repaired and I think at some point I think he's going to have to come back and either move some money to help offset the cost to get some of those repaired. It's something they do every other year, or every third year, an inspection of a hydrant, and they came across quite a few of them.

Mrs. Brickweg – I just want to comment. I heard the same thing. Yes there were quite a lot of them that were being tested and needing repair. I did talk to him a little bit about that and yes he is going to need, I don't know if he's going to be able to find it in his budget, but he said there's not enough in his budget to come by now but I won't be surprised if he doesn't come shortly because there are quite a lot that needs to be repaired.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – My comment is not about fire hydrants. Actually, Peggy, I just wanted to let you know that Valerie did find the Ordinance for the park closings and how that was stated in there. It's specifically in that Ordinance about the closing of Ross and Vine St. parks at 11:00pm, other parks at 10:00pm and so we will put that in Laws, Contracts and Claims and look at that. I just wanted to let you know that she did tell me that and I wanted to make sure that I gave her credit for being on it because last time I didn't.

Mrs. Brickweg – I'm going to comment and hopefully this might do something for us, I think it would be nice just to put in that that parks without lights close at dusk. I think that's pretty reasonable. I did want to let everybody know, I got the lovely packet today from Hamilton County for the budget. The meeting, when I looked at the calendar the budget that we'll have to have done to them and voted on will be July 3rd so I guess this is a little hint that it's time to start working on it because it did arrive today.

Mr. Tobergte – Peggy just to let you know, the Finance Committee talked to Bill, the Administration is going to give the Finance Committee their proposed budget to role up from there instead of having the Dept. Heads come to the Finance Committee. Bill said he's going to start working on that and we'll get that to you.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Mr. Asbach – Due to there being five Thursdays in May the next COW meeting will be Thursday, May 29th at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Asbach to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.