

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2014**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 five members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus. Mr. Asbach and Mrs. Schildmeyer were absent.

Mrs. Bedinghaus made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Culbertson seconded the motion. Council agreed 5-0.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – No report.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – I just want to remind everybody that we will have a Special Council meeting before the COW next week at 7:00pm for Council to vote on the Resolution accepting Hamilton County's tax rates and to let Council know, since the end of the month came at the same time payroll came, I don't have the expenditures and revenue spread sheets done but you'll have them early next week.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – There may be one other Ordinance to be dealt with at the Special Council meeting. Phil, I'm sure will talk about this, he has been in negotiations with a salt provider, I'll leave that with him. In addition to doing that this week, I've been working on a project for the Mayor and a project for the Auditor and I'm sure they will both be reporting on that when I reach a conclusion.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I've prepared the inventory detailed report for Fifth Third securities. Our account balance now with them totals, book value, \$2,680,000.00. Also I have received the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Memorial Fund statements and this one is at the end of August; \$5,619.75.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. VanValkenburg – No report.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Tonight there was an Ordinance about appropriating some money for the Service Dept. Equipment line item. We did have a packer go down yesterday, pretty serious, piston, engine type work. We're possibly looking at about \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00. We only have \$1,200.00 in that line item. I was going to ask, and I asked Mr. Tobergte on the Finance and Peggy if we could use the money that's been encumbered and write a PO against the emergency line item and whatever that is adjust the coordinates for next Thursday, less what I've taken out of Miscellaneous and move that over to the Miscellaneous

out of the \$30,000.00 I was asking for, if that would be okay. I'll ask for a motion for that later.

I was contacted by Midwest Salt the same time you saw the article in the paper where ODOT just purchased from them. They're bringing salt over from North Africa. About three shiploads full of salt. I was able to lock in a price of \$110.00 a ton for 200 tons is what I had in the budget, so it is in the budget. We did have bids with SWOTA, they did come in around the same price, but with what they had to offer we're not going to get any salt from them. Even though we were awarded that so they contacted Midwest. They were able to get me 200tons on the next shipment which is going to be, it will come into New Orleans on November 1<sup>st</sup> and then they will bring it up on a barge into River Road in December. We do have a salt bin that is full. This extra 200 ton would come in the shape of what I'm hearing to be a bad winter. It's a little safety mechanism that I like and we can always extend the salt bin out with extra concrete blocks. I'd asked Curtis to look at this agreement and everybody had one in their box today because I just received it today. It's for \$22,000.00 and they want the money up front. I don't know if there's any issues with that so Curtis will get a handle on that. But I'd like to put that on the table to go ahead and enter into an agreement next Thursday. Like I say, there is money to take care of that and that \$110.00 a ton is not trucking it from River Road to here so I'll have to arrange that too and that will come out of the rest of the money that I have in that line item. That will be coming next Thursday.

Also, I'd just like to remind everybody, in the Newsletter that went out, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm there's a special, it's a Public Hearing to discuss the funds that we're asking for the Community Development Block Grant Fund. It's just to talk about future money, we're asking for \$140,000.00 in funds, not matching of any sort. It's the same type of funds that we got for Ross and Vine Sts. for handicap assessable parks. That's the discussion on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and also October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm. If anybody wants to come it's here in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Phil, I just have a question. Do you need an Ordinance for that salt or what do you need for that?

Mr. Stegman – Well, and that's why I was asking Curtis to take a look. I think it would have to be an Ordinance. With the sum of \$22,000.00 being paid up front I'd rather like have it in an Ordinance just to cover that expenditure.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Okay, so you're going to want an Ordinance for the next .....

Mr. Stegman – Next Thursday at the Special Meeting, because I have to have it signed and everybody to pass it. If we don't have enough we'll just lose out and we won't have any.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – So is this Ordinance going to be part of .....

Mrs. Brickweg – I assume it will be a different one because the money's already appropriated.

Mr. Stegman – The money is already in the budget to do it.

Mrs. Brickweg – The Ordinance is to go out for contracts.

Mr. Stegman – It’s just like when you go out for contracts, to enter into an agreement.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – So it will be a separate Ordinance.

Mr. Stegman – Yes, I don’t need any additional appropriations, I just need a passage to enter into the contract with Midwest Salt.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – So you need a motion to put this Ordinance on the table for the Special Meeting.

Mr. Stegman – A Resolution or an Ordinance, whatever.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – So Curtis, a Resolution or an Ordinance?

Mr. Walden – It should be an Ordinance.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to put an Ordinance on the table for Mr. Stegman to enter into a contract with Midwest Salt for the additional salt. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Tobergte – Since that wasn’t part of the bid, do we have to, when we put the bid out for the salt the first time, I’m assuming they’re going to reject it. We weren’t getting salt so this was not part of the original bid process, does that matter?

Mr. Walden – The bid, where we put out bids, basically, as Phil said, no one could deliver the salt. So Phil was able to find someone who had salt available and under these circumstances I think we can make that work. I’ll be doing that in the Ordinance that will be presented.

Mr. Tobergte – I was just curious because there was no, it wasn’t rebid or anything.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – No report.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Council Chambers to start working on next year’s budget. Currently with all the Department Head requests included the budget is \$1.9 million over projected income.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – The next Block Watch meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the lower level of City Hall. I’d also like to remind the residents about the Village of St. Bernard “Shred It Day”. That will take place on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 1:00pm at the St. Bernard Square parking lot. Again, thanks to our sponsors; First Safety Bank and New Shoots Landscaping.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – Absent.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – Absent.

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

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – One last reminder that tomorrow is Roger Bacon's Homecoming Game which will be at 7:00pm. down at the stadium. They also have a parade which is lining up at 5:00pm in front of Roger Bacon in the circle. The parade will leave at 5:30pm. The parade route is Vine to Church, Church to Greenlee, Greenlee to Delmar, Delmar to Bertus, Bertus to Leonard.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – I have the daily bus passengers report for September. Hour totals were 1,207, total to date is 12,218 and I just want to say thank you to Phil. I got a phone call from a resident upset again about the streets and the using of wood versus the metal plating to cover the holes and stuff and Phil was on the phone first thing this morning taking care or trying to take care of it the best he can. So thanks, Phil.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – The COW report has been submitted to the Clerk.

Committee of the Whole  
Sept. 25, 2014

1. Council approved the minutes of the Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
  - A. Gave Council an update on the health care for the employees. With the changes that were implemented claims are down for the year.
  - B. Said that he is still meeting with Enrollment Management Services (EMS ). They meet with the employees, on a volunteer basis, to coordinate health care coverage alternatives if an employee qualifies. They will also assist if an employee opts out for their spouse's insurance plan. There will be a health care committee meeting on Tuesday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM to discuss a proposal by EMS.
  - C. Reported that next year an annual physical will be required by all employees. These physicals are covered by our insurance.
  - D. Thanked Elaine for planning and organizing the Annual Senior Luncheon, as well as all those from City Hall, Police Department and Fire Departments that helped with the event.
  - E. Said that some of the cars of residents at Bank Ave. had their cars sprayed with a material that they were using on the wall along the highway. ODOT is meeting with the residents to correct the issue.
  - F. Handed over the negotiations for the Service Department contract to the Finance Committee because someone told them about a proposed 2% increase that was discussed for all employees. A year's worth of negotiations was wasted and he is done.
3. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
  - A. Gave Council a copy of the proposed Resolution to accept the County's rates. Council voted 7-0 to place the Resolution on the table.
  - B. Discussed an Ordinance to move money from various line items and additional appropriations. Council voted 7-0 to place the Ordinance on the table.
  - C. It was discussed that since two members will be absent next week, a motion was made to have a special Council meeting at 7 PM before the next COW meeting on Thursday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Council voted 7-0 for the special meeting.
4. Law Director, Curtis Walden
  - A. Has been looking into questions for the levy that will be coming up in the future.
  - B. Is working with Municipal Derivatives Settlement Company on a class action lawsuit.

5. Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser
  - A. Told Council that a few months ago that the Tax Department and Auditors numbers didn't match. Since sitting down with Nick to compare both numbers, they are now balanced.
  - B. Told Council that he has purchased three new credit card machines because of the changes coming to the cards and machines next year.
6. Finance, Don Tobergte
  - A. Gave the committee all of the info, from the departments that have submitted their proposed budgets for next year, to review for the upcoming budget talks.
7. Safety, Ray Culbertson
  - A. Announced that "Shred-it Day" will be on Saturday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM- 1 PM at the St. Bernard Square Shopping Center. The sponsors are 1<sup>st</sup> Safety Bank & New Shoots Landscaping.
8. Business & Industry, Andy Kalb
  - A. Reported that the Roger Bacon Homecoming parade will be on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lineup is at 5 PM and the parade will begin at 5:30 and will travel up Vine St to Church, right on Church to Greenlee, right on Greenlee to Delmar, right on Delmar to Bertus, right on Bertus and left on Leonard to the back parking lot. Alyssa Carlotta is in charge and can be reached at RB by calling 641-1300 ext 12227 or email at [acarlotta@rogerbacon.org](mailto:acarlotta@rogerbacon.org).
9. Health Nurse, Laura Schmidt, asked that the residents be notified if work is going to be done on their street. This would be helpful on streets that have only one way in and out. She also said that the We Thrive program can be viewed on the Hamilton County website. When her team is in place there will be an update given. She also said that the date for flu shots should be 10-22-14 from 3 PM- 7 PM at a cost of \$28. When that date is confirmed it will be on the website.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Mayor Burkhardt:

I am so proud to be a citizen of St. Bernard. I tell many folks that I love being here – not just at St. Clement, but also in our Village. On behalf of the entire St. Clement Parish community, I thank you and your colleagues, especially members of the Service Department, for all that you did to help us make our annual parish festival another fine success. It is obvious that we couldn't put on our festival without the assistance of the Village. We made it harder on you all this year by our moving the festival up two weeks. But you all came through. I believe the move was a good decision. As you know, the revenue generated by the festival is so essential for us to insure that we carry out our mission.

Though we don't have final results, I believe that this has been our best festival since I've been here. We were blessed with good weather and we had more to offer our guests. At the same time costs were higher than in the past. Of course the greatest good to come from the festival is the good spirit we enjoy when parishioners and citizens come together and have fun. That seems to get better and better every year.

Thank you, Bill, for personally working at the festival as a faithful parishioner and for your leadership and service. I hope you can tell how much I personally

appreciate you and Lynn. I love when you're at Mass! Again, for all that you and your colleagues did to make our festival a success, I say thank you!

Sincerely Fr. Fred link, OFM  
Pastor

Motion by Mr. Kalb, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to receive and file the communication and give a copy to the Service Dept. Motion passed 5-0.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I would like to put on the COW agenda next week to discuss the negotiations that are going to be given over to the Finance Committee and Curtis if you could bring some information on the roles, responsibilities and we can have a future discussion on that.

Mr. Stegman – I would like to thank Andy for letting us know last week at the last Council meeting, I wasn't in the area to attend, but I did find out about it and I was able to let the garage know and also the construction crews out there on those streets, that talking about for the parade route to make sure we get it swept now that we got our sweeper out there and also to tidy up a little bit after all the construction that's going on out there on those streets. So thanks for letting us know about that Andy. And also if anybody sees any problems with the construction crews please contact my office. Or if you can't get a hold of me, call the police and they will get a hold of me. These rumors, some rumors get started and it's a whirlwind, like we're closing down Bank St. and people have to walk from the end of Bank all the way up to the Shopping Center because we're going to close that street. That is not the case. I heard that one yesterday, tried to nip it in the bud. I'm just trying to let people know if you hear or see something that just doesn't sound right or sounds weird, please call me before it goes any further.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Phil I do have a question, it goes along with what you were talking about with the wood across the sidewalk. It's all over the City so I'm not sure if all of the wood should be there, is that being replaced because I see it everywhere.

Mr. Stegman – Right, what had happened, we had some very old wood, deteriorated that wasn't very supportive. I told them to quit putting the old stuff out and put brand new wood out so that its sturdy enough to hold the support of a person. Where ever possible I want metal but there's just so many places you can't put a big steel plate. So they are providing wood in those areas but trying to put black top underneath it so people aren't, black top is a patch job until the concrete gets in there, they are putting plywood still on the streets. It's just something you can't get enough steel and also places where you can't even fit steel to put over these spots. Yes, there will still be plywood out there, but I'm trying to minimize the number of holes that they're leaving with plywood underneath them.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Thank you.

Mr. Tobergte – Curtis can you come up with an update on Bank St.? I notice next year's budget throwing money into litigation.

Mr. Walden – Sure. That's going to be at the next COW when Council goes into Executive Session on that topic.

Mr. Tobergte – Eddie, on your budget request, you have something about the refunds should be placed in another line item not in the Tax Dept. expenses? The budget request you turned in, the refund should be placed in another line item not in the Tax Dept. expenses. That was in my mail box today.

Mr. Geiser – That was left in there from last year. That was kind of Kevin Meier's idea.

Mr. Tobergte – OK, I was just curious.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I have one more thing. Peggy I want to thank you for sending out that email to clarify the Ordinance that we had last week for the Ross Ave. project which we thought that we could pay additional money on it. But we can't unless we pay it all off at the same time. I do want to reiterate what I heard Andy say and I think we all agreed but we thought we could yearly put some more money towards it but since we can't 30 years is an awful long time because by the time you get to thirty years and you're still paying it off the road is probably going to need repair again. So I just really think that the Finance Committee needs to consider that and I don't know if we can encumber some money that we want to keep encumbering on a yearly basis so when we get to a certain point that can be paid off in twenty years. If we could think about that I don't know what the right way is to do it but I just think thirty years is an awful long time.

Mrs. Brickweg – I'll think about that, encumbering, you can do that but I'm not sure if that would, when we get audited they probably would wonder why we're doing that. There is a street cash account. Granted some of the Service Dept. runs through that cash account. It's not in the general account. If Council wanted to make sure we kept extra money in that you could because the only way to go from the street back to the general with, you'd have to go down before Hamilton County. Once the money is put in that account it has to be used. One idea and I'll look at it is we could also do the same thing, actually I'll look and see, run it through, but you can put it in one of those cash accounts so we could do something like that if you wanted and the only issue is we'll have to keep remembering we're doing it. And make sure that amount keeps growing and stays in there because that's the same one, when I asked you to transfer money in to pay bills for that thing, we're going to have to remember that so much of that is earmarked just for that.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – OK, thanks for thinking about that.

Mr. Kalb – Is it possible to create a new cash account? Like we create like a street, we have a health care cash account, we have the general fund cash account, is there a way to make like a street cash account because that would be good also for like equipment purchases too. We could put like \$100,000.00 a year into a fire cash account then over the course of the year they need a new truck all the money is already there so it spreads it out over the budget without having to go financing.

Mrs. Brickweg – Yes, we could open, we could easily do another cash account. I don't know if a street and the equipment would be the same thing, I would have to look into that. The only other idea I was thinking, even if you didn't do a cash account, if we could like open up a bank account at Fifth Third and make sure we put the money in that bank account. I don't know, let me think about it and think about the best way to do it. But we should be able to come up with something in order to save that money.

Mr. Tobergte – Peggy when I researched that a couple of years ago for the funds, if you set up a fund, the funds have to be specific items. We do one for fire equipment, one for roads, they lasted ten years and you have to renew them. But it's possible to do.

Mr. Stegman – I did go ahead and budget for the \$21,000.00 in my budget when I turned over, other than the \$14,000.00 was for a thirty year. I did have it in my budget at \$21,000.00 to make it to where we could pay it off in twenty. So there is money in that calculated number for that Ross Ave. so it's just a matter of shifting to whatever the account can be landed. Also on the same note, we are receiving, at some point through this year or next year, \$25,000.00 from Duke Energy to help offset the cost of Ross Ave. I think that money should end up in that account too since it's going for that, earmarked for Ross Ave. Just something that we do want to think about when we get that check.

Mr. Tobergte – Bill what's the condition of Tower Ave. I'm assuming the LUGE is cancelled this year.

Mayor Burkhardt – Yes, they wanted to move it around. They didn't want it in the same place each year. That doesn't mean somewhere down the road we wouldn't have it again but they want to kind of move it around to different areas to get different people I guess. But we are in contact with them in case they want to do it again at some point.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Culbertson – I will be hosting a Town Hall meeting along with Council members Steve Asbach and Diana Schildmeyer on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The meeting will take place in the lower level of the Municipal Building. We will be discussing Village interests and issues followed by brief introductions and a "Meet and Greet" with several state and county candidates who will be on this November's ballot. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Kalb – On behalf of the St. Clement Boy Scout Troop, I want to thank the Fire Dept. for helping us out with our car wash again this year. Every year they come out and they set up the water manifold for all the garden hoses. I just want to give a shout out for the Fire Dept.

## **AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Laura Schmitt, Health Services Commission – I just wanted to take a minute and let the employees and the residents know that we did get the confirmation for the flu vaccine clinic. That will be Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00pm until 7:00pm. in the Recreation Office right next door. The cost without insurance for anybody that wants to come down and get it is \$28.00. That is what the cost is

going to be. They will have access to bill your insurance. They do take personal insurance as well as Medicaid and Medicare just like they did last year. I just wanted to let everybody know that's the plan. We just sent back, Curtis, the contract I gave to Bill. I looked over it from front to end and it's exactly as it was last year so I didn't really think we need to have that looked at again but there was nothing different on it.

We will not be offering flu shots, I'm sorry, pneumonia shots at the clinic this year for the simple reason that, we did give quite a few last year, those are good for five years so we did give a good amount out last year, a lot of those to the employees, but this year with the pneumonia, because of the cost of that, it's \$98.00 per vaccine. You have to commit to a certain amount of vaccine and what you use is what you pay for and what you don't use you pay for as well. I just think that's a little bit risky not knowing how many people would take the pneumonia and how many wouldn't for us to commit to \$98.00 a vaccine. I just thought that was a little much. I do have information where they can get that if they need it. Some residents still need that but it will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday from 3:00pm until 7:00pm.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to excuse the absent members. Motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and it will start with a Special Council meeting at 7:00p.m.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.