

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2014**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, December 4, 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 six members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Asbach, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson.

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

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – Mayor’s monthly Court Report Receipts for November, 2014: Mayor’s Court, Costs, Fines, Fees, and Miscellaneous receipts were for \$2,658.41. Bond applied to tax for \$75.00. Total to St. Bernard was \$2,733. 41. Total to the County was \$16.50. Total to the State was \$1,080.50. Total disbursements were \$2,830.41.

I would like to thank everyone that supported and attended both the new St. Bernard Public Safety Center and Christmas event. Both events were very well attended. And we value and appreciate all the community support. We intend to have an official dedication of the Safety Center when both Departments have had time to settle into their new home.

2015 part time summer employment applications are now being accepted now through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The applications are available online and at the Administrative offices.

Don’t forget everyone that tomorrow at Skyline in St. Bernard they are doing a benefit where some of the proceeds will go to fight the brain cancer that Lauren Hill has. It is actually for the owner’s niece who also has the same issues. So go down and support them.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s office has prepared Ordinance 52, 2014 for tonight’s meeting. This Ordinance provides additional appropriations of:

01-2-E-3	Tax Refunds	\$5,000.00
01-6-A-1A	Police Overtime	\$10,000.00
01-67	Employee’s Accumulated Sick Pay	\$5,000.00
31-50	Bond Principal	\$12,916.67
51-07	Employee Health Plan	\$464,281.87

The additional appropriations for the Employee Health Care Plan is from revenue the Village received from the employees’ healthcare premiums and the stop loss insurance.

This Ordinance also moves the following appropriations:

FROM GENERAL FUND:

01-2-A-7A	Mayor's Court Clerk	\$100.00
01-2-B-5	Auditor Incidentals	\$1.00
01-2-E-5	Tax Incidentals	\$1.00
01-5-A-13	City Hall Equipment Outlay	\$1,500.00
01-2-O-22	Street Lighting	\$1,000.00
01-2-O-8S	Building Mgt. – Swimming Pool	\$500.00
01-2-O-15	Indigent Burial	\$46.03
01-5-A-5	City Hall Incidentals	\$10.00
01-7-A	Fire Chief	\$10,000.00
01-14-A-7	Vaccines	\$1,500.00

TO GENERAL FUND:

01-2-A-2	Mayor's Secretary	\$100.00
01-2-B-2	Deputy Auditor	\$1.00
01-2-E-2	Tax Clerk	\$1.00
01-2-O-8C	Building Mgt. - City Hall	\$1,500.00
01-2-O-20	Parking Lots	\$1,000.00
01-2-O-8P	Building Mgt. – Police	\$500.00
01-2-O-17	ICRC	\$46.03
01-5-A-2	City Hall Clerk	\$10.00
01-7-A-1A	Fire Overtime	\$10,000.00
51-07	Employee Health Plan	\$1,500.00

As I explained at last week's COW this is the time of year the line items may start to run low. Since the Village now runs on a very tight budget sometimes money needs to be moved between line items at the end of the year. A few additions to this Ordinance that were not discussed were:

\$10,000 for the Fire Department this is very similar to the Police Department that it will cover any comp time being cashed out at the end of the year. The City Hall expenditures are because of unexpected repairs to the City Hall elevator and the labor to fix a heating unit in the Library. The ICRC is for money paid to ICRC to collect the Cable money you see in the revenue report.

Council and the Administration were given the November 2014 Fund report and updated expense and revenue spreadsheets. The November revenues were \$710,531.48. As of the end of November the year to date revenues compared to 2013 are up by \$28,598.15. The year to date expenditures as of the end of November, with the bond money projects removed were \$14,036,043.34. Year to date \$490,069.20 has been spent on the Vine Street Streetscape, \$1,076,347.78 on the new Service Garage and \$5,995,762.34 on the Safety Center. As of the end of November the year to date expenditures compared to 2013, without the bond money projects included are up \$136,298.87.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Walden – Before Council tonight is Ordinance No. 51, 2014. As discussed at the COW last week, this is the Ordinance we pass several times a year in order to amend St. Bernard's Codified Ordinances to keep us in line with changes in State Law. The particular Ordinance tonight, it seems that there were three Ordinances changed by the State to keep our Ordinances in line with State Law I would request that Council pass that tonight.

Also, Council received tonight the 24 Ordinances involved in the TIF areas that we're establishing. There was initially some talk of giving these Ordinances their first reading tonight and I want to compliment Heidi Culberson who worked like a

demon getting these together today in case we went ahead and did that. However, after talking with Council tonight, and the Mayor and Walt Moeller it was felt that given the volume of material here it would be best to let Council take these home and spend a week looking them over and if they have any questions come back next Thursday at the COW to address those. I noticed that Paul could be here next Thursday if Council would like and I could certainly have Doug Miller or somebody from his office here to address any questions. We could answer any questions and still go ahead and vote on this because we need to do this before the end of the year which is the important issue on getting these established. If anybody has any questions at this point I would be happy to answer them.

Mr. Culbertson – I'm going to backtrack to Ordinance No. 52, 2014 for a second, Curtis. What would your advice be with Heidi's position in this Ordinance? I mean can I vote on this? Could we possibly amend it to pull those two line items out?

Mrs. Brickweg – This once again is just appropriating the money for her salary. So her salary is already established. So this is just basically amending some of the ones that you voted in at the very beginning of the year. Do you agree?

Mr. Walden – And with that qualification, I don't see any problem with you voting on this with an increase or decrease to the salary.

Mr. Culbertson – Ok, thanks.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – With the questions over the TIF fund I think it would be wise if we had our attorney present to answer questions since we're under the gun time wise.

Mr. Walden – Ok, I will contact Mr. Miller tomorrow to make sure that someone from his office will be here.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have prepared the Village of St. Bernard detailed report from Fifth Third Securities. At the end of November, we had \$6,680,000.00 in the account. The one bond did mature on the 28<sup>th</sup> and that was reflected here, the \$245,000.00. That was transferred out on the first business day in December that came out along with the interest in the checking account. We finally did get a hold of the State of Ohio and the Auditor is working to establish a fund in the Star Account as we discussed at the COW. That's where we are going to be moving these funds.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Ms. VanValkenburg – Just to let you know that the Mayor and I are meeting to begin scheduling interviews with our potential Firefighter candidates. Also, next week I'll be bringing two Ordinances to the table for you to review. The first one is the Police Chief's salary and benefits Ordinance. And the second one is the one we had discussed several weeks ago with the potential for charges for the EMT runs, responds to motor vehicle accidents, and we have couple questions about the amounts involved in a prior Ordinance. I have worked with the additional information so I will have that for you to look at next week. I don't know if Mr. Culbertson wants to take it back into Committee again, or maybe for the first time, I'm not quite sure how that works, but if we want to do that then we need to schedule that meeting.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – Absent.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – I actually have the end of November report for Council. I'll put this in your boxes when I get this completed early next week. I want to just give you an update on House Bill 5 which is currently before the Senate. We talked about it the last couple of meetings. They have had meetings the last two days and completed the hearings and apparently there was 66 amendments proposed to those, the Law. It is my understanding that they did approve 12 of those. Then they moved it on to the House or the full Senate and there was a massive address as early as today again in the House, or the Senate of course for the whole hearing, and other amendments can be opposed to it. It is my understanding that one of the 66 amendments was by the individual who wanted to make it illegal for Cities to collect taxes from non-residents. That was one of the amendments he tried to put back into it. So they tried to stuff everything they wanted back into the Bill. From the settle we talked about that the Ohio Municipal League and the Cities were pushing for, apparently they gave the Cities four of those settles, so there was some kind of compromise there. Hopefully within the next couple of days we'll see what they actually do and what they vote on, but it looks like its going to pass, it's pretty much by party lines, and by next week we will know the full extent of the changes or damages, however you look at it.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – The Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Council Chambers to finalize the 2015 Budget. Last month I mentioned that State Auditor Josh Mandel was putting the State's checkbook on the web. He announced this week that the website to visit to see the State's checkbook is OhioCheckbook.com. I would like to see the Village have our own checkbook website in the future.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – I would like to remind the residents that the next Block Watch Meeting will be Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the upper level of the Municipal Bldg. Rodney Chatman will be the guest speaker doing a program entitled "Stranger Danger".

I also have the Police Report for the month of November. Officers were involved in 595 calls for service. Of those calls, officers responded to 34 accident reports and took 27 offense reports. Officers cleared a total of 15 offenses. Officers made 60 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests. Officers responded to 28 parking complaints and issued 6 citations. Officers issued 13 traffic citations. 1 DUI arrests and 31 traffic warnings. Officers responded to 69 calls for suspicious activity, vehicles or persons.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – I have the Service Department report for November, 2014. There were 14 trucks placed at residences, 25 dumpsters placed at residences, 87 special pick-ups at residences, and 156.11 tons of garbage taken to the landfill.

31.77 tons of recycling material, and 1560 pounds of cast iron.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – Absent.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – I would like to welcome a few new businesses in St. Bernard. After great anticipation Wood Stone Creek Winery and Distillery opened a few weeks ago at 4712 Vine Street. It is open on Saturday from 1:00pm until 6:00pm and offer wine and bourbon tastings. No food is served but you can bring in light snacks to enjoy with your tastings. All they ask is you kindly clean up after yourselves.

Also, a new barber shop called DLand Studio located at 4730 Vine Street has opened up recently. They are open daily from 10:00am until 7:30pm and are by appointment only.

Finally, Atmosphere Solon and Lounge has opened up 4732 Vine Street. Again I would like to welcome these new businesses into St. Bernard. It is awesome to see Vine Street slowly taking shape. Please support our local businesses and make them feel welcome here.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – I have the daily bus passengers numbers for November, 2014. Hourly totals were 1,228 and totals to date were 14,709.

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

Committee of the Whole  
Nov 25, 2014

1. Council approved the minutes of the Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
2. Service Director, Phil Stegman introduced Mr. Warren Walker, Communications & Government Relations Director for Duke Energy, who presented a check for \$2,500.00 to the Village.
3. Council discussed the proposed TIF and after much discussion it was decided to move forward with the TIF projects.
4. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
  - A. Reported that the Grand Opening of the new Safety Center is Saturday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM- 1 PM.
  - B. Christmas in St. Bernard will also be on Saturday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM on Washington Avenue. While waiting for Santa, there will be carols sung by the St. Clement School Student Choir at 5:45pm. The Queen City Hi-Railers train display returns to the lower level of the municipal building on Friday thru Sunday with times on the Village website.
  - C. Reported that a group of local churches and volunteers are looking for your help in support of St. Bernard families in need. Please drop off canned goods and nonperishable items at the Safety Center Grand Opening or Christmas in St. Bernard event.
  - D. Reported that St. Bernard Skyline owner, Todd, has a six year old niece, Grace, that has been diagnosed with DIPG, a rare inoperable brain tumor. This is the same disease that Lauren Hill has, which has picked up national attention. Todd will be holding a fundraiser for his niece at the St. Bernard Skyline on Friday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 AM to close. A percentage of the total bill will be donated to Grace's family to assist them during this difficult time. Todd has always been a wonderful supporter of St. Bernard and I would ask that each of you show him and his family what being a part of this community means.
  - E. Wished all the residents and employees of St. Bernard a very Happy Thanksgiving.
5. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg
  - A. Asked Council for an Ordinance for additional appropriations and moving certain funds for a number of line items. Council voted 7-0 to place the Ordinance on the table.

6. Law Director, Curtis Walden
  - A. Gave Council a copy of an Ordinance for updates to our Codified Ordinances and asked that it be on the table for the next Council meeting. Council voted 7-0 to place it on the table.
  
7. Service Director, Phil Stegman
  - A. Said that he has worked with Duke Energy to restore the surface of Tower Ave. to its original state so that the annual Soap Box Derby can be held.
  - B. Reported that there will be no Christmas lights on Vine St. because of the upcoming work on the streetscape.
  - C. Reported that the Village received the SCIP funds to do the street repairs on Jackson Ave. and \$78,000 was put into the 2015 budget for the engineering and the project will begin in 2016.
  - D. Said that he was looking at some line items that might be running close and will bring to Council if that happens.
  - E. Said that he hopes to have an answer back from MSD, on the pool leak, by next week to see how much we will be charged.
  - F. Reported that there was more work that needed to be done on the Murray Rd. project for about \$3,000 that we will get back from ODOT.
  
8. Finance, Don Tobergte
  - A. Reported that the committee met tonight to go over the 2015 budget. Changes that were made will be added and a final copy will be emailed to members of Council for their review.
9. Safety, Ray Culbertson
  - A. Reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the main level of the municipal building and the topic will be Stranger Danger, presented by Officer Rodney Chapman. Please bring your children or even grandchildren to this meeting.
  - B. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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 Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 51, 2014. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, REVISING THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 51, 2014. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Ordinance No. 51, 2014 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 52, 2014. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO MOVE FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 52, 2014. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Asbach, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 52, 2014 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Asbach – Just for clarification, and I don't know if my ears are going or not but I thought that Mr. Ungruhe said that in his report that we had \$6,680 some odd thousand and I would love for that to be the case but, and like I said maybe I hear wrong but just in case he read it wrong I think it was \$2,6800,000.00.

Mr. Ungruhe – Correct.

Mr. Asbach - \$6.000,000.00 is better. I have also, just for Council's benefit, I have put the TIF Ordinances on the next COW so that we can discuss those and have any issues taken care of.

And last, I would just like to kind of echo what the Mayor said, I was actually very proud walking though the Safety Center this weekend. It is a beautiful facility and I think that I hope that everything works out well and it was money well spent because it is a very awesome facility and I had many other people tell me the same thing.

Mr. Tobergte – Valerie, any word on the traffic computer along Greenlee?

Ms. VanValkenberg – I think it is still dead in the water.

Mr. Tobergte – I thought they had fixed it.

Ms. VanValkenberg – Well, they fixed it and then there was another mishap. We are looking into cost of repair and I will check with the Police Chief on where that was. It apparently had a rather battered existence this calendar this year for some reason.

Mr. Tobergte – Also, the Fire Inspector, who has been doing the Fire Inspections?

Ms. Van Valkenberg – Since the Fire Chief is here.....

Fire Chief Kerry Meyer – It's mainly been Captain Troy Mirick. There have been a couple of other officers, including myself that have had to do a few, but quite frankly we're not keeping up on them the way we would if we had a full time Inspector. But as the Safety Director announced tonight, we're going to start doing interview's so hopefully we will have an Inspector in place soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Tobergte – Due to scheduling conflicts, the Finance Committee will be Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. instead of Tuesday.

### **AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

John Metz, 4419 Kemper Ave. – John Estep asked me to come up and remind everybody that next Thursday, he is having his sixteenth annual guys gathering, but ladies are welcome this year. This year he has partnered with St. Al's Orphanage and the Light House to make a child's Christmas brighter. This will be held at Crosley's Bar in St. Bernard from 7:00pm until 11:00pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person. It includes all domestic beer and food. You must bring a new unwrapped present for ages 5 to 15. John asked if you would please RSVP to him at his email, mayorestep@yahoo.com or call him at 641-4489. I would just like to extend a Merry Christmas early to everybody and I'm glad everybody made it safely through Thanksgiving.

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

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, December 11, at 7:30pm.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Asbach to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.