

**ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, May 21, 2015 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, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus.

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

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – The Mayor’s Monthly Court Report Receipts for April, 2015; Mayor’s Court Costs/Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous receipts were \$4,143.95. Bonds forfeited \$150.00. Bonds applied to outstanding tax obligation, \$150.00. Total to the City was \$4,443.95. Total to the County was \$13.50. Total to the State was \$1,329.50. Total Disbursements were \$5,786.95.

I would like to invite each of you and all the residents of St. Bernard to join us on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in remembering those who sacrificed securing freedom for our nation. The Memorial Day Parade will begin lining up promptly at 9:00am at Bertus Street and Park Place. The parade will begin at 9:30am and will proceed to Delmar Avenue, to left on Sullivan, to left on Washington Avenue and will conclude at Tower Avenue. It is not too late to participate in the parade. Dress up your dog, decorate your bike or stroller and join us! The program will immediately follow the parade with guest speaker Ohio District 31 State Representative, Denise Driehaus. Refreshments will be served after the program in the main level of the Municipal Building provided by the St. Bernard Eagles. If the parade is rained out the ceremony will begin at 10:00am in the main level of the Municipal building. I would also like to announce that we are recognizing May as Building Safety Month. Ms. Kathman will include the Proclamation in the minutes.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s office has prepared Ordinances 26 and 28 for tonight’s meeting. Ordinance 26, 2015 authorizes the Auditor Office to provide the following additional appropriations:

01-7-A-5	Fire Department Incidentals	\$360.00
02-33-4	Street Maintenance Contracts	\$7,590.00
07-07	Ross Avenue Road Project	\$625,520.06

The \$360 for the Fire Department is revenue the Village received on behalf of the Fire Department through donations. A local woman’s family asked for donations be made in her memory to the Fire Department because of the great care they provided her.

The \$7,590.00 is revenue the Village received from an insurance company for the replacement of a light hit in the Safety Department parking lot.

The \$625,520.06 is revenue the Village received from Cincinnati Water Works for the Ross Avenue water main replacement.



SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – I urge passage of Ordinance No. 25 for our salt. So we can purchase salt for the end of the year. Also I urge passage of Ordinance No. 26. As you can see, on Ross Ave. we are saw cutting the street for that project over on Ross Ave. for the water main and this money was allocated, brought in by the State Water Works for that project so it needs to get into a line item.

Also I would like to thank Jerry Schiff and the guys that worked at the pool. Up until Wednesday we finally got it passed. We had so many problems over there this year with the pump, and motors and pipes, broken underground. They did a phenomenal job in getting that ready. So the pool is ready to go. I can't help that the weather isn't going to cooperate that well but I did my part. So I urge passage of 25 and 26.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – The Tax Office continues to process the April 15<sup>th</sup> tax filings. We hope to have the process completed by the end of June.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – The Finance Committee will be meeting Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to discuss the budget that goes to the County in July.

The next St. Bernard cleanup day will be Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet behind City Hall at 9:00am. Thanks to St. Bernard Skyline for supplying hot dogs and buns that I will be grilling out. I will also supply the drinks again.

SAFETY, Mr. Culbertson – I have the Fire Dept. report for the month of April 2015. The Fire Dept. went on 28 total fire runs, they made 3 mutual aid fire runs. They made 80 total ambulance runs and had 10 mutual aid ambulance runs.

SERVICE, Mr. Asbach – Absent.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mrs. Schildmeyer – The CIC is happy to announce a new business will be coming to town soon. STREETPOPS has acquired the building at 4720 Vine St. (old Chili Time). Architects are working on their redesign of the first floor and work will begin soon. For those interested in knowing more about STREETPOPS go to [streetpops.com](http://streetpops.com). The next CIC meeting will be August 26<sup>th</sup> in the lower level of City Hall.

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

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb – No report.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Ms. Hausfeld – No report.

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

Committee of the Whole  
May 14, 2015

1. Council approved the minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
2. Mayor, Bill Burkhardt
  - a. Asked Council to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property. Council voted 6-0 to do it at the end of the meeting.
  - b. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg

- a. Gave Council the spread sheets for the various reports. Expenditures as of 5-11-15 are \$5,112,658.15- without the bond projects (\$914,350.15) is \$4,198,308.00. When compared with 2014 expenditures are up \$115,369.39. That includes the large tax refund. Revenues for April were \$1,506,739.26. Comparing 2014, revenues without shopping center rent, revenues are down \$31,959.47.
  - b. Said that there were still some summer employees that have not turned in their paperwork. Without this paperwork they can't be paid, so everyone is encouraged to return them as soon as possible.
3. Law Director, Curtis Walden
    - a. Said that he had prepared an Ordinance for the Service Director.
  4. Service Director, Phil Stegman
    - a. Discussed an Ordinance that would assess properties if the Village has to cut their grass or do other work after they have been notified to do the work. This would allow the Auditor to make the County aware of these assessments before the end of the year. Council voted 6-0 to place the Ordinance on the table.
    - b. Reminded everyone of the electronic recycling at various Kroger's and Target this weekend. The schedule is on the Village website.
    - c. Said that "Shred-it-Day" will be Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at the St. Bernard Square from 10AM-1PM.
  5. Finance, Don Tobergte
    - a. Said that he had talked to Bob Ostertag about the report that the Safety Director gave last week. There are at least 470 rental units in town. Out of those, 270 have paid the fees and 260 have been inspected.
  6. Safety, Ray Culbertson
    - a. Reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the lower level.
  7. Public Improvements, Diana Schildmeyer
    - a. Announced that Amy Yosmali is a new board member of the CIC and there will be a meeting on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> in the lower level at 5:30PM.
  8. A resident said there should be an easier way to get your neighbor to cut their grass instead of reporting them. Someone should be riding around checking on this. The Service Director said that he gets notified by the Service and Police Departments on their properties. Another resident complained about the trash left behind by the workers on Ross Ave. The Service Director will make a call to ask them to clean up after themselves.

Council voted 6-0 to excuse the absent member.

Council met in Executive Session to discuss purchase of property. When the meeting was back in session, a motion was made and seconded to place an Additional Appropriation Ordinance on the table for the purchase of that property.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

# BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY



INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

## *Proclamation*

**Building Safety Month — May, 2015**

*Whereas, our Villages continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound, and;*

*Whereas, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;*

*Whereas, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;*

*Whereas, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;*

*Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings, and;*

*Whereas, “Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes” the theme for Building Safety Month 2015, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2015 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and,*

*Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, William C. Burkhardt, Mayor of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2015 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.*

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## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

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

The second reading of Resolution No. 5, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2015. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEROIN COALITION TASK-FORCE.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the third reading of Resolution No. 5, 2015. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2015. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ST. BERNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTNER WITH ONE OR MORE LOCAL POLICE AGENCIES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FY 2015 BODY-WORN CAMERA PILOT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM GRANT AND TO COMPLY WITH THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 6, 2015.

## **REMARKS**

Mr. Tobergte – Chief Moeller did call me on this this morning and as Valerie said he suggested \$10,000.00 of cost for 17 cameras plus some backup programs and that. He said he might have enough money in his Criminal Forfeiture Fund that he could fund it with possibly.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to amend Ordinance No. 22, 2015 to read “amending Ordinance No. 12, 2015 and fixing the 2015 compensation for swimming pool cashiers of the Village of St. Bernard and declaring an emergency.

Also in Section 1 that Ordinance No. 10 should be 12 and again the year should be 2015.

The motion to amend Ordinance No. 22, 2015 passed 6-0.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 22, 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2015. AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2014 AND FIXING THE 2015 COMPENSATION FOR SWIMMING POOL CASHIERS OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Also on the back of that Ordinance it says until 2012.

Mrs. Brickweg – Then we should amend that too.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – To say 2015? But we read it.

Mrs. Brickweg – Actually you can look at that as a typo.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – OK, so we should just look at that as a typo. OK.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb for Ordinance No. 22, 2015 take its regular course.

## **REMARKS**

Mr. Burkhardt – Is there a reason we're taking regular course because the pool opens this weekend.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – From my perspective I was asking Council because I didn't know where they stood on this. They wanted more time to think about this. And I know that without Steve being here, my personal opinion on this, I was going to vote no on it because I really believe that if this was an issue the Dept. Heads should have brought it to the Finance Committee before the budget. That's one thing. And I also feel that the increase in this is pretty significant. It's like an 11%, 15% and then 18% for the first, second and third year. So it wouldn't go by emergency and the other ones asked if they could think a little bit more about it. They were still on the fence.

Mr. Burkhardt – The reason we did this when we did it was because we had trouble getting people to sign up for it this year. It wasn't like we planned, you can't look forward that far in advance from January until now when people don't sign up and don't want the job. We had to get more people to apply for the position. That's the reason we went with the raise.

Mr. Tobergte – Bill do we have enough people to fill the position now?

Mr. Burkhardt – Yes, we've had a couple other people come in and apply due to the increase.

Mrs. Brickweg – But they were told, as far as I know, they were told that they would be making this.

Mr. Burkhardt – They were told that they would be making this.

Mr. Kalb – Like Cindi said, I'm still trying to figure it out myself whether I'm going to vote yes or no on this. My biggest concern or I guess my only concern is the fact that our lifeguards have to be certified. They go through training and things like that and we're paying a cashier that has no training the same as somebody that has to go out get certified. To me that's, I don't know whether I see that the lifeguards should be more or cashiers should be less. I'm still kind of on the fence on that one. As far as telling employees what they're going to make before it's passed, that's kind of an issue as well.

Mr. Burkhardt – We were scrambling to get people to do it. I'll tell you what, if it doesn't pass that's fine, I can live with that but when we don't have enough cashiers, I'll close the pool. I will have to close it because one of the issues is, you can't have kids do that job because they are dealing with adults and parents and the people down there get irate. I'm not going to put a kid in that position anymore.

The guards will be guards, they won't be cashiers. If we're short, I'll close the pool. Plain and simple.

Mrs. Brickweg – I think that was the one thing I think maybe Andy when it was explained, this way the guards if they are needed, can do it. A guard is not going to want to go that's making \$12.17 and be taken off and go down to a \$9.00 job. That's what I had gathered was the thing. I'm not hiring, I just fill out the papers, but I do know a couple of people that came in and that's what they said. But I have to enter all this into the system, so then I have to do payroll with these people and it's not like it's just a couple of people. It's an hourly job, it's going to be a total nightmare so I'm going to ask you guys to maybe make a decision. This has been discussed now for almost a month or something. If it's going to go it's going to go. If it's not it's not but these people need to know what they're making. We can't have somebody start a job and not know what they're making and I need a number to put in the software.

Mr. Burkhardt – Like I said, I'll live with whatever you guys do. If you vote it down, that's fine, we'll live with that.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I think that it's important that we recognize that you're looking for adults and not teenage kids to do this job. I think that's a significant difference. With that in mind I would be for them making more money because you saying they have more responsibility and they have to deal with the public. Whereas a teenager, you're putting them in a position where they're going to have to go to somebody else anyway. So if these are adults that you are looking for and we're not putting 15 year old kids there, that is a huge difference to me.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I have a question for Peggy. If a lifeguard is working as a lifeguard and there is not a cashier so you put them over in the cashier spot when they are not up in the chair, wouldn't you have to pay them the same as their lifeguard.

Mrs. Brickweg – We don't have anything in an Ordinance that says that. Our Ordinance has a job description and a pay scale in the software. The software is set up like that. I have some individuals that are set up and they have a rate as a cashier. They have a rate if they are going to work as an assistant manager. They have a rate as a lifeguard. They can have multiple jobs. When their time sheets come into us they could be listed two or three times. It would just be different hours.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – In the course of the same day?

Mrs. Brickweg – Yes, yes, I guess it could be. I've seen it before when they were a lifeguard for like four hours and then cashiered for four more. That's the only thing I'm saying. I just wish we'd do it one way or the other. This would be a nightmare in the software. It would just be nice if we could get it set before the pool starts so they know what they're making and not make it retroactive with an hourly employee. I can't guess what that would be like.

Mr. Culbertson – So Peggy in the past when a lifeguard, it was my understanding that when they're on break they would go jump in as a cashier. We're paying them a lower rate? Or is it an extended period of time.



Mrs. Brickweg – Yes, for an extended period of time and they'll put it on their time sheet that way. I will say that people down there have different jobs that they do at different times.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – One other thing I think we need to look at is that you are looking at people that are handling money and you need to get responsible, ethical people that are handling money because it's a lot of cash. Somebody who is going to take this job for \$9.00 an hour or the third year is \$10.00 an hour, that's not a lot of money to try and get a good quality employee in here.

Mr. Burkhardt – The other issue too is if I'm 35 years old, you're paying a 16 year old \$12. something an hour and I'm going to get paid \$9.00 to do the same job. That's not happening. That's what the problem has been. They just won't do it when they know a 16 or 17 year old is making \$2 or \$3 dollars an hour more than they are doing the same job. We've had trouble, this year especially, trying to get people to come down and apply and take the position.

Mr. Kalb – Are you stretching on lifeguards? If they don't want to make the lower rate then they can obviously always be a lifeguard and then I do feel that the cashier, it is a responsible position because there is money involved, but you can't look past the fact that the lifeguards are in charge of lives and the cashiers are in charge of money. That's kind of why if have a problem. I have a problem with the cashier that's in charge of money making the same thing that somebody that has to go out, get certified, get recertified in CPR and all stuff like that making the same amount in charge of lives. That's where I kind of have the issue is that the cashier is going to make the same amount as the person who has to go out and get trained.

Mr. Burkhardt – The other thing we do for the lifeguards that we don't do a whole lot of other people is when they work there a year they are reimbursed for their fee on their lifeguarding. So they're actually making more than the \$12. something an hour because they're being reimbursed for their fee.

The motion to have Ordinance No. 22, 2015 take its regular course failed. 2-4 Mr. Tobergte, Mrs. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson and Mrs. Bedinghaus voted no.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 22, 2015 as read.

Mrs. Brickweg – I just wanted to thank you for voting.

Mr. Burkhardt – Yes, let it happen one way or the other.

Mr. Tobergte – As a procedural move, Curtis if they vote down to not to suspend can we have a vote then to suspend?

Mrs. Schildmeyer – We voted down for it to go its regular course.

Mr. Tobergte – We voted down not to let it go its regular course.

Mr. Culbertson – No, we voted down for it to go its regular course. The motion was made to go regular course and it was voted down.

Mr. Walden – I don't think there's a problem Don.

Mr. Tobergte – So we can go on procedural voting on the same Ordinance at the same time. OK.

The motion to suspend failed 5-1. Mr. Kalb voted no.

Mr. Kalb – I thought that was for the actual Ordinance.

Mr. Peck – So what you're saying now is you mistakenly voted no and you would like to change your vote from no to yes.

Mr. Kalb – Yes.

Mr. Peck – Given that, there is a precedent for allowing a Councilman to vote what they actually desire to vote. The vote is 6-0 for the third reading to be suspended.

Motion by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 22, 2015 as amended as read. Motion passed 4-2. Mr. Kalb and Mrs. Bedinghaus voted no.

Mr. Burkhardt – I would like to thank Council, even though there is a third against it, I appreciate the vote and I appreciate your stance.

Mr. Geiser – The Ordinance only has 4 votes, this Ordinance won't take effect for 30 days.

Mrs. Brickweg – OK, so it passed, so it's not going to be retroactive. I will pay them the old pay until the 30 days and then they start the new pay? Is that what I'm getting? I need some advice here.

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I think it should be retroactive. It passed. Can we get another Ordinance saying that they get their pay back?

Mrs. Brickweg – Well it's not, you already passed this and by the time you have another meeting I don't.....

Mr. Burkhardt – It's still 30 days.

Mrs. Brickweg – We're just going to have to do it, you're talking about a little bit....

Mrs. Schildmeyer – It's the point though.

Mrs. Brickweg – This is, I'm not saying it to you, this has been before Council for quite a while now. I understand but .....

Ms. Hausfeld – They're going to get the lower pay for a month and then after the month they're going to start the higher pay because it's not retroactive is basically what you are saying, right?

Mrs. Brickweg – Yes, because it didn't get enough to go emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2015. AMENDING A SECTION IN CHAPTER 197 OF THE ST. BERNARD'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 24, 2015. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 24, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

The second reading of ordinance No. 25, 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2015. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MIDWEST SALT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 25, 2015.

#### **REMARKS**

Mr. Tobergte –Like I said, since it first came up I've been checking with all my suppliers, they're saying bagged salt is going to be the same this year but nobody is getting prices out for balk salt. It could go up and this is less than what we paid last year so hopefully we can get this passed tonight. Phil can order it so we can start spreading next week.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 25, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26, 2015. AUTORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 26, 2015. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 26, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 27, 2015. AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PLACE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO REIMBURSE THE VILLAGE FOR THE COST OF BRINGING THE LAND OR REAL PROPERTY INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 905, FEES AND WEEDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 27, 2015.

#### **REMARKS**

Mr. Stegman – I want to let Council know that I have sent out two bills for these and got two more coming next week so that's a good thing that we're getting this passed because this will speed the process of getting assessed on their property tax.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 27, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Tobergte – Before we read Ordinance 28, I like to discuss a change I'd like to make and I've talked to a couple of Councilman and the Mayor and we're giving the CIC \$50,000.00 to purchase the property. I would like to be able to get the money back once they sell it. I would like to change Section 2 that's on the Ordinance to Section 3. Section 2 would read; "Once the CIC sells the property, the CIC will reimburse the Village the money the Village has given the CIC"

Mr. Peck – I assume you're doing this now so that you don't have to amend it after the first reading?

Mr. Tobergte – Correct.

Mr. Kalb – Just a quick question, say the property doesn't sell for that amount of money, how is that going to work then? Because if we're asking for that whole amount back does that mean they're going to owe us more than what we would get?

Mr. Tobergte – Curtis helped me put in there what they would sell it for if it's under \$50,000.00.

Mr. Walden – Don when we discussed this earlier I thought it read 50% of whatever they sold it for.

Mr. Tobergte – That was the Imwalle that was 50%. Once the CIC sells the property the CIC will reimburse the money the Village has given the CIC.

Mr. Walden – We may want it to say 50% of the sale price which you would still be getting the money back and they wouldn't end up in the hole if that's what Council coming from.

Mr. Tobergte – OK then we'll just say the CIC will reimburse the Village 50% of the money the Village has given the CIC.

Mr. Culbertson – 50% of the money we're giving them or 50% of the sale price?

Mrs. Schildmeyer – Sale price. Whether it's more or less.

Mrs. Brickweg – Just out of curiosity could it read 'once the CIC sells the property the CIC will reimburse the Village what the property was sold for'?

Mrs. Schildmeyer – Well what if it sells for \$100,000.00 and they've made.

Mr. Tobergte – That's fine what Peggy said.

Mr. Kalb – Can I ask how it would read then real quick?

Mrs. Brickweg – Once the CIC sells the property the CIC will reimburse the Village the price of the sale of the property.

Mr. Tobergte – Then Section 2 in here will become Section 3.

Mr. Culbertson – Again what you said, if this property sells for more than what we gave them, all that money is coming back to the Village? If it sells for \$65,000.00 the CIC will give \$65,000.00 back to the Village.

Mrs. Brickweg – Yes, then Council can give that .....

Mr. Culbertson – Can't we put in there 'up to the amount we gave them'

Mrs. Schildmeyer – I would be more comfortable with that because I thought the whole plan was if they made more they could take that money and keep their progress going. I'm not confident Council will give the money back.

Mrs. Brickweg – OK 'once the CIC sells the property the CIC will reimburse the Village the price of the sale of the property up to \$50,000.00'.

**ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2015. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 28, 2015. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mrs. Schildmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 28, 2015 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Brickweg – I just wanted to ask, at the Finance Committee meeting I know you're going to be discussing the budget, by any chance will you be discussing with the Administration raises that some of the employees have been waiting to hear about?

Mr. Tobergte – Not at the Finance Committee meeting but the at the COW meeting we will be going into Executive Session and Bill is going to be there and we will discuss it then.

Mrs. Brickweg – I will let them know, thank you.

Mr. Tobergte – Phil we talked last week about getting final numbers for the Safety Center and Service Garage yet.

Mr. Stegman – I should have those at the next COW.

Mr. Tobergte – I know when Chief Moeller was talking to me about the cameras he brought up there is a couple of problem areas down there where you have to buy another camera, surveillance camera, the one hallway is a dead area, no camera

picks it up. Is that going to come out of that money or is he going to get that out of his own budget?

Mr. Stegman – Yes we didn't want to keep on until we got the final numbers. Now it's going to be money that's still left over to pick off what's the most important things. So yes, there is still money left over.

Mr. Tobergte – The railroad tracks down at Vine and Spring Grove, are those done now or?

Mr. Stegman – No, there was just a memo that came across my desk that that was the first coat and I don't know why they haven't come back for the second coat but the railroad commission came down and slapped somebody's hands. Hopefully it will get done pretty soon.

Mr. Tobergte – That was brought up at the Block Watch meeting how rough they were.

Ms. Hausfeld – Phil I just wanted to know if you had an update and we passed that Ordinance for the garbage cans. Do you know when those will be here?

Mr. Stegman – It was a six to eight week lee time. I got a call last week so I'm thinking its getting real close. They didn't give me a delivery date yet.

Ms. Hausfeld – OK, just curious.

Mr. Kalb – I have a question for Curtis. About two months ago we discussed looking into changing the Charter, how to go about opening it up. Is there any progress at all on that?

Mr. Walden – My understanding that the decision was made not to do that at this particular time but we may revisit that again next year.

Mr. Kalb – Is there a reason that we're delaying that discussion at this time? I didn't know it was delayed until just now.

Mr. Burkhardt – At this time I don't have any reason to push the issue. To me stuff like that is going to take some time to get organized and see exactly how we want to run things. If we rush into it now it will just be a cluster. I just think we need to take our time on it. Between now and November there just isn't enough time.

Mr. Kalb – I wasn't looking to move towards November because that was my biggest thing the last time we discussed it was how fast it was moving but I'd like to get the ball rolling. We can't even get the ball rolling until we do research on it. I was hoping we could at least keep that portion going. If we could get some information on it start looking at it as a whole.

Mr. Walden – I'd be happy to do that Andy and I'll get that to Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Tobergte – I had a resident stop me, she was going up Wolper Hill in Clifton and there are these electrical boxes that are on the side of the road. There're painted with tulips and stuff. I talked to Bill and I talked to Paul Myers and I would like to discuss it at the next COW. I talked to the guy that did my signs, its vinyl wrap, like the one electric box up by my house, they're like \$100.00. they're talking about possibly getting businesses to sponsor each box and maybe have their name on the bottom or whatever. Paul talked about having one design for the whole city or possibly two designs, one for entering and exiting the city, stuff like that. I'd like to put that in the COW meeting next week.

Mr. Stegman – This is the first I heard about doing something with a wrap or painting of a utility. I'll have to check into that Don. I think those are private boxes made by Cincinnati Bell. I don't know that they are city boxes that we can just arbitrarily start painting and wrapping.

Mr. Tobergte – Somebody did it in Clifton, I have pictures of them.

Mr. Stegman – Some of them might be transformers on the persons property. Yes get with me so we can discuss it.

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

Mr. Ungruhe – I don't know if Bill would know or not but on actuaries that went out, did they have the old rates, the new rates on them or have we promised people the new rates and if so I'm afraid they're just going to go down to the Labor Board and they'll win obviously if you promised them the new rates.

Mr. Burkhardt – No we didn't promise them, we said it was on Council floor to be passed. They said they would go ahead and sign up, but if they don't, if they back down, they back down.

Mrs. Brickweg – I think to add to what he said it was when we couldn't find enough people it was to the newer people so the letters that went out those people that accepted and those letters went out in like March. So those were the older rates and when we couldn't get people to fill the positions we told them the new rates were before Council and they were a possibility. They should know that there is no guarantee that its going to pass. It was not put in the letter that way.

Mr. Ungruhe – That's fine I just wanted to verify it.

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

Mrs. Bedinghaus – The next COW meeting will be May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.

