

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING  
JANUARY 1, 2018**

The Inaugural meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Monday, January 1, 2018 in Council Chambers.

Fr. Fred Link – Fr. Fred gave the invocation.

President of council, Mr. Steven Asbach – The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed that all members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Bob Culbertson, Mr. Kalb, Mrs. Bedinghaus, Dr. Chastain, Mr. Ray Culbertson and Mr. Siefert.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to nominated Sue Kathman as Clerk of Council Pro-Tem. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson to close nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Kalb, seconded by Dr. Chastain to elect Sue Kathman as Clerk of Council Pro-Tem. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Estep – Introduced Judge Melba Marsh.

Judge Melba Marsh – Inaugural Address.

Judge Melba Marsh – The Oath of Office was given to St. Bernard Council members: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Bob Culbertson, Mr. Kalb, Mrs. Bedinghaus, Dr. Chastain, Mr. Ray Culbertson and Mr. Siefert.

Motion by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to elect Sue Kathman as permanent Clerk of Council. Motion passed 7-0.

Judge Melba Marsh – The Oath of Office was given to Treasurer, John Ungruhe and Clerk of Council, Sue Kathman.

Motion by Dr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to nominate Mrs. Bedinghaus as President of Council Pro-Tem. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Kalb, seconded by Mr. Siefert to close nominations for President of Council. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – The selection for Standing Committees from January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2019 is as follows:

FINANCE – CHAIR, Mr. Don Tobergte. Members, Cindi Bedinghaus, Bob Culbertson.

SAFETY – CHAIR, Mr. Ray Culbertson. Members, Alan Siefert, Cindi Bedinghaus.

SERVICE – CHAIR, Mr. Alan Siefert. Members, Ray Culbertson, Kelly Chastain.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS – CHAIR, Mr. Bob Culbertson. Members, Don Tobergte, Andy Kalb.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS – CHAIR, Mrs. Bedinghaus. Members, Ray Culbertson, Andy Kalb.

MARKETING – CHAIR, Dr. Chastain. Members, Bob Culbertson, Alan Siefert.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY – CHAIR, Andy Kalb. Members Don Tobergte, Kelly Chastain.

I.C.R.C. Representative – Andy Kalb.

Submitted by The Committee on Committees  
Cindi Bedinghaus, President Pro-Tem  
Don Tobergte  
Ray Culbertson

Motion by Dr. Chastain, seconded by Mr. Siefert to receive and file the report. Motion passed 7-0.

## **ORDINANCES**

Motion by Mr. Kalb, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to read today's Ordinance by title only. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2018. AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Siefert, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 1, 2018.

**REMARKS**

Mr. Tobergte – First I want to thank my wife Carla, son Raymond and Frenchy for putting up with a grumpy old man the past 2 months while I was trying to get a budget that a majority of Council would support. I also want to thank Tommy Paul. I am sure he will be relieved that he won't be seeing me in his office 3 or 4 times a day or the phone calls interrupting his morning walks, to work on the budget. All the department heads that helped along with Mayor Estep.

Going thru the budget, the following line items were changed from last years' budget to get us to where we are today. Numbers I used in comparing the 2 budgets were the initial budget that was passed last December.

**Council line items, no changes**

**Mayor line items:**

Mayor's secretary	Increased	\$1,996.00
Promotions	Decreased	750.00
Historical Society	Decreased	500.00
Stationary	Decreased	100.00
Magistrate, Mayor's Court	Increased	<u>600.00</u>
Total	Increase	\$1,246.00

**Auditor:**

Clerk	Increased	\$1,900.00
Bureau of Inspection	Increased	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	Increase	\$6,900.00

**Treasurer:** No changes

**Tax Department:**

Clerk	Decreased	\$ 4,295.00
Refunds	Increased	207,000.00
Stationary	Increased	1,000.00
Incidentals	Decreased	250.00
Dept. Tax Comm.	Increased	800.00
Equipment	Decreased	<u>500.00</u>
Total	Increase	\$203,755.00

**Marketing** Still -0-

**Law Director**

Professional Services	Decreased	\$5,000.00
Bank Ave.	Decreased	2,000.00
Codified Ordinances	Increased	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	Decrease	\$5,000.00

**Miscellaneous**

Phone Service	Decreased	\$10,000.00
Utilities	Decreased	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	Decrease	\$20,000.00

**Civil Service**

Medical Exams	Increased	\$ 250.00
Polygraph	Increased	5,300.00
Psychological	Increased	600.00
Entry Test	Increased	450.00
Promotions	Increased	<u>700.00</u>
Total	Increase	\$7,300.00

**Safety Administration** No Changes

**Police Department**

Chief	Decreased	\$ 14,248.11
Regular Police	Decreased	40,236.94
Clerk	Increased	2,000.00
Stationary	Decreased	1,000.00
Crossing Guards	Decreased	40,000.00
Evidence Processing	Decreased	500.00
Equipment Outlay	Decreased	26,000.00
Training	Decreased	2,500.00

Life Insurance	Decreased	1,000.00
Pension	Decreased	20,000.00
Parking Fee	Decreased	<u>250.00</u>
Total	Decrease	\$143,735.05

**Fire Department**

Chief	Increased	\$ 250.00
Overtime	Increased	10,000.00
Tuition	Decreased	4,000.00
Ambulance Supplies	Decreased	2,000.00
Incidentals	Decreased	1,500.00
Furniture	Decreased	1,000.00
Equipment	Decreased	1,000.00
Clothing	Decreased	4,000.00
Life Insurance	Decreased	3,000.00
Pension	Decreased	23,202.00
Radio	Decreased	4,000.00
Wellness	Decreased	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	Decreased	\$49,337.00

**Safety Center** No Changes

**Health Department**

With no nurse and going to County	Decreased	\$52,781.00
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**Service Department**

ICRC	Increased	\$ 1,000.00
Sidewalks	Decreased	5,000.00
Professional Services	Decreased	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	Decreased	\$24,000.00

**Service Department**

Employees	Increased	\$30,000.00
Overtime	Decreased	5,000.00
Part Time	Decreased	25,000.00
Stationary	Decreased	1,000.00
Supplies	Decreased	2,500.00
Plastic Liners	Decreased	4,000.00
Clothing	Decreased	1,000.00
Fuel	Decreased	10,000.00

Pesticides	Decreased	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	Decrease	\$19,500.00

**Transportation**

With Dial-A-Ride Eliminated and  
Dispatchers Working the Fitness Center

Total	Decrease	\$73,228.28
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**Recreation Department**

Water Aerobics	Decreased	\$ 1,000.00
Dance and Fitness	Increased	3,000.00
Softball	Increased	500.00
Knothole	Increased	500.00
Uniforms	Decreased	500.00
Concerts	Decreased	2,500.00
Tennis Courts	Decreased	1,000.00
Fireworks	Decreased	15,000.00

Andy Kalb and I have pledged \$1,000.00 each if we can get more sponsors to cover the cost of fireworks.

Teen Activities	Decreased	\$ 1,000.00
Fitness Center Equipment	Decreased	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	Decrease	\$19,000.00

**Employee Benefits**

PERS	Decreased	\$ 20,000.00
Workmen's Comp.	Increased	73,000.00
Medicare	Decreased	5,500.00
Retirement Benefits	Decreased	5,000.00
Unemployment	Increased	19,000.00
Accumulated Sick Leave Pay Out	Increased	60,000.00
Life Insurance	Decreased	<u>1,700.00</u>
Total	Increase	\$119,800.00

**City Hall\$**

Furniture	Decreased	\$1,000.00
Equipment	Decreased	2,000.00
Maintenance Contracts	Increased	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total	Increase	3,000.00

**Street Construction**

Foreman & Heavy Equipment	Decreased	\$68,000.00
Overtime	Decreased	3,000.00
Materials	Decreased	15,000.00
Contracts	Decreased	10,000.00
Street Signs	Decreased	1,000.00
Equipment Outlay	Decreased	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	Decrease	\$98,000.00

### Swimming Pool

Paul Schildmeyer looked at the numbers of people at the pool at each hour and has determined to lower the hours at the pool by closing at 6:00pm and during inclement weather. He is open to keeping the pool open if there are high temperatures.

Managers	Decreased	\$8,500.00
Employees	Decreased	<u>9,250.00</u> Total
Decrease	\$17,750.00	

### Master Plan

No Changes until it's determined how the administration wants to proceed

Contracts	Decreased	\$15,000.00
Training	Decreased	1,000.00
Legal Advertising	Decreased	2,000.00
Streets and Sewers	Decreased	125,000.00
HIP Inspector	Decreased	<u>32,976.48</u>
Total	Decrease	\$175,976.48

<b>TIF Expense</b>	Increase	\$80,000.00
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### Bond Retirement

Pool	Increased	\$ 5,000.00
Interest Pool	Decreased	4,000.00
Bond Quint	Decreased	70,000.00
Quint Interest	Decreased	4,025.00
Sweeper	Increased	752.71
Sweeper Interest	Decreased	752.71
Police Cruisers	Increased	1,659.51
Cruiser Interest	Decreased	1,428.39
Bond Debt	Increased	19,000.00
Bond Interest	Decreased	<u>20,800.02</u>
Total	Decrease	\$101,006.12

**Employee Health Care**

Medical Expenses	Increased	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
Total	Increase	<u>\$500,000.00</u>

This brings the total projected expenses to: \$12,852,451.27

Revenue is projected to be:

TIF	\$	80,000.00
Auditor		2,100,000.00
Tax Department		10,200,000.00
Sale of Unused Equipment; Bus, Generators, Ambulance, Christmas Decorations, Radio Equipment, Transfer switches for generators		17,200.00
10 Months of Garbage Fees		285,000.00
Taking the \$182,000 Tax Refund out of Reserves		<u>182,000.00</u>
Total Projected Revenues		\$12,864,200.00

The difference is a positive \$11,748.73

Not included in these numbers, John has mentioned the possibility of charging the TFC a fee for the use of the Dance Studio, and the Afterschool Program is offering to pay a fee for the use of the Teen Center, the C9 Trust Fund which we have to fund at \$50,000.00 but the Administrator does not believe he will need any of that line item. The biggest item would be the decision of the employees on the health care. There is a meeting scheduled this week to approve changes to the benefit. I would like to thank Peggy for bringing the Health Care Committee together again. John as you can see there is not a lot of wiggle room in this budget. We are giving you another year to find a solution for our Village. All 3 contracts end this year. As you have said in the past we need to change the way we do business. I will always be available to help you with the budget.

Mrs. Brickweg – First of all I would like to thank Mr. Tobergte as you can all tell by that lengthy report, he went beyond the call of duty with this job. He took on the job of the Administration and did the budget. I would like to thank the Department Heads for doing it. It meant a lot to me because I have an invoice due tomorrow and we had payroll this week and without all of his hard work and the Department Heads work we wouldn't have had a budget for today. And he should be thanked publicly.

Mr. Bob Culbertson – Just to let everybody know, I will be voting against this budget. Kind of what Don has alluded to with the trash fee was included in this budget. Last year, back in August the trash fee was brought up and at that time Council decided not to do that. Some of the comments that came from Council at that time was we're already paying for this so why are we going to charge the residents again. But now it seems like since we are unwilling to make tough decisions we want to go ahead and pass that fee on to the residents of the Village. I would ask, you know, if we really feel that this fee is necessary, that we put it out to a vote for the residents to then mandate that fee and approve that fee. Just like they would have to with any other tax fee or tax hike since this fee is mandatory. The other issue I have with this budget is we do not have any outline for capital expenditures for any aging equipment that might come due within the next year. Or even the following year after 2018. So, my concern is that yes, we might kick the can down the road to the end of this year, what happens next year if we have to replace stuff within the Service, Police or Fire Departments. We'll be right back in this position and God forbid that \$15.00 fee might turn into a \$30.00 or \$45.00 fee and the residents do not have a say in that. Again, we need these contingencies. We continuously see expenses go up. I've sat in budget meetings over the last several months and the feedback that I've gotten from those Department Heads were, yes we will cut this begrudgingly but we will come back to Council if we need that money. So, it doesn't make me feel warm and fuzzy that this budget is realistic. I think, you know, it's just trying to squeeze those numbers together to make it balance.

Mr. Siefert – I'm also in agreement with Mr. Bob Culbertson. I don't like taking money out of the reserves and my concerns were putting this \$285,000.00 for the garbage fee into the budget. What happens if this doesn't pass? John do you have any plan of how you would tackle that situation?

Mayor Estep – Well we've had several suggestions like to order Rumpke and that's not a good thing for some of the employees here. So, I think we're going to see if this passes today and go from there.

Mrs. Brickweg – I'd like to thank Bob especially. Well and also Alan, but Bob it's great to have somebody up there on Council along with some of the other members that agreed with raising reserves and not kicking the can down the road. There's got to be a light at the end of the tunnel, and I just wanted to welcome you especially with your finance background.

The motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Siefert, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt Ordinance No. 1, 2018 as read. Motion passed 5-2. Mr. Bob Culbertson and Mr. Siefert voted no.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Dr. Chastain to set the date and time of regular Council meetings for the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.

Mr. Asbach – The next Council Meeting will be held on January 4, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Asbach – The date and time of the COW meeting will be the third Thursday of each month. The next COW meeting will be January 18, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Fr. Fred Link – Benediction was offered.

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