ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held January 4, 2018 in Council Chambers.

<u>President of Council, Mr. Steven Asbach</u> – 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 Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Council agreed 7-0.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

<u>MAYOR, Mr. Estep</u> – First of all I'd like to welcome the new Council members for 2018. Hopefully we will have a good year working together with everybody and we'll have a prosperous and a better year than last year. I'll start off with more good news, it's supposed to be 40degrees Monday.

At this time I would like to have Miss Carrie come to the mic and give her presentation for the after school program.

Carrie Emhoolah – My name is Carrie Emhoolah and I'm here tonight with Laura Mosley. We're both residents of St. Bernard, Diane Smith is also with us in the audience. Most of you know we're members of the newly formed St. Bernard Village CAP which is the Community After School Program and we've come here to provide an update and just to get some final clarification on moving forward. So, I believe everyone knows now, last week we sent out an email with a letter directed to our Mayor and all of the current Council members. I just want to share with everyone what the letter stated. It is for us to confirm the Teen Center space, moving forward as previously requested with a start for our program on Wednesday, January 31. This allows us to comply with the Duke Energy grant that we received because the wording dictated by our wording that we used when we submitted it that we would be opening at some point in January. So, we do know that we will need as references prior to January 31. So, we can prepare. The days of operation are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and that would be each week through June 1. Our program resumes August and then ends the following end of that (inaudible) so it would really be rotating new with each school system. The program will not function as an after school program in the summer. Hours of operation are 3:00 until 5:45. That's during our non-(inaudible) time we worked to do that time to also work with the rental times so it can be available at 6:00pm for future rentals. Also, we will be paying rental fees at \$50.00 per week. We are requesting the first month free. Trying to utilize existing cabinets and/or someone also suggested maybe utilizing any available closets and giving us some type of ownership of that so we can move the needed items that we'll have and get ready each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. So, again, we sent out an email last week. We really appreciate everybody that responded back. Just like to share that Mrs. Bedinghaus, Peggy Brickweg and I believe also Don Tobergte and Mr. Chastain have already commented so we appreciate your feedback and your acknowledging

that you are in favor of this program. Mayor Estep at this time we just need a final confirmation that we have everyone's blessing to move forward. We would like to have some reserve time and get on the calendar.

Mayor Estep – Does anyone on Council have any comment or questions about the program? It's basically to help some of the issues we have right now with some of the teenagers that are on the streets and at the library after school. A lot of them don't have any place to go. They're waiting for their parents to pick them up. We're hoping that this will alleviate some of those problems. There's no guarantee and I appreciate all of Council's support and the support of the group who is putting this forward.

Mr. Ray Culbertson – Can you reiterate what can be done to make sure that the Village has no liability. If a fight breaks out, somebody gets hurt while that program is going on. Mike can you.....

Mr. Peck – I'm sure there's a standard waiver that Mr. Paul has for rental of the facilities.

Mr. Ray Culbertson – It would fall within that? Okay.

Carrie Emhoolah – We have that in our contract too. And so we were initially here before we had extended ourselves out and told everyone that if they were interested in learning more about the program we would be available to (inaudible). Mr. Chastain took us up on that and as Peggy mentioned to you she was interested in the educational side for when we go into the planning stage we're going work with (inaudible). Mr. Chastain did attend one of our meetings. We showed him the wording that he has written in there that identifies and I apologize, I don't have the exact wording but it's an (inaudible) clause I believe and he requested that we add a specific verbage that speaks of St. Bernard Village rental and we added that language and then he also suggested making sure we had that in the contract as well. Outside of that I'm sure it would, in terms of insurance, it would be the same as really any rental, you know, and whatever the City has set up. We have x amount of people coming in and, you know, obviously something can happen but, I mean, we have gone to different places that people are signing off on this and we need both ways.

Mayor Estep – Ms. Mosley is you're looking for volunteers, how could they contact you. If anyone would like to volunteer for a certain time on a certain day?

Laura Mosley – We have forms that we would like to be filled out with addresses and phone numbers and emails and they could be picked up at the JuJu Beans coffee shop. Contact myself or Carrie or anyone of us. Put a phone call in here and they can get word to us but we're open to anybody and everybody. Everybody's got some talent to bring to the young kids in our community.

Mrs. Brickweg – We also have the forms here at City Hall. The forms are right, I made copies for them, and like when you come into the front door where you see like the magazine rack there are forms there that people can pick up.

Mr. Kalb – I've been in favor of this since the beginning so obviously I'm still in favor of having the program here and us being supportive of them.

Mr. Asbach – So, you guys will get with the Mayor and sounds like it's good to go.

Carrie Emhoolah – So, we're good to go and get on the rental calendar? Okay, great, thank you very much.

<u>AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg</u> – I did have one question. Are we going to still continue to rent out the Teen Ceneter?

Mayor Estep – Yes.

Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor's office has prepared Resolution No. 1, 2018 for tonight's meeting. This is the annual Resolution that authorizes the use of Village funds for employees or other persons serving a public purpose. This Resolution is mainly used for the refreshments on Scouts nights and the Holiday Activities. The State Auditor requires the passage of this Resolution each year.

The Health Care Committee met this morning regarding changes to the Health Plan. The Fire Department does not have a vote count yet. The Committee will meet once again once the vote is complete. The Committee is also looking into inviting other venues to come to the meetings to help St. Bernard lower our health care costs.

The W-2's were sent out today via email. Please make sure to check your email and print your W-2's and to anyone that's listening, I have former employees, there W-2's were sent out the same way so they'll have to check their emails.

The Auditor's office is closing out the year 2017 and as soon as the year is ruled I will be prepare the year end spread sheets and distribute them.

On December 28, a \$500,000.00 investment matured and I invested the entire amount in Star Ohio.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Peck – Tonight at Council's direction I provided Ordinance No. 2, 3, and 4 they're numbered. Just to go over what they are again. Ordinance No. 2 authorizes the Service Director and the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Cincinnati Water Works for bill collecting of the fee and I believe this is the Ordinance that also has the agreement between the Village and the City for your reference there, attached to Ordinance No. 2, 2018. Ordinance No. 3 is authorizing the solid waste collection fee for residential accounts for 2018. And this is the Ordinance that you'll have to do every year to determine what do you want to charge. I believe you had indicated a \$15.00 a month fee. And then finally Ordinance No. 4, 2018, this is amending our Codified Ordinances to that affect 923.22 residential solid waste collection fee determining that dwelling units will be charged that fee or a fee. It allows the City to charge a fee and it also indicates that the fee will be subject to and Ordinance every year determining what the fee is. The Ordinances I do not believe were voted to be put on the table tonight. So, I think we'll have to do that at some point in this meeting for your special meeting in this month or however you guys want to do it but it's got to be voted on at the next either special council meeting or regular council meeting. That's it's first reading, my understanding is that it's going to go regular course so it will have a number of readings, three readings at least or at most and I did not put in the emergency language in there either so it will take thirty days to take affect.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – Can I make that motion to put that on the agenda since he already brought up about the Ordinance.

Mr. Asbach – I've got it.

<u>TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe</u> – Star Ohio account at the end of the year totaled \$2,304,960.08. In the Fifth Third Security account down at Fifth Third at the end of the year we had \$150,000.00. These numbers do not include the \$500,000.00 because as of the end of the year that was actually still in the checking account. It got moved over after the first of the year. So, that will be reflected in my next total. And then I will try to get together with the other investment committees and see if we want to move some of this money over to a couple of CDs at this point. I was talking with Fifth Third and they have 2% and a little bit over 2% and right now we get 1.41% at the Star Ohio. But we'll have to see what the Administration thinks as far as how much of a balance we want to keep available given our current financial situation.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – I have the St. Bernard Fire Department report for December 2017; There were 80 EMS details with 54 patients transported, Mutual Aid given 11 times to Elmwood Pl. which is actually very high for that one particular month. 2 times to Norwood, 1 to Golf Manor. Mutual Aid was received 1 from Lockland, details of interest, 9 auto accidents, 5 unconscious patients, 4 non-breathing patients, 2 psychiatric emergencies and 1 over dose. Fire run detail for December; 49 fire details. Mutual Aid given 5 times to Elmwood, 1 to Norwood. Mutual Aid received 1 from Norwood and details of interest, 2 building fires, 1 carbon monoxide incident, 1 pedestrian struck. I have the actual totals for the entire year of 2017; there were 1013 EMS details with 589 patients transported. Mutual Aid given; 47 times to Elmwood which is less than half of what it was before, 16 times to Norwood, 6 to Cincinnati, 9 to Golf Manor, 4 to Springfield Twp., 1 to Reading, 3 times to Lockland. Mutual Aid received; 2 from Norwood, 1 from Cincinnati and 2 from Golf Manor. Details of interest; 65 auto accidents, 40 unconscious patients, 12 overdoses, 29 non-breathing patients and 22 psychiatric emergencies. Fire run detail for 2017; there were 465 fire details. Mutual Aid given; 11 times to Elmwood, 5 to Norwood, 2 to Deer Park/Silverton, 9 to Golf Manor, 2 to Delhi, 3 to Reading, 3 to Cincinnati and 1 to Springfield Twp. Mutual Aid received for fire details; 8 times from Norwood, 6 from Cincinnati, 5 from Gold Manor, 8 from Springfield Twp. 5 from Elmwood, 5 from Wyoming, 1 from Lockland and 1 from Evendale. Details of interest; there were 18 Structure fires, 19 outside fires, 2 cooking fires, 8 chemical releases, 3 cars into building, 4 flammable liquid spills and 2 elevator rescues.

Also, I wanted to take an opportunity to extend a big thank you to the Tempel family for decorating the lobby of the St. Bernard Safety Center in memory of Lt. Bill Tempel who lost his battle with cancer last fall. The Tempel family donated all of the decorations and took the time to spread the Christmas cheer by decorating the lobby just as Bill would have done.

Also, I would like to cover some brief CIC business. The CIC will be offering several lots and homes that will be advertised on the village website hopefully within the month. 4509 Vine St. Wil also be listed with instructions on how to submit plans and bids for this property.

Lastly, the St. Clement Athletic Booster Cornhole Tournament will be held next Saturday from 6:00pm to midnight. This is a luck of the draw tournament with registration starting at 6:30pm and play at 7:00pm. Registration is \$10.00 with food provided and you are welcome to bring your own adult beverages. This event supports the Michael Weidner Athletic Awards that are given at graduation. <u>SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Paul</u> – I would like to welcome the new Council members and wish everyone a wonderful new year.

At this time, I have nothing to report.

To My Community,

Our New Year's Resolutions always lean toward our physical wellness when actually there are seven dimensions of wellness to maintain a good quality of life. We need to practice the six others also. Like our emotional, intellectual, spiritual, social, occupational and environmental wellnesses. We must strive to keep all of these balanced. If one goes awry, the others will suffer. Yes, I have chosen. I will be working on occupational and emotional wellness. At this time in my life, somehow, I feel they need attention. Wish me luck, as I do you.

TAX COMMISSTIONER/ADMINISTRATOR, Mr. Moore – I should have the December numbers and the year end numbers for tax receipts to you by the next meeting. My only other point is we need somebody to take Bob Culbertson's place on the Tax Review Board. Just to refresh your memory a little bit, the Tax Review Board is a three-member board that would review any decisions that we make in the Tax Office. It does not meet on a regular basis. It only meets when someone asks for it and wants somebody to look at a decision we made. So, if you know anybody who might be interested please have them contact the Tax Office and, you know, we'll go from there.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte</u> – I was going to report on the Health Care Committee today but Peggy had a report on that so don't want to go into details on that. My first Town Hall meeting for 2018 will be Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00pm in Centennial Hall.

I would like to thank Sue for doing the excellent job on my lengthy report Inauguration Day.

<u>SAFETY, Mr. Ray Culbertson</u> – The next Block Watch meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30pm at the Safety Center.

<u>SERVICE, Mr. Siefert</u> – The Service Department report for December, 2017; 14 trucks placed at residences, 15 dumpsters placed at residences, 119 special pickups at residences, 162.49 tons of garbage taken to the landfill, 34.73 tons of recycling material and 1,360 pounds of scrap metal. And I'd also like to thank Mike Wiedman for inviting me down to the Service Department and giving me the day to day update on what the guys do. Since I'm reading the service report I want to know what's going on and how they work down there. I really want to send a big thank you to all our Service Department employees. They were out in below 5 degree temperatures the other morning picking up our trash and salting sidewalks and that is really appreciated.

<u>PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Bob Culbertson</u> – On January 16 the CIC will be holding a meeting in the lower level of the building. I encourage everybody that has an interest in the CIC to stop down and get involved with that meeting.

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

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Kalb - No report.

MARKETING, Dr. Chastain – At this time the Marketing Committee continues to meet and they work closely with CIC. To kind of reiterate a little bit what Jonathan was saying, there are some movement on some small square footed lots. We're trying to get some interest from neighbors who want to extend their yardage. There is apparently some interest in some of the land bank or at least one of the land bank properties were turned over and potentially we could give back, the CIC could give back and move on to other individuals that have a proposal in place. The 4509 Vine, they're going forward with their request for a proposal type set up and the Marketing Committee is hoping to put together, based on other templates that are already out there, request for proposal templates. That does slow down the process of moving that a little bit but it does give more say into what's going to be in that location and make sure it's getting for what we're trying to do going forward. There's work to, not necessarily to improve the web site, but to add some content, potentially an email newsletter that goes out and then post it to the Village website and we're going to try to make an effort to help Heidi on like error corrections, broken links, different things like that. So, just small things that we can do that don't cost anything, that will help the Village going forward.

Marge wanted me to mention again that she's working on an old-time baseball game. We'll have to get with her on the exact date and time, but she's really, really trying hard to have a car show to coincide with that old-time baseball game. So, if you know any car enthusiasts or people that would be able to organize and help with that I think she would be, she might be, she would be very, very happy.

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

Committee of the Whole

Dec. 21, 2017

1. Council approved the minutes of the Dec 7th Council meeting.

2. There was a discussion about the communication from the P.I.T.A. group about the food truck that was placed on Village property. Mr. Peck stated that any agreement for lease or sale of Village property will be brought to the Law Director for review before it is advertised.

3. Mayor, John Estep

a. Said that he missed the health care meeting today because he is having issues with his Village email and didn't get the message. He asked to be contacted at <u>mayorestep@yahoo.com</u>.

b. Talked about the budget and having an external audit. He said to have a meeting with everyone and agree to implement whatever the audit says before the results come back on suggestions on how to save money.

4. Auditor, Peggy Brickweg

a. Talked about the health care meeting and said there will be increases to the deductibles as well as other items. There will also be a wellness program. She is looking at redoing the whole plan.

b. Reminded Council that Ord. # 36, line item reductions, was not real money, but unused budgeted amounts.

c. Asked that the Resolution for refreshments be placed on the table for the Jan. 4th Council meeting. Council voted 7-0 to place it on the table.

5. Law Director, Mike Peck

a. Addressed the communication from the P.I.T.A. group about the audio version being the official minutes of the meetings. He stated that section 3 of the Ordinance will be removed. It was decided that the other communications will be discussed at the Jan. 18th COW meeting.

6. Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell

a. Reported that Mr. Paul Myers will be resigning Jan.17, 2018 from the Building Department. He will work on the direction that will be taken in the future by the department, but will use outside sources for now. He will work with Civil Service to dissolve the Planning and Development Director and just go with a Code Enforcement Officer.

7. Service Director, Tom Paul

a. Reported that the Moeller Ave. project is complete.

b. Said that he is getting paperwork from downstairs on easements and other items for the school construction project and hopes to have them addressed soon.

c. Answered questions about the parking situation for the school construction. Discussions are still going on with the school.

8. Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Rick Moore

a. Gave Council the November numbers.

b. Announced that the new Tax Clerk is Christopher Koonce and he will start on 12-26-17.

c. Told Council that the Refund Ordinance that was just passed for payment to a business will have to be split. There will be a payment this year of about \$99,000 and \$143,000 will need to be paid next year. Council voted 7-0 to place the Ordinance on the table for the Jan 4th Council meeting.

d. Addressed the credits on the books that came up at the finance meeting the other night. The businesses make quarterly payments that are applied to those credits.

9. Finance, Don Tobergte

a. Reported that the Finance Committee has been meeting to work on the 2018 budget. At this week's meeting Mayor Estep said that Dial-a-Ride would end effective February 1, 2018. It was also mentioned that the new hours for the Fitness Center will be Mon-Fri pm-1pm and 4pm-8pm. Saturday 9am-1pm and closed on Sunday. He also recommended contracting with Rumpke for trash pickup. There was a lot of discussion concerning the savings of laying off four Service Department employees. Don suggested using reserves next year to bridge the gap until we see what the new contracts with Fire, Police and Service Departments are like. There wasn't enough support to make that happen. Mr. Paul was asked to revisit the trash fee. Don talked to Mr. Peck today and the fees are not considered a tax, so a vote of the residents is not required. The fees would have to be passed by Ordinance on a yearly basis. This might not have enough support to pass. Don asked for Council and Administration for direction on the budget. He would prefer to take the money out of reserves, but would vote for the trash fee for one year to bridge the gap since the fee has to be renewed on a yearly basis. There is a penalty of \$100 a month if we wish to break the five year contract at some point. Once the figures are finalized he will email them to the Council members for review so the budget can be passed on 1-1-18.

b. The meeting was opened up to the audience for thoughts on the budget and about 10 residents talked about the following items: Rumpke for trash, the Fire Department since it was mentioned that the departments might think about giving back 2% to help out with the budget, health care cost and the bond payments, that it felt like the trash fee was to pay for Council's mistakes in the past for purchasing properties that they shouldn't have, doing in house billing for the trash fee instead of paying the Water Works, a question about who get the tax money first when the construction on the new school starts and it will be the Village, the fact that some of the seniors don't drive and it will be hard for the m to make it to the senior meetings on Wednesday, and about the fees for the residents of the condos, which are covered because they pay for the dumpsters that the Village already picks up.

c. Reported that he attended the health care meeting and it appears that progress is being made by the departments working together.

d. Thanked Patty Hausfeld for her years of service to our Village on Council. He also wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

e. A motion by Mr. Kalb, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to place the Trash Ordinances on the table passed 7-0.

10. Public Improvements, Patty Hausfeld

a. Wished the new Councilpersons good luck and thanked the residents for their support over the years.

11. Other members of Council thanked Ms. Hausfeld for her years of service.

12. A resident had some follow up questions for Mr. Peck, but since he left earlier because of illness they will be answered at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Asbach

President of Council, Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS

12/17/2017 Members of Council Village of St. Bernard 110 Washington Avenue St. Bernard, OH 44217

Dear Members of Council:

Could you please explain the official procedures and timeline, as provided under the Ohio Revised Code, the Village Charter, and any applicable ordinances currently in effect, for crafting and finalizing the annual budget for the Village? Specifically, we'd like to know:

• What, according to law, are the Mayor's obligations and duties in the budget preparation process?

- What, according to law are the Council's obligations and duties in the budget preparation process?
- What, according to law, are the Auditor's obligations and duties in the budget preparation process?
- How do other department heads, officers, and public officials contribute to budget preparation?

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to your response. Sincerely,

Nicole R. Klungle	Sarah Helton
551 Church St.	116 Delmar Avenue
St. Bernard, OH 45217	St. Bernard, Oh 45217

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to receive and file and provide a copy this with the Law Director so he can address some of these issues according to his time line as it refers to what according to law.

REMARKS

Mr. Peck – Just to remind Council that it's my obligation to provide Council, answer Council or Administration's questions regarding the law. And I'm happy to do that so, if you want me to answer these questions I'm going to ask you to follow-up if I had a record of which one of you or all of you want me to answer those questions then I will provide a written response to you. But I'd like that to be clear so I know exactly who I'm giving legal advice to. Is that OK?

Mrs. Brickweg – I'm fine with answering my part. Basically, and I can kind of do a little bit because I was on Council and, I'm going to be honest, we have received emails, it's the Mayor's responsibility to prepare the budget and give it to Council forty five days for them to review and then they can go over it and work on the budget in that time. Once the budget is in and Council has agreed on the budget they will pass it on, it's not my responsibility but I just go ahead and type it up because I'm going to need it anyway so, it's easy for me to do that so I do prepare it by typing the spread sheet and then I also type the Ordinance. After I get the budget I enter all those numbers into our software so we have all the appropriations. I also file the estimated resource report which is due at the County at the end of January which estimates what we have for revenue, what our expenditures are and to say that we're not going to over spend. I also have to amend that periodically through the year and then in the summer, I help prepare the summer budget which is a projected budget and then I have to fill out different reports and also submit that to the County and when that comes back and they approve the rates, I make a Resolution and give that to Council to approve. So that's kind of what the Auditor does with the budget.

The motion to receive and file the communication passed 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to read this evening's Resolution and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2018. AUTHORIZING THE USE OF VILLAGE FUNDS TO PURCHASE MEALS OR REFRESHMENTS FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

OR OTHER PERSONS AS SERVING A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Kalb to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 1, 2018.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte – I'm going to ask Mr. Peck, first Peggy, I assume this covers Seniors also? Do the Seniors buy their lunch with city money?

Mrs. Brickweg – I've never been asked that question, I would assume it does. We give them a budget and they might buy food with that money so, yeah.

Mr. Tobergte – So for Mike, my understanding, the Seniors, I think we pay so much to the caterer for the meals, if they charge their people per meal. Is that illegal? If we give them money

Mr. Peck – I don't understand.

Mr. Tobergte – We pay for the meal, the meal comes through the Auditor's office, we paid the caterer, then it's my understanding the Seniors charge each member x number of dollars. If we provide the meal for free, can they still charge them?

Mr. Peck – I'll look into it and follow up with you Don, how about that.

The motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Resolution No. 1, 2018 as read. Motion passed 6-1. Mr Tobergte voted no.

Mr. Asbach – I know it was my mix-up at COW, I know we discussed the Trash Ordinances, but somehow we decided to look up the report earlier this evening and they were not mentioned. So, they will be, I think Mr. Tobergte will be making a motion under Old Business on those. Also, Resolution, since it was up there, Ordinance No. 5, the Ordinance dealing with the vacating a portion of Jackson Ave. Will not be read this evening. It was not put on the, it was not voted on by Council, so all of those items will be discussed at COW. So, at this time we will move to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte - I would like to make a motion we have a Special Council meeting next Thursday, 7:00pm here in Council Chambers to give the first reading of Ordinances No. 2, 3, 4, 5.

Mrs. Bedinghaus – I'll second that.

Motion to have a Special Council meeting passed 7-0.

Mr. Tobergte – Just so I can explain a little bit, my rational is to have a special meeting next Thursday. That way it will be the first reading. Then people can express their opinion, they can express their opinion next week, at the COW and two weeks later. The second reading of the Ordinance will take place at the regular

Council meeting so that then there will be three meeting to express their opinion on these Ordinances.

Mr. Asbach – Just to clarify, we will have a special meeting next Thursday at 7:00pm. COW will be the following week on the 18th at 7:00pm followed by the February meeting.

Mr. Tobergte – To help understand, Marge has been bugging me, she wants to have a grant writer to write a grant to fix up the old police station. She's under the impression the police station is going to be turned into to Historical Society. I personally would rather see it sold. I'm just wondering what's your opinion.

Mayor Estep – I agree with you. I don't think, it's a waste of valuable space and property. Nothing against the Historical Society but I think maybe we can find room elsewhere. I'd rather see if we could sell the police station and we've shown it to several people. It's a tough sale. But we'll keep on

Mr. Tobergte – You might want to get with Marge because she's under the impression that it's going to be theirs so.

Mayor Estep – Okay.

Mr. Tobergte – Any more word on the grant writer? We talked about that about six months ago. Are we still looking for one or.....

Mayor Estep – We're still looking. We didn't get a call back from officer that was here from Golf Manor. We called him, he didn't call us back. If anybody knows of a grant writer out there, we could surely use one. One that's affordable. There's grant writers out there but they cost.

Mr. Tobergte – And also on short notice, this contract coming up, are we going to, we're talking about looking at an attorney, we start looking for an attorney for that or.....

Mayor Estep – Yeah, we looked at the previous one, the one we used a few years ago because they didn't use one last time I don't think. But we plan on using, we may need some money in that line item for legal and I got with Mike because I think he knows the previous group that we used.

Mr. Tobergte – Then the last one of my questions for Kelly and Jonathan you both kind of gave conflicting reports on, I think it was 4509 Vine. You said the CIC was going to come up with a marketing plan, a proposal and then Kelly said the Marketing Committee will do the same thing.

Dr. Chastain – I don't think it was a conflict. He said proposal and I said a request for a proposal.

Mr. Tobergte - (inaudible) He's not Marketing Committee, correct?

Dr. Chastain – Oh no, no, no, no, no. All the Marketing Committee does is for free they try to get templates and help out with like administrative capacity like a secretary would.

Mr. Stuchell – We actually have an advisor on our Board that actually is head of the Marketing Committee. He's been working with us throughout this. It is a partnership, but it is guided by the CIC. It's not governed by them they are assisting us.

Mr. Ray Culbertson – To back up to something Peggy said in her report, I guess the whole thing with the Health Care Committee is the Fire Department needs more time to vote? Is it a week, two weeks, a month?

Mrs. Brickweg – No, no, no. They have to pay, it was a long story but it was somehow how it was posted, so they have to repost it however it was posted it might just be a week, 7 days. So, we already had a (inaudible) we're going to meet on the week of, I think it's the 16th. So, yeah it's not that far off.

Mr. Kalb – Just so everybody is aware that next Thursday I do work a 24 hour shift. I will try to get coverage that night so I can attend the Council meeting but I was not aware until this evening that we were going to have a Special Council meeting next Thursday. So, I have to work on getting off work.

Mr. Stuchell – I hope this is the right time. As far as, at the end of last year we actually distributed an Ordinance regarding the sidewalk cafes. It was not discussed appropriately in advance. I would like to revisit that and put that back on the agenda for the COW meeting if possible. It was more like the sidewalk café ad actually Mr. Tobergte had it.

Mr. Asbach – It should say Ordinance No. 31, 2017. My memory is not gone yet. Thank you that will be on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Stuchell – Do I need to go to the microphone?

Mr. Asbach – You're good there.

Mr. Stuchell – I wanted to make a quick announcement regarding the St. Clement Athletic Booster Cornhole Tournament. It will be held this next Saturday, 6:00pm until midnight. It's a luck of the draw tournament with reservations starting at 6:30pm and play the game at 7:00pm. Registration is \$10.00 with food provided and you are welcome to bring you own coolers with adult beverages. This event does support the Michael Weidner Athletic Award which is given annually to two graduating eighth graders who are moving on to further education in a parochial school. Again, if you have any question or anyone would like to register, they are welcome to call me at 543-7780. And this again will be held in the gym at St. Clement.

Tom Rolfsen, 30 Clay – This is for Jonathan. Wasn't the CIC having elections coming up at this next meeting?

Mr. Stuchell – Correct. There has to be some clarification. I'm going to contact the people that were interested, there has to be some clarification on the positions that are actually opening but yes, the elections will be held on the 16th.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, January 18th with a Special Council meeting next Thursday, January 11 both at 7:00pm.

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