

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

The St. Bernard Village Council meeting was held Thursday, November 8, 2018 in Council Chambers.

A moment of silence was held for former Councilperson, Dianna Schildmeyer, who passed away yesterday and to keep her family in your prayers.

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. Burkhardt, Mrs. Bedinghaus, Dr. Chastain, Mr. Ray Culbertson and Mr. Siefert.

Mrs. Bedinghaus made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Burkhardt seconded the motion. Council agreed 7-0.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Estep – I know we had a moment of silence but I ask everybody to keep the Schildmeyer family and all their friends in their prayers. This was a terrible thing.

The Department Heads meeting will be scheduled for this Wednesday after about three weeks scheduling. We're trying to pick a date where everybody can be there. I know everybody is busy so hopefully we'll have everybody this Wednesday at 4:00pm.

Thank you to the Fire Department for removing the tree on October 20 in the old sub. I got a call from a couple of people who live up there saying they couldn't get into the sub and the Fire Department showed up with one chain saw and they called the Service Department and the Fire Department said they could get another chain saw and they stayed and removed the whole thing and cleared the way for everybody who live up there. So, they went above and beyond as usual. So, thanks again to the Fire Department.

Thank you to Mr. Herb Schell and Mrs. Angie Schell for the lunch they provide to the Service Department every year. But, also thank you for delivering the coffee and donuts to the Police, Fire Departments as well as City Hall last week. They

showed up at my house at 8:00am and told me what they were doing and they did a great job. They deserve a lot of credit.

Another great job last week, we attended the Cincinnati Reds Stadium, but I have to give the credit to Paul Schildmeyer and Tommy Paul because of the work they've been doing with the Reds Organization and Proctor and Gamble and the funds we're going to receive to renovate and refurbish the things at Ross Park.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor's office provided Council and the Administration with the end of November, 2018 Expense and Revenue spreadsheets and Cash Fund Report. The year to date expenses were \$9,827,376.89 and the revenues were \$11,107,475.77. Year to date the revenues are \$1,280,098.88 over the expenses.

The Auditor's office has prepared Ordinance 35, 2018 for Council's vote. It authorizes the Auditor to provide \$50,000.00 additional appropriations to 01-2-E-3 Tax Refunds and \$160,000.00 to 01-2-O-13 Service Department Equipment Outlay for the purchase of a new packer. It also authorizes the moving of \$30,000.00 from 01-6-A-1 Police with \$20,000.00 going into 01-6-A-13 Police Equipment Outlay and \$10,000.00 going into 01-6-A-11 Police Clothing.

I would like to ask Council to suspend with the regular course of the meeting at the start of new business and to open the floor for the discussion of appropriations needed this year and for next year's budget. The reason I need them discussed tonight is because there is a deadline regarding the 2019 Healthcare decisions which will occur before the next COW.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Peck – Mayor's Court has been running at anywhere from two to two and a half hours. So, it does come as a relief to hear that the Tax Department along with the Police Department are considering using a collection agency for these tax cases. They are about 75% of our caseload in Mayor's Court which does indicate that the department is doing a great job. But it also means that the hours are taking the Court quite a bit of time. So, that is going to come as a relief to us and I think it is a great idea and I think it will make Court much more efficient.

This is for the public, a couple of websites which are very helpful regarding self-help tools for legal aid use. Avoidforclosureohio.org. I have come across this website in my advice to clients. It's very informative, a lot of self-help tools and resources to avoid foreclosure and to help during foreclosure if you find yourself in that unfortunate predicament. So, I strongly recommend that website also. Remember Post Seniors is a great resource to find drafting tools for power-of-

attorney regarding healthcare and financial power-of-attorney as well as simple wills. I'm not trying to put any lawyers out of business, however, I know people like to save money with regard to these issues and those are great resources. Especially for seniors. So, I want to promote those and remind people that they are out there.

Finally, I'd like to just say God Bless Dianna Schildmeyer. May she rest in peace. She was a great neighbor, great friend and a true advocate for the people of the Fourth Ward.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I gave everyone a copy of the statement from Star of Ohio. At the end of October the City's balance stands at \$3,443,062.64. And the current rate as of October 31 is 2.3%.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – I have the monthly report for the month of October for the St. Bernard Fire Department; as far as fire details there were 39 fire incidents including 4 structure fires, 1 non-structure fire, 5 auto accidents, 4 hazmat incidents, 8 service calls and 17 other calls for service. Mutual aid given' 1 to Cincinnati 1, to Little Miami, 1 Norwood and 1 to Colerain. Mutual aid received; 1 from Elmwood, 1 from Norwood, 1 from Little Miami, 1 from Springfield Twp. And 1 from Wyoming. EMS details for the month; there were 72 details with 52 patients transported and 19 non-transported. Mutual aid given; 8 to Elmwood, 1 to Norwood, and 1 to Cincinnati. Details of interest; 5 non-breathers, 2 unconscious, 1 overdose and 6 auto accidents. Mutual aid received 1 from Little Miami and 1 from Lockland.

Activities for the month for the Fire Department:

- hose testing continued
- Hydrant painting continued
- Annual home inspections completed
- Assisted with cruise-in @ Wiedemann Brewery
- Over 20 Fire Education classed hosted at St. Clement, St. Bernard Elementary, Head Start, St. Clement Preschool and CAP.
- Hosted RAT (Rapid Assistance Team Training) with Cincinnati Fire Dept.
- Hosted Hamilton County USAR Team Meeting
- Participated in Halloween Campout, passed out candy.
- Conducted fire extinguisher training
- Hosted Joint CERT Training with Green Twp. And Springfield Twp.
- Participated in Roger Bacon Homecoming Parade
- Participated in High Rise Operations Training with Norwood Fire Dept.
- Conducted Engineer Promotion Assessment and Interviews

- Hosted Community CPR Class
- Conducted Auto Extrication Training
- Passed out candy throughout the community for Halloween.

Activities for November

- Continue hydrant winterization
- Repair broken hydrants.

Information Sharing

- On October 5 STBFD and Local #450 hosted Pink Ribbon Girls and presented them with a check for over \$1,000.00 from sale of Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirts
- Received a grant from the Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for an electronic reporting tablet.
- Completed and submitted the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of radios.
- Submitted a joint grant with Hamilton County for purchase of MDC's
- With the holidays upon us keep in mind that Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by the day before Thanksgiving and Christmas Day and then Christmas Eve. Be sure to never leave cooking unattended and always keep an eye on children while cooking.

I would like to wish Patrol Officer Shawn McCreanor the best of luck with his new position with the West Chester Police Dept. We will miss him, and I would like to thank him for his service to the Village of St. Bernard.

As a reminder to the citizens that the annual Christmas in St. Bernard will be held on Saturday, December 1 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Come and get your picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. They will be riding around the village in the afternoon to see all of the kids. The holiday light contest sponsored by the Village Positive Action Committee will also take place from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Trolley rides will be available for you to view all of the homes. The winner will be determined by who gets the most votes by the number of canned goods that the participating homes have collected during the judging time. All the canned goods will be donated to the St. Clement Food Pantry to help those in need. So, why not come out and enjoy the holiday season in this wonderful community.

All members of Council and the Administration are encouraged to attend and any help that you are able to give would be greatly appreciated.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Paul – We will be running the sweeper for longer hours during the day due to so many leaves in the gutters. Excuse our noise and this will only be for a couple of weeks. This will not cause any overtime. The

leaver will also be out for the piles of leaves put out to curb. Remember it can be helpful to bag or can them also. Thanks!

On November 5, 2018, it was announced that the Reds Community Fund will take the lead on a special field renovation project in 2019. Ross Park will receive a new synthetic infield, upgrades to the outfield, plus a renovation of the bleachers, concession stand and surrounding park. The renovated ballfield will be designed as an homage to the original “Palace of the Fans” baseball park where the Reds played from 1902 through 1911. MSA Architects will oversee the design and construction of these unique elements. Their rendition of the field was spectacular. The contract signing for the grant money will be late November to mid-December, then the major work will begin late May until mid-August. Recreation Department will do the best they can for scheduling of events. However, upper Ross Park will be closed for the majority of the baseball season.

The new school project is on hold until late December. Their first bids were over budget.

To my Community;

You know when you feel that happiness is just around the corner, just through the bars, out of reach or if I only had this or that I would be happy, you may be misunderstanding yourself. Happiness is a state of mind. You will never make it around the corner and you will waste precious time trying to figure out how to reach it. Work on positive thinking mixed with loving feelings and you will not find yourself behind the bars of despair needing this and that but rather you will be encapsulated in your realm of happiness.

TAX COMMISSIONER/ADMINISTRATOR, Mr. Moore – I put the revenues for October in your mailboxes today. If you have any questions, let me know.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – First I want to thank all the candidates around the country who put their personal life on hold to run for political office..

My next townhall meeting will be Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00pm in the lower level of City Hall.

I will be attending next weeks’ department head meeting to get their help in finalizing next years’ budget.

SAFETY, Mr. Ray Culbertson – I’m following what John and Mike said. My thoughts and prayers are with the Schildmeyer and families at this time. Especially her three children. She will be sorely missed.

I'd like to announce that the next Block Watch meeting will be Thursday, November 15 at 6:30pm. We will be welcoming Derek Setters back into the Block Watch group.

SERVICE, Mr. Siefert – I have the Service Department report for October, 2018. There were 32 trucks placed at residences, 19 dumpsters placed at residences, 217 special pick-ups at residences and 192.45 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. Recycling; 30.46 tons of recycling material and 1,180 pounds of scrap metal. I would like to remind the citizens that we will have our combo Service/Marketing meeting on Tuesday, December 4 with the Service meeting starting at 7:00pm and Marketing following that at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Bob Culbertson – Just to let everybody know that the CIC meeting is moved to November 27 at 6:00pm. I'll get with Heidi to update the website because it's still showing the November 21 date, but we did push that back because of the holiday.

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

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Burkhardt – I too would like to offer my thoughts and prayers to Dianna's family. During my eight years as Mayor, she was one of my biggest supporters and I wanted to thank her.

MARKETING, Dr. Chastain – No report.

Mrs. Kathman – The COW report has been emailed to Council and reads as follows:

Committee of the Whole

October 25, 2018

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

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to approve the written minutes of the October 11, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Estep – There was good news from the Cincinnati Reds Organization that Paul Schildmeyer and Tom Paul will report on.

The interview for the engineer for the fire house went well.

Reminded residents to be extra careful of the children, especially on Halloween.

Auditor, Mrs. Brickweg – Explained Fund Accounting in comparison to our home budget. She also informed Council that the County had to approve any changes to any funds.

Mr. Stuchell said that the Rehab fund was still available and it could be advertised better. Council would have to make additional appropriations to the bank to use that money.

Safety Director, Mr. Stuchell – Wished the engineer candidates for the Fire Department the best of luck. St. Clement Festival Committee reimbursed the Village \$1,666.77 for damage to the field during the festival.

Congratulated Mr. Tobergte as his son is now a Blue Ash Fireman.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance and the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project. Motion passed 5-0.

Service Director, Mr. Paul – The gas pumps went out. They were fixed but monitoring is still a problem. We are monitoring them visually by camera. To fix this would cost \$10,000.00.

The “Grant of Easement” for the St. Bernard Safety Center property is okay to proceed on. We would like to buy the less expensive packer because the boys are more familiar with this type of packer.

The parking in front of City Hall is opened again because the new school project has been placed on hold.

A grant, a donation and the Cincinnati Urban Reds development team, headed by Charlie Frank, made the dream of fixing Ross Park a reality. Paul Schildmeyer and

Tom Paul initiated the entire negotiation and are very excited to announce the St. Bernard Ross Park Ball Field is the number one project for the year 2019.

Mr. Paul reiterated that St. Clement paid for damages that occurred to the Vine St. Park during the festival.

The tree on McClelland has been left too long and he will take care of that tomorrow.

We need Resolution No. 5, 2018 for the SCIP program.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson to put the SCIP funds Resolution on the table. Motion passed 5-0.

Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Mr. Moore – The chart showing revenue resources and expenses has been placed near the door of Council Chambers.

Requested an Ordinance to add \$50,000.00 to the refund line item.

A collection agency has been asked to help with the collection of delinquent municipal taxes and Mayor's court fees. Payment will only occur if they successfully collect anything. New policies have been added in the Tax Department. No payment plans will be offered. Mrs. Brickweg will set up a new line item.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to add additional appropriations of \$50,000.00 for refunds on the table. Motion passed 5-0.

Finance, Mr. Tobergte – Thanked Tom Paul and Paul Schildmeyer for their work getting the funds for Ross Park.

The next Town Hall meeting will be Tues., November 13 at 7:00pm in the lower level of City Hall.

Asked if Council wanted to place money in Capital Improvement Fund for equipment or major expenses. A fund for this already exists. It was decided to order a packer for the Service Department.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Siefert to order a packer for the Service Department and to add the appropriation to the Ordinance for the tax refunds. Motion passed 5-0.

Safety, Mr. Ray Culbertson – Thanked Paul and Tom for their work on getting the Reds Community funds project going.

Congratulated Mr. Asbach on his retirement from Coca Cola after 40 years of service.

Service, Mr. Siefert – The waste collection fee numbers for September; \$24,748.59 was received. Annual waste collection fee for 2019 should be around \$294,000.00. The waste collection fee was reviewed at the last meeting and four tier waste fee systems were examined.

The next meeting is canceled because of Election Day and the next meeting will be Thursday, December 4 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson – The next CIC meeting will be November 26 in the lower level at 6:00pm.

Marketing, Dr. Chastain – The Newsletter went out. It contained wise words and important events. We encourage everyone to click the button at the bottom of the Village website to subscribe.

The Women's Club Scholarship will be on November 12.

There is a preschool story time every Wednesday at the Library.

The November 6 combined meeting of the Service Committee and Marketing Committee is changed to Tuesday December 4. Service meeting at 7:00 and Marketing at 7:30pm.

Audience:

1. The money for the trash collection fee is in the General Fund. It is used for the Service Department.

2. The information for the low interest loans will be provided to the residents.

First State is in charge of this program. They will reestablish a relationship with this program and the information will be provided to the public.

3. A resident was concerned with the Noise Ordinance and the Police Chief will discuss this with him.

4. Tom Paul and Paul Schildmeyer were thanked again for their work for Ross Park.

5. Special events for profit organizations were brought into question. A fee

for setting up booths will be considered in the future.

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

Council convened after Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to put into Ordinance form to accept the Police contract. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution and Ordinances for the next meeting:

1. Resolution to approve the SCIP funds.
2. Ordinance appropriating funds for tax refunds and a new packer for the Service Department.
3. Ordinance for the Police contract.

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Because Thanksgiving is the 22nd of November, COW will be on November 29 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2018. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 5, 2018. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2018 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 35, 2018. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND MOVE APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 35, 2018.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte – This Ordinance has been changed since the COW meeting. Section 2 was added. The Police line item regular pay line item can be divided up. The Police Equipment outlay and \$10,000.00 going to Police Court.

The motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to adopt Ordinance No. 35, 2018 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 36, 2018. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT MADE BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD AND ST. BERNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND LIEUTENANTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 36, 2018. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to adopt Ordinance No. 36, 2018 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 37, 2018. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT TO DUKE ENERGY ON VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD-OWNED REAL PROPERTY PARCEL NUMBER 582-0013-0177 KNOWN AS THE ST. BERNARD SAFETY CENTER AT 4200 VINE STREET

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING DUKE TO INSTALL A SUBSTATION;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 37, 2018. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Siefert to adopt Ordinance No. 37, 2018 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the regular order of business to turn the meeting over to Mrs. Brickweg to discuss the Health Care line item. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Brickweg announced a company is considering our employees to be fully insured which has never happened before. We are looking at United Health Care. Going fully insured provides for a locked in fixed cost. More explanation was given as to what the employees would be provided. The line item for the Health Care would be approximately 1.2 to 1.3 million dollars depending what plan the employees chose. She was asking Council on behalf of the employees if they would support this cost. All comments received on the proposal were positive in support.

Workmen's Compensation has changed their billing date to December 20, 2018. The amount is \$235,740.00. We did get \$137,000.00 rebate this year. We will need an additional appropriation Ordinance at the next Council meeting.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to move the COW meeting to Thursday, November 29.

The St. Bernard flag will be lowered on Tuesday, November 13 in respect for former Councilperson Dianna Schildmeyer.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, November 29 at 7:00pm.

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