

**ST. BERARD VILLAGE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

The Special meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held on December 17, 2019 in Council Chambers.

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, Mr. Schildmeyer, Mr. Ray Culbertson and Mr. Siefert.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the regular order of business. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Asbach – The Special meeting tonight is to discuss Ordinances Nos. 22, 23 and 24, 2019 as well as the 2020 budget.

Mr. Asbach – Could we have the second reading of Ordinance No. 22, 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2019. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED VILLAGE PROPERTY THROUGH HAMILTON COUNTY’S INTERNET AUCTION SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 22, 2019. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to adopt Ordinance No. 22, 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2019. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 23, 2019.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte questioned Mrs. Brickweg on 01-6879 Ross Park, \$25,000.00. Mrs. Brickweg stated it was still in the bank account and had nothing to do with next year's budget. This money cannot be used for anything else.

The motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 23, 2019 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2019. MERGING THE POSITIONS OF SERVICE DIRECTOR AND SAFETY DIRECTOR INTO ONE POSITION ENTITLED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND SAFETY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to suspend with the third reading of Ordinance No. 24, 2019.

REMARKS

Mr. Bob Culbertson questioned whether or not this was legal to pass an Ordinance that would affect the incoming Administration.

Mr. Peck stated there was no problem doing this.

Mr. Schildmeyer requested a timeline of when the list of hierarchy could be outlined.

Mr. Stuchell stated the merger will not affect the day to day operational structure, that would not change. A flow chart will be made available probably by the next COW meeting, but the job descriptions are being merged. The Mayor's secretary job is evolving and that level will change.

A question involving the compensation for the Mayor's secretary and the Tax Administrator was explained. These salaries would depend on who was awarded the job as secretary. The compensation of the Tax Administrator would remain the same.

The motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 24, 2019 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Mr. Stuchell for the budget discussion.

A lengthy explanation of the 2020 budget was presented by Mr. Stuchell. Council's inquiries on any line items were addressed to everyone's satisfaction by Mr. Stuchell and further information will be provided if questions should arise.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to put an Ordinance on the table for the Inauguration Meeting to accept this budget. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson to cancel the last COW meeting on December 26. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Peck – If this is our last meeting, I would like to take this time to thank all of you for being such great colleagues the last twelve years. I want to thank the people of St. Bernard for trusting me, putting their faith in me for the last ten or fourteen years. Thank you, guys.

Mr. Asbach – Inauguration Day will be Wednesday, January 1 at 3:00pm here in Council Chambers. The next Council meeting after that will be January 9 at 7:00pm and the next COW after that will be January 23 at 7:00pm. Those dates will be reiterated at Inauguration Day.

Mr. Tobergte requested Council to let him know by Friday if they were coming to the dinner.

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