

ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 28, 2020

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held May 28, 2020 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 all members present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Ray Culbertson, Mr. Schildmeyer, Mr. Bob Culbertson, Mrs. Bedinghaus, Ms. Miller and Ms. Hausfeld.

Mrs. Bedinghaus made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Ray Culbertson seconded the motion. Council approved 7-0.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Stuchell – I would like to apologize about the incomplete call command over the weekend as I did not know that you could actually time out. We had quite a lot of information regarding our recreation programs and the Aquatic Center so if you missed it you can view all of it on the Village website. I have to thank all of the great people who have been involved with making sure that we are able to have the summer and fall sports programs with the modifications due to COVID-19.

We are still not accepting hall or shelter rentals and I do not have a projected date of when that will start as mass gatherings are still not allowed. Once we feel that our facilities can be safely rented and maintained we will make them available. I appreciate everyone's understanding that this is not an option for us right now. There has not been a decision as to whether we will be able to have the German Luau. The committee is still continuing as though the event will be able to be held and we will update all of you as soon as a determination has been made. The St. Clement Festival is also in a holding pattern at this time and a decision has not been made for that event as well.

We have been working on the summer budget for Hamilton County and I will have it to you early next week. Peggy will be making the request for the public hearing. I really appreciate how everyone has been so cooperative and I truly appreciate the efforts of all of the department heads.

I would like to congratulate our 4 new members of the St. Bernard Fire Department. On Wednesday, May 20, I had the pleasure of swearing in Firefighter/Paramedic Casey Ballman, Charles Weghorn, Ben Stoeppel and Jeffrey

Martini, Jr. We could not be more fortunate to have a group of highly qualified Firefighter/Paramedics serving our community. A formal swearing in will be performed at a future council meeting once we can properly host it for their families. Also, I have made two conditional offers to fill the position of Patrol Officer in the St. Bernard Police Department. As these candidates complete the final stages of their pre-employment requirements, I will announce their names. I am truly excited about how both processes have gone, and I am very grateful to the leadership that we have in both the Fire and Police Departments.

The annual spring delivery of surplus household items to help Good Shepherd Church, Campton Kentucky:

Items needed: Food, such as cereal, canned goods, non-perishable items. Clean toys, clothes, kitchen utensils, donations.

When: Friday, May 29, 9:00-11:00 and 12:00-2:00.

Saturday, May 30, 3:30-5:30

Sunday, May 31, 9:00-11:00, and 12:00-2:00.

Where: Trucks will be located at the city parking lot behind La Rosa's.

While you are spring cleaning – your charitable gift is appreciated.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor's Office prepared Ordinance 9 and Resolution 4, 2020 for tonight's meeting. The Ordinance provides a transfer of \$500,000.00 into the General Bond Retirement Cash Account and \$500,000.00 into the Employee Health Plan Cash Account.

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homes and yards. The landfill tonnage has increased a lot. This is an estimate on the high side. We will review the line item this fall and decrease the appropriation if possible.

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Resolution 4, 2020 is the first step in the levy renewal process in case the levy does not pass in August. The Hamilton County Auditor and Board of Elections requires the entire process be completed before the August vote.

There will be a Public Hearing on June 11, 2020 starting at 7:00 PM, before the start of the COW meeting for the Projected 2021 Budget that will be sent to the County.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mrs. VanValkenberg/Walden - At my direction Heidi Culbertson forwarded a draft anti-discrimination Ordinance to the Mayor and Mrs. Bedinghaus for review by Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee. My apologies to the other members of that Committee. I will get it sent out to you this evening. I have been tied up with unexpected personal matters which required by immediate attention the past 2 days. As I discussed with Mrs. Bedinghaus, I'm available to meet with you and I believe she is scheduling the date for that so we can discuss the Ordinances.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have the Star-Ohio bank statement for the holdings that we have up there with the State of Ohio. At the end of April 30, 2020 our total there amounted to \$3,809,050.12. I have copies for anyone who wants one.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Paul – Absent (read by Mayor Stuchell) McClelland Ave. project will start in a week or two. Our team is meeting Tuesday for the final approach. This project will not take long. Finished deadline is July 17, 2020.

133 linear foot of curbs along Vine St. Will be replaced as well as the northside of Washington in front of City Hall.

I thought I would have the invoices for the open container garbage by today, but they did not arrive yet. I will keep you informed as soon as I get them, so we can

have a better idea about what we will need monetarily. At the very least, we should have a tidy Village.

There is no “To My Community” presentation.

TAX COMMISSIONER/ADMINISTRATOR, Ms. Helmes – Absent (Mr. Asbach reminded everyone that taxes are due July 15)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – The Village received \$25,591.10 for the garbage fee program in March. This brings the total for the first 3 months of this year to \$73,806.20.

Block Watch meetings are cancelled until further notice. I did speak to Chief Simos about replacing Officer Setters as the Police Representative to Block Watch. I am planning on hosting a meet the Candidate night before the November election, if we are able to do it in accordance with the Department of Health directives.

SAFETY, Mr. Ray Culbertson – I have the April Fire Department Report: there was a total of 40 fire incident which included 5 structure fires, 4 other fires, 2 auto accidents, 5 hazmat incidents, 6 service calls, 5 fire alarms and 13 EMS assists. Mutual aid was given: Norwood 1, Springfield Twp. 2, Elmwood Place 4, Mariemont 2, and Wyoming 1. Mutual aid was received 1 from Elmwood Place. There was a total of 97 EMS incidents: 39 transported and 58 non-transported. Mutual aid was given 17 times to Elmwood Place and 1 to Mariemont. I too would like to welcome 4 new Firefighters to the Village and wish them well. I would also like to thank Wilma Jennings. She has stepped down after 38 years of running the Cutters Edge Salon. I would like to welcome Chelsea Cocola who will now take over.

SERVICE, Mr. Schildmeyer – The combined report for April for the Service Department is as follows: there were 39 trucks placed at residences. 40 Dumpsters placed at residences, 373 Special pick-ups at residences, 207 Tons of garbage taken to the landfill.

Recycling report: 36 Tons of recycling material, 300 pounds of scrap aluminum, 10,450 pounds of scrap metal and 304 tires.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Bob Culbertson – The CIC met last week to discuss entering into an agreement with the 4509 Vine St. Property. After that meeting it was decided to accept one of the proposals that were submitted. So, look

for improvements and enhancements on that building. It was also decided to accept a bid on the Park Place property. So, look for construction to begin there soon. The next CIC meeting is June 16 at 6:00pm.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – As the Law Director, Valerie indicated, her and I did meet last week and we went over, she had a draft that we looked at for the anti-discrimination Ordinance. I want to thank her because she went through quite a few of reviews of cities anti-discrimination Ordinances and put together what she thought best fit our Village. It is rather long so I am going to request that we have a meeting on a different day than our COW or Council so that we can really walk and talk through this and then just get this done. So, we will be meeting Wednesday, June 3 at 6:00pm here in Council Chambers.

MARKETING, Ms. Miller – The village newsletter will go out Thursday June 4th and will have all meetings and events updated accordingly

The woman's club would like to announce their St. Bernard Woman's Club Annual Scholarships winners

Hannah Hackney will attend UC Blue Ash for Applied Graphic Communication

Kristen Cain will attend Ohio State University to study finance

Congrats ladies!

On that note the Village would also like to congratulate all seniors in our community and wish them all continued success in their future endeavors

The Village would like to welcome Chelsea Cocola as the new owner of Cutters Edge

I would like to remind the residents that dine in is available now with some limitations set by the CDC. Please continue to support our local businesses

The Village Recreation Department would like to thank the citizens for their patience regarding the reopening of many of our Village Recreation activities.

There is another sport sign up set for this Saturday May 30th from 11am to 2pm

ST BERNARD AQUATIC CENTER – the Aquatic Center will open for the season on Friday, June 5th. Hours for this season will be Weekdays Noon – 8pm, and Weekends/Holidays 11am – 6pm.

GYM/WEIGHTROOM – due to recent flooding issues, the weight room will remain closed until further notice. We will provide more information on this in the coming week.

FITNESS STUDIO – all adult fitness programs in the Fitness Studio will resume on Monday, June 1st.

ADULT LEAGUE SOFTBALL – adult leagues will start the week of June 1st.

SUMMER SWIM LESSONS – swim lessons will take place the weeks of July 6th/13th/20th at the St. Bernard High School indoor pool.

ARTS & CRAFTS – we be offered again this year beginning Monday, June 8th at Vine Street Park, and running every Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 10am – 2pm through July

TEE BALL – this year’s tee ball season will run on Monday/Thursday evening at Lower Ross Park from July 6th through July 30th.

And again, as a reminder

All these new guidelines are up for review and revisions at any time, per CDC and Hamilton County Health Department

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Ms. Hausfeld – After a successful 38 years, Wilma Jennings has stepped down from being the owner of The Cutter’s Edge Salon. She will remain as a hair stylist and mentor at the salon to the new owner Chelsea Cocola. Chelsea is so excited to be a part of this St. Bernard Community. She has been a hair stylist for 9 years. Under this new management she has already done a full remodel. Feel free to stop by to see the new Cutter’s Edge Salon and to wish Wilma and Chelsea a very happy and bright future.

I also have the Building and Zoning Department 2020 April Activities Report:

Building Activities

8 Residential permits

3 Commercial permits

Total fees for residential permits \$750.00

Total fees for commercial permits: \$630.00

Amount paid back to the Treasurer, State of Ohio (residential) \$7.50

Amount paid back to the Treasurer, State of Ohio (commercial) \$18.90

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

Committee of the Whole
May 14, 2020

Roll call showed that all members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Ray Culbertson, Mr. Schilemeyer, Mr. Bob Culbertson, Mrs. Bedinghaus, Ms. Miller and Ms. Hausfeld.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to approve the written minutes of the March 5, 2020 Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to place an ordinance on the table officially changing the COW meetings to the second Thursday of the month and Council on the fourth Thursday of the month. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Stuchell – During this unprecedented time our citizens, community partners, and village employees have come together to make the best of this situation. I also truly appreciate the efforts of Council during this event to relay the concerns of your constituents in your respective wards and for being on standby. Thank you to the businesses that were able to stay open to continue to provide for our residents and thank you for those who have supported them. As our other business partners such as salons and barber shops open back up, I ask that you please consider supporting them. I know that Don Tobergte surely needs it. Let's share the love! St. Bernard is a special place and there have been so many kind gestures during this event that need to be acknowledged. Our citizens, businesses, community organizations, and schools have been continuously providing positive reinforcement to help us get through this. We have also had so many generous donations for the benefit of our Fire, Police, and Service Departments that show that we truly have community partners. I personally would like to thank the following, businesses, community organizations and individuals:

Proctor & Gamble	55 gallons of hand sanitizer and 1000 face masks
Smuckers	400 N-95 masks
Matthew 25 ministries	Face masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfection wipe
Amanda Nielsen/Flower & Earth Handmade Soap	Hand sanitizing spray
Central insulation systems	20 N-95 masks
Michael Schrand	20 Tyvek isolation kits
Don Tobergte	4 boxes of N-95 masks
Anonymous donor	Case of Adora hand sanitizer
Village PAC	Envelope of cheer for all the village employees

As we are able to start allowing community organizations and activities to return in some capacity, we ask for your patience as we all look forward to returning to some sort of normalcy. Today the Governor announced that on May 26 that Gyms & Fitness Centers may open, limited contact sports and pools can open. Details about proper protocol and distancing will be forthcoming. It is our goal to have the Aquatic Center open for the first week of June as employees are currently being notified.

The German Luau Committee is actively working on planning another successful event where we can bring the community together to celebrate if the restrictions are lifted. The passage of Ordinance No. 8, 2020 is important so that the contract with the excavating company can be signed so that the work can be completed in time for the Luau. McClelland Avenue plays an important part in the placement of the mechanical rides so I appreciate your consideration. Unfortunately, I must announce that the Memorial Day parade and ceremony has been cancelled. We will announce an alternate date for the ceremony so that we can properly acknowledge those individuals who have given their lives for our freedom. It is a possibility that it could be moved to the Fourth of July or have it incorporated with the German Luau.

I would like to thank two Patrol Officers for their service to St. Bernard Police Department and the Village who recently transferred to other agencies. Derek Setters and Aaron Grant, thank you both and please know that you will be missed. Just to give you all an update on the police department hiring process, we are in the final stages where conditional offers will be made. Both vacancies will be filled from the recently certified eligibility list.

I would also like to congratulate the four new members of the St. Bernard Fire Department who will be sworn in next Wednesday. Firefighter/Paramedic Casey, Ballman, Charles Weghorn, Benjamin Stoeppel, and Jeffrey Martini, Jr. Once we feel that the appropriate ceremonial swearing in can be conducted their families will be invited to celebrate with us. I have to say that in my years of being involved in the hiring process, that the individuals on the certified eligibility list are outstanding and I couldn't be any more pleased.

With the recent turnover in our safety service departments, I have decided to form a committee to research the compensation levels in other departments by rank and experience so that we can make a proper comparison. With the upcoming contract negotiation for the Police Department in October I felt that we should look at where we stand in our step process. The Service Department contract expired in March but even before this public health emergency hit, I had already said that I would not move forward until after the end of the second quarter until I knew our financial position midyear. So, to the dedicated members of the Service Department please know that I have not forgotten about you.

For the Building Department, I would like to thank Robert Ostertag for his service to the village. You will be missed but I am confident that we are in good hands with Gerry Stoker and Jim McFarland. While I am on the subject of the Building Department, we are going to be updating our fee schedule to mirror that of Hamilton County.

The Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 28 at 7:00p.m. and the CIC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 will be open to the public. We ask that you please bring your own mask and practice proper social distancing as seating will be restricted.

Auditor, Mrs. Brickweg – (read by Mr. Paul) I am sorry I am not able to be at the meeting in person, due to illness. Tom will read my report and I will be watching the meeting on the internet and will be available for questions through Tom. I am sorry for this inconvenience.

The Auditor's Office provided the end of April 2020 revenue, expense and cash fund spreadsheets via e-mail to all of Council and the Administration. At the end of April, the revenues were up \$390,413.18 and the expenses were down \$113,314.98 compared to last year.

I would like to ask Council and the Administration to discuss Ordinance No. 9, 2020. It provides a transfer of \$500,000.00 into the General Bond Retirement Cash Account and \$500,000.00 into the Employee Health Plan Cash Account.

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Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson to place Resolution No. 4, 2020 and Ordinance No. 9, 2020 on the table for the Council meeting on May 26. Motion passed 7-0.

Law Director, Mrs. VanValkenberg/Walden - I would like to bring Council's attention to Ordinance No. 7, 2020 which authorizes solid waste trash collection fee for this year. It maintains the same amount as has been in years past. I would like to put that on the table for next Council meeting. Also, outdoor advertising has filed suit in Federal Court against the Village of St. Bernard. I have a copy of that if anybody wants to take a look at it. It is also online. They are saying our Ordinance is unconstitutional and we will be talking to our insurance carrier but I just wanted you to know this. It is in very, very early days. It was just filed at the end of April. We have plenty of time to file an answer. We are still awaiting a final decision from the Court there. I believe I mentioned previously that they found in our favor. Norton then filed an appeal to have this in trial Court at the Common Pleas level. I fully anticipate that the Common Pleas Court Judge will uphold our ruling. This is another way that they are attacking that. Alleging the constitutionality of our Ordinance, it is not really something that the Common Pleas Court has restriction over just because the mechanism by which the case got to that Court. So, that Court will not rule on that because that's Federal Court case and that's what they filed now.

The \$12,000.00 in the Auditor's report is for previous expenses.

The State of Emergency Ordinance will work itself out as the Governor lifts the stay at home order and declares the state of emergency is no longer in effect and should not be rescinded at this time.

We collect on the waste fee through the Water Works and it is ongoing. It is a five year contract and it is set up that we can do away with it or raise it. It was to go the full five years unless Council wanted to change it.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer to put the trash fee Ordinance No. 7, 2020 on the table for the next Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have the statement from First State Bank. Our total there at the end of April 30, 2020 was \$5,653.71.

Safety/Service Director, Mr. Paul – You have heard the Auditor’s report.

\$50,000.00 I was hoping to be on the high side but two days ago I received the last two weeks of April’s bill.

Average dollar amount for 2 weeks of solid waste (that which is picked up by the packers) is \$4,320.00. The first two weeks of April was \$5,116.43. The second two weeks was \$5,558.49.

Average dollar amount for 2 weeks of open container (curbside pickups by dump truck) is \$3,292.00. The first two weeks of April was \$9,042.26. The second two weeks was \$10,028.89.

For those of you who are unaware of how enforcement of our Ordinances work, I will explain. When private property is involved as in Shurfine and Dollar Tree, we as the Village cannot just go in and take their trash or clean up their property. If we did, we would be trespassing and following would come a claim that that was a good tire, mattress, etc. Communication has to occur through letters, then certified letters, then meetings and finally coming to conclusions. I have met with the owner of Shurfine who is allowing me to adjust the camera’s more toward the dumpster to help identify the illegal dumpers. They also intend to put four more cameras on the south side of the building. Dollar Tree refuses to meet because I reported them to Hamilton County Health. So, I called the owners of the property and Mayor Stuchell and myself met with the representative. He had ordered the cleanup which was completed immediately. I am now waiting for the email address of the property maintenance division of Dollar Tree Corporation. I have asked our police to make their presence a little more visible. It takes time.

Tax Commissioner, Ms. Helmes – The numbers for April were \$832,570.92. Tax refunds for April were \$7,522.55 and the Village is down 22.26% in tax revenue from April 2019. Due to the 7/15 extension to file only 28% of tax payers have filed their 2019 returns. The current municipal tax lawsuit, if you remembered that going on, it’s HB5 and HB49, the Ohio Supreme Court heard oral arguments virtually on Thursday morning on the lawsuit challenging its constitutionality of the centralized collection of municipal net profit income taxes as well as provisions in HB5, the 2014 municipal income uniformity bill. This lawsuit began in November, 2017 filed by 200 municipalities in Ohio. The lawsuit challenged the constitutionality of provisions of HB 49 which mandates that businesses be able to essentially file net profit income taxes to the State via the Ohio Business Gateway. The State then distributes the money, which usually takes about two months before we get it, with an added half percent fee back to the State. They are charging us a half percent to process these returns. St. Bernard has no ability to review these returns especially when the businesses request a refund. The 50% in common fee is

also issued for non-compliance for municipal request when not answered on the State's time schedule. The Supreme Court Justice questioned the State why they felt they could charge the half percent collection fee and questioned whether the State could charge whatever they wanted. Council representing our members made a strong case to the ability of the municipality to revenue collecting income tax and being protected by home rule. They also strongly contested the language regarding levy verses collecting the bill. A decision from the Court is expected within the next three to five months and at most before the end of the year. Questions were deferred until the end of the Special Council meeting.

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 14, 2020**

Mr. Asbach – The Special meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council that was scheduled for 7:30 to discuss Ordinance No. 8, 2020, the McClelland Avenue project will begin.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson to place Ordinance No. 8, 2020 on the table for this Special Meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 8, 2020. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RACK & BALLAUER EXCAVATING CO., INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 8, 2020.

REMARKS

Mr. Tobergte – As is stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance, the amount of \$239,604.45 for the entire project is to be paid for by Greater Cincinnati Water Works. This is for McClelland Ave. from Vine St. to Tower Ave. to be redone and includes a handicap walkway.

The motion to suspend passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to adopt Ordinance No. 8, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Asbach – That concludes the Special Council Meeting.

Ms. Helmes – Issue #7 which was just recently finalized today, in November of 2019 Cincinnati approved Issue #22. The passage of Issue #7 will result in an increase in sales tax up to 7.8% to Hamilton County. How does this affect St. Bernard? We currently allow 2.1% reciprocity for taxes paid to Cincinnati. This rate will drop to 1.8% beginning in October of 2020. The tax payers who work in Cincinnati will owe St. Bernard 3 tenths of 1%. If you make \$50,000.00 per year, 2.1% in tax is \$1,050.00. Those who work in Cincinnati will only pay 1.8% which is \$900.00 and they will owe the City of St. Bernard \$150.00 difference. It will increase our revenues by how much, I need to see the numbers. This will change the tax returns for many of our residents. So many that have filed in the past and it was a wash, then they would not owe St. Bernard any tax. Now they will owe the .03 to St. Bernard. Other cities such as Norwood, Amberly Village, Cheviot and Elmwood Place to name a few will be affected by this as well. Quarterly requirements will be discussed as things move forward in this pandemic. This will increase our revenue with research into a full year of tax returns.

Finance, Mr. Tobergte – I would like to thank Officer Setters, Grant and Bob Ostertag for their years of service to the Village.

Safety, Mr. Ray Culbertson – I too would like to thank Derek Setters, Aaron Grant and Bob Ostertag for their service to the Village and there will not be a Block Watch meeting until further notice.

Service, Mr. Schildmeyer – The combined report for March and April for the Service Department is as follows: there were 64 trucks placed at residences. 70 Dumpsters placed at residences, 716 Special pick-ups at residences, 400.98 Tons of garbage taken to the landfill.

Recycling report: 76.62 Tons of recycling material, 500 pounds of scrap aluminum, 17,030 pounds of scrap metal and 304 tires.

I would like to add that both St. Bernard Pub and Wiedemann will be open for business Friday, I believe, just to let everyone know that.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson – As the Mayor said earlier, the CIC will meet this coming Tuesday. Also, tomorrow is the deadline for anybody interested in the vacant Park Place lot. Get your applications in tomorrow.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mrs. Bedinghaus – I will be meeting with Valerie sometime this week and we will be going over the anti discrimination Ordinance

that we have in place and we will be going over this just to make sure that we have everything and we will move forward on that.

Marketing, Ms. Miller – I would like to let the citizens know that due to the stay at home order still in place for the State of Ohio that all Village events scheduled for May are cancelled. Outdoor dining is opening in Ohio effective 5/15 and dine in will be starting back on 5/21/20 with guidelines to follow as issued by the State of Ohio.

Local barber shops and salons are also able to start back up on 5/15. Please continue to support our local St. Bernard businesses.

I would also like to mention that the St. Bernard Women’s Club will be sponsoring a youth neighborhood art contest. (parents can help). If you are interested in participating email your name, address and phone number to cityclerk@cityofstbernard.org by May 20, 2020. The judging will take place on Saturday, May 23, 2020 from noon until 2:00pm. Summer and fall sports signups will occur this Saturday, May 16 from 11:00am until 2:00pm at the outdoor Aquatic Center. Signups will be accepted for Summer Tee Ball, Summer Swim Lessons, along with Fall SAY Soccer and Lollipop Soccer. There is an adjusted schedule for these activities which will be published in the newsletter set to go out Friday 5/15/2020. Also, as a reminder: all activities are subject to change per Governor’s orders, CDC guidelines, and the recommendations of local Health Departments. It’s best to sign up for these activities now and receive a refund if they are canceled rather than waiting for full clearance and risk being left off of a team

Business and Industry, Ms. Hausfeld – Jobs Ohio and the Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Liquor Control announced they will offer a one-time rebate to bars and restaurants to defray the cost of restocking high proof spirituous liquor. Beginning in mid May, Jobs Ohio will provide a \$500.00 rebate in high proof spirituous liquor to eligible permits for purchases made through Ohio Liquor Control Liquor Agencies. Permit holders must register to be eligible for rebate. There are more than 13,600 eligible permits in Ohio, totaling \$6.8 million in potential rebates available to bars and restaurants. To view qualifying permits and to register for the liquor rebate program, visit Wholesale.OHLQ.com.

Audience Participation:

None.

Resolutions and Ordinances for the next Council Meeting:

1. Resolution No. 4, 2020 concerning the tax .
2. Ordinance No. 6, 2020 changes to rules of Council
3. Ordinance No. 7, 2020 trash collection fee.
4. Ordinance No. 9 2020 additional appropriations.

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, May 28 at 7:00pm.
The Fire Chief will be taking temperatures at that meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kathman,
Clerk of Council

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2020, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL SEVEN (7) MILL TAX LEVY ON THE CURRENT REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, CERTIFYING SAID RESOLUTION TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 4, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Resolution No. 4, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 06, 2020. AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 121 OF ST. BERNARD'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 6, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 6, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 7, 2020. AUTHORIZING THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR OF 2020.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 7, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 7, 2020. Motion passed 5-2. Mr. Tobergte and Mr. Bob Culbertson voted no.

ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2020. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH A NEW LINE ITEM, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFER FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 9, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 9, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Questions on the number of people at the pool at one time. Groups of families that sit together so other attendees can spread out on the pool deck should determine numbers which will spill over into the pavilion numbers. Trying to determine maximum occupancy is going to be based upon how we can most appropriately space the families out. It will be clearly marked on the pool deck as far as safe distance spacing but we're not going to do reservations. It may happen that people will get in the water in shifts. It's going to be a learned process. It is yet to be determined and they are going to work it out. We will be in compliance. All

attendees should bring their own chair. We will not turn away residents so the number of non-residents will be determined on the number of residents using the pool. Mayor Stuchell believes the grandparent pool passes will be allowed.

Residents will not be charged to attend the baseball tournament this weekend. The Recreation Department will handle the task of cleaning every two hours.

The Stingray Swim Team meets have been cancelled for this season.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be Thursday, June 11, which will begin with the Public Hearing at 7:00pm.

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