

ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held Thursday, March 25, 2021 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. Steven Asbach – The meeting was opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed that five members were present: Mr. Ray Culbertson, Mr. Schildmeyer, Mr. Bob Culbertson, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Hausfeld, and Mr. Tobergte. Mrs. Bedinghaus was absent.

A motion by Ms. Hausfeld, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Stutchell – Thank you Mr. President. Good evening!

I have an announcement for the community from Greater Cincinnati Waterworks.

The Water “Forgiveness Program” is helping GCWW customers in St. Bernard avoid water shutoffs at their homes. Customers must demonstrate they are experiencing economic hardship due to Covid-19 or be at or below specified income levels. GCWW is forgiving past-due amounts related to water and City of Cincinnati storm water services accrued during the pandemic **during the period of March 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.**

Customers can apply via hard copy and mail/email back to GCWW or complete an application online at Forgive.myGCWW.org.

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

Property owners of residential properties may apply, including landlords of single-and two family dwellings (commercial properties do not qualify). Tenants who are responsible for the utility bill may also apply. Once a customer qualifies, it may take up to six weeks to process and for customers to see the change on their bill.

More information and applications are online at Forgive.myGCWW.org. Hard-copy applications – including Spanish translated versions are available upon request from GCWW at (513) 591-7700 and at Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Libraries and all Cincinnati Recreation Centers.

For those of you who suffered the loss of a loved one from Covid-19, FEMA has announced the Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for Covid-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. FEMA will begin to implement COVID-19 funeral assistance in April.

Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released to potential applicants and community partners as soon as possible. In the meantime, people who have COVID-19 funeral expenses are encouraged to keep and gather documentation.

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to Covid-19.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020 and there is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

• **How to Apply**

In April, FEMA will begin accepting application. If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:

- **An official death certificate** that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and District of Columbia.
- Funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contact, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- **Proof of funds received from other sources** specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

Further details will be released and we will provide updates on the village website and Facebook page.

We are currently working on planning a German Luau for this year with to be held August 6th and 7th. Sunday the 8th is a possibility but we are hoping that we can bring this great event back to the village.

The Easter Bunny will be traveling around the village on Saturday, April 3rd from 10 am to 1 pm. We will publish the route and I will be posting a link to Life360 so that you can track the Easter Bunny as he makes his way through the village.

I am also planning on having a Memorial Day Ceremony this year and the details of the event will be announced.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – Thank you Mr. President. The Auditor’s Office provided the end of January revenue and expense spreadsheets to Council and the Administration. At the end of February, the Village revenues were \$1,387,495.42. Compared to last year they are down \$55,307.32 and the expenses were \$1,962,882.89. Compared to last year they are down \$59,950.32.

The Auditor’s office prepared Ordinance 8, 2021 for tonight’s meeting. It establishes a new Cash Fund 50-1,000 Employees Accumulated Sick Time Cash Fund and creates a new line item 50-01 Employees Accumulated Sick Time for expenses.

The ordinance transfers \$652,219.98 from 01-5-A-19 General Fund Transfer Out with \$500,000.00 going into 07-1000 Capital Improvements Cash Account and \$152,219.98 into 50-1000 Employee Accumulated Sick Time Cash Account.

It moves \$12,219.98 from the old 01-67 Employee Accumulated Sick Time into the new one 50-01 Employee Accumulated Sick Time. It also has an additional appropriation of \$40,000 into the new 50-01 expense line item.

With Federal Government announcing a third Covid Relief Fund I began investigating what the Village of St. Bernard would be receiving. No figures have been announced yet, but an allocation chart for the entire county has been released. I also talked to a representative from the State of Ohio who confirmed the amount I came up with. The initial estimate is \$850,143.20 for St. Bernard. This is just an estimate and is subject to change. We are still waiting for the US treasury to finalize things before we’ll know the exact amount to be provided to each local government.

Also, it is my understanding that we are to get half the allocation with two months and then the second half of the allocation 12 months later. So we will only get ½ the allocation in 2021 and the other ½ of the allocation in 2022. As I learn more I will let everyone know.

Thank you Mr. President. That concludes my report.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mrs. Van Valkenberg-Walden – Thank you Mr. President.

Mr. Tobergte had asked a question at the COW meeting about the capital account. I did some pulmonary research. I didn’t find anything that said you couldn’t. It probably makes more sense to look from a business angle. But what all the effort is involved in calculating that I have no idea what that is. I don’t even know how that count is necessarily setup. So I think it’s probably best left to the auditor to address that. I did want to let you know, I did at least look into it. I don’t see anything that is definitive on anything one way or another. That concludes my report.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg Response to Mrs. Van Valkenberg-Walden’s report: Basically as I explained in an email our interests goes amongst all the funds and it just divvies it up in the system. It would be a little difficult to come up with an exact amount. That is why I suggested that is why I suggested if that is really council’s wishes interest.

TREASURER, Mr. John Ungruhe – Thank you Mr. President. I have the statement from the Star Ohio Account. For the village as of February 28, 2021 our total there was \$5,819,055.72. My printer at the house didn't work. I will get copies and put them in the mailboxes for council. That concludes my report, Thank you.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE, Mr. Tom Paul. Thank you Mr. President.

Just another reminder about tire collection week. It is April 19th through 23rd. Place your tires out on your normal trash days and we will pick them up for you. It is a free service the Village offers once a year. At no other time do we take tires for trash.

Our trash and recycle cans have arrived. They are \$70.00 each. Come in or call to order. We record the serial number and deliver the cans to your residence. They are very sturdy cans. There is no mark up on the price.

To My Community:

Negativity is in my way. Perhaps I am trying to alter the flow and swim upstream wasting strokes. Oh! There you have it! More negativity with the thought of wasting strokes. Perhaps a few more strokes and something positive will happen. Like realizing swimming is not necessary, because you can stand. Positively amazing! That concludes my report.

Tax Commissioner /Administrator – Ms. Helmes – Thank you Mr. President. Here is the recap of the February 2021 tax report.

- Tax collections for February: \$495,188.
- Tax refunds for February: \$-150,834
- The Village is down -19.84% in tax revenue from February of 2020. This is due to many things.
 - Payments for Withholding have been late by many companies.
 - Many companies are down in withholding and net-profit.
 - Problems with uploaded information for 2020 from the Ohio Business Gateway not being posted in our system correctly.
 - Restructuring of a major company.
 - Going forward for this year it will be hard to compare 2020 monthly revenues to 2021 due to the tax filing being moved to July 15th last year. We need to look at both the 2019 and 2020 numbers to try to get a better monthly average as to where we are at.
- \$58,257 in delinquent tax is with Capital Recovery.
- \$103,634 in delinquent tax is with our Attorney for judgement/garnishment collection work.
- \$9,340 Ohio Attorney General's Office
- E-file system is up and running. You must submit your supporting documents either by attachment on the e-file site or by sending in a copy of your documents to the tax office. Tax returns will not be finalized until we receive your w2 and 1040 information.

Reminders:

- The tax filing deadline has been extended to May 17. This does not extend your payment of your 2021 first quarter taxes which are due on April 15th.
- St. Bernard tax return assistance is by appointment only.
- Do not e-mail your tax return to the tax office. Please use the e-file portal located on the St. Bernard webpage under the tax department.
- There is a blip on line 7 of the tax return. It combines overpayment forward credits and taxes paid to another municipality. I cannot fix this as the form is produced by our software company. Please just combine those amounts together and place the credits on this line. I audit all tax returns and will see your w2 information that you are reporting. I am working on a better form for next year.

Resolution Opposing House Bill 157.

- House Bill 157 would repeal Section 29 of HB 197, which instructs municipalities to continue withholding income tax at a taxpayer's place of work, even if that taxpayer is working from home due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Opposing House Bill 157 also impresses upon the Ohio legislature that both businesses and municipalities need enough time to prepare for the changes and impacts of future permanent work-from-home policies.

As always, please call the office at 513-242-7710 if you have any questions. That concludes my report.

Mr. Tobergte made a motion to put Resolution 2, 2021 on the table. Seconded by Ray Culbertson.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance - Mr. Tobergte – No Report.

Safety – Ray Culbertson – Thank you Mr. President. I have the Fire Department Report for February. There were 46 fire incidents. This included three structural fires, two vehicle fires and eight auto accidents. Mutual aid from the fire was given from Norwood once, Elmwood Place twice, Reading once and Delhi once. Mutual aid was received from Norwood twice, Elmwood Place once, Reading once, Little Miami 1 and Springfield Township once and Wyoming once. EMS there was a total of 85 EMS incidents. Some details of interest include three non-breathers, four unconscious, 10 auto accidents and one overdose. A mutual aid on the EMS side was given to Elmwood Place 15 times, Little Miami once, Springfield Township once. Mutual aid was received from Norwood twice. That concludes my report.

Service – Chris Schildmeyer - Thank you Mr. President. I have the 2020 sewer report and numbers. There were no sewers repaired by the Village this year. Seven were repaired by outside contractors. One hundred six sewers were cleaned by the Village. Two hundred eighty-five yards of debris was removed. The Village leaf truck operated from November 2nd until December 1st. Six hundred cubic yards of leaves were collected. Two hundred sixty three yards of debris was removed from the roads by the street sweeper. Fifty six tons of salt were spread by road crews to improve winter road conditions. Two twenty gallons of used oil were recycle to local business for use as fuel oil. Mr. President that concludes my report.

Public Improvements – Bob Culbertson - Thank you Mr. President. CIC met this past Tuesday to discuss several topics. One being the Long John Silver's property. We are in the process of getting that parcel all squared away and look for potential and sitting down to get demo as planned. Thanks to all who are interested in the mowing contracts with CIC. We reviewed those applications and have selected. The person who had the winning bid will be notified. That concludes my report.

Marketing – Mindy Miller – Thank you Mr. President. I have a couple announcements. The April newsletter will go out next Friday. All submission are due by Friday, March 31st. We are back in baseball season. If anyone is interested in purchasing a memorial brick to place at Frank Robinson field, please contact the Recreation Department. The cost is \$100.00. This concludes my report.

Business and Industry – Patty Hausfeld – No report Mr. President.

President - The COW has been sent to the administration as well as Council. There are no communications this evening.

Committee of the Whole
March 11, 2021

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

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to approve the written minutes of the February 25, 2021 Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to put Ordinance No. 6, 2021, updating Codified Ordinances, on the table at the next Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell – The contract with Elmwood Place to provide EMS services to them and allow for billing of these service has been reviewed. The change in the contract was to certify that they had the funds to pay us. There were some other minor wording changes. We will also retain the means to do soft billing. This is not a long term contract. This is strictly to allow us to bill them for our services. Either party may cancel the contract with six months written notice. The contractual agreement for Mutual Aid covers police services and firefighting.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to place an ordinance on the table for the contract for emergency services with Elmwood. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to go into Executive Session after the meeting to discuss collective bargaining. Motion passed 7-0.

The Airbnb issue will be discussed at the next Laws, Contracts and Claims meeting.

Auditor, Mrs. Brickweg – (read by Mr. Stuchell) I am sorry that I still am not able to attend meetings. I have been going into the office a few days a week for about 4 hours each time. I had a procedure today to elevate some pain, so if this works, I may be able to do more days a week.

I worked with Mayor Stuchell this week regarding Councilman Tobergte' suggestion for transferring money into the Capital Improvement Fund and Mayor Stuchell's idea of creating a new fund for Employee Accumulated Sick Time. Both ideas are great. Council can decide on how much they want to transfer into the Capital Improvement

Fund, and I will create an Ordinance. On this Ordinance I would like to include setting up the new fund for accumulated sick time and the amount council would like to transfer into the fund.

Speaking of the accumulated sick time, I have had multiple requests from employees to cash sick time out and after this week's payroll it will be running low. I would like to request an additional appropriation of \$30,000.00 for this line item. This can also be included on the same ordinance.

Finally, I want to let Council and the Administration know that I will be transferring \$500,000.00 from the reserves into the general checking account. It is not unusual to do this at the beginning of the year, since most tax money does not come in until later. I will monitor the checking account and if I can move money back to reserves, I will.

Discussing on equipment for all three departments to be added or replaced determined that \$500,000.00 would be put in that line item.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson to put \$500,000.00 into the Capital Equipment Fund line item. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer to create a lint item for the Retirement Fund and put \$100,00.00 in that line item. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer to place \$30,000.00 in additional appropriation to the Sick Pay line item. Motion passed 7-0.

Law Director, Mrs. VanValkenberg/Walden - asked to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation. Motion passed 7-0.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe – The First State Bank balance for the Memorial Fund is \$5,656.98.

There is an existing account for the Chamber of Commerce at WesBanco. The Mayor will look into the balance.

Safety/Service Director, Mr. Paul – Please be aware that service email was included in a hijacking. All has been corrected except for the apologies. Those of you who have received this email, even though we may not know you, you have my sincerest apology. You are not compromised, rest assured. You also may ignore and delete it. When things like this happen, you feel responsible even though it is not your fault.

Please mark your calendars for the week of April 12 through the 15th as the week to put out old tires. Set them out with your trash and we will take care of the rest. This is the only time of the year we do this.

At Ross Park, the land along first base line is slipping which means the property of the residents along Ross Avenue is coming with it. Paul and I have been looking into what can be done about it. Paul has been able to get us a discounted rate on the blocks needed. Gerke electric has helped us with that. We found an excavator who can actually build it up, have the wall put up and he doesn't care if we buy our own blocks. The landscaping will occur after that. The total would be like \$68,000.00.

Further explanation of the email hijacking was described by Mr. Paul.

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- The ability to pay current year taxes online is coming any day.
- You will not be able to pay your delinquent taxes to Capital Recovery, on your Judgement/liens or to the Ohio Attorney General's Office through this portal. Contact me if you are unsure how or where to pay.

Reminders:

St. Bernard tax return assistance is by appointment only. We will be unable to assist in tax return preparation the week of April 12-15, so please file early.

Also, do not e-mail your tax return to the tax office. Please use the e-file portal located on the St. Bernard webpage under the tax department.

Please call the office at 513-242-7710 if you have any questions.

Safety, Mr. Ray Culbertson – The Fire Department report for January, 2021. There were a total of 52 fire incidents. 6 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 6 auto accidents, 6 hazmat incidents. Mutual aid given: 4 to Norwood, 5 to Elmwood Place and 2 to Little Miami. We received mutual aid 1 from Elmwood Place.

EMS incidents: 95 total. Details of interest: 6 non-breathers, 3 unconscious, 7 auto accidents and 1 overdose. Mutual aid was given 23 times to Elmwood Place, 2 to Little Miami, 1 to Cincinnati, 1 to Norwood and 1 to Deer Park. There was no Mutual aid received.

Service, Mr. Schildmeyer – the Service Department report for February, 2021. There were 8 trucks placed at residences, 21 dumpsters placed at residences, 296 special pick-ups at residences and 148.67 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. The recycling report, there were 34.325 tons of recycling material and 2,280 pounds of scrap metal.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson – The next CIC meeting will be March 23 at 6:00pm. Discussing proposals for property at (inaudible) the bid packet card is due by 5:00 pm on Monday the 22nd.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mrs. Bedinghaus – The Laws, Contracts and Claims committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30pm at the lower lever of the municipal hall. That meeting we will have a continuing discussion on the Non-discrimination ordinance.

Marketing, Mrs. Miller – I apologize for being unable to attend the last council meeting, so I do have several updates from the Thrive meeting in February 2021.

- You can still receive for your children UMC Lunch Boxes on Mondays from 3-5 p.m.
- Virtual Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM information on the library's website.
- Tax Prep: Call 211 to find out more about tax prep services being offered at library locations through the United Way.
- Technology Help by Appointments: stop in or call the branch (369-4462) to make an appointment for one-on-one help with a phone or tablet or assistance on a public computer.
- They are also offering Take and Makes which are free art and craft kits for kids, teens, and adults to take with you and complete at home.

There is also up to date vaccine information on the Library's website. Be sure to check them out at CincinnatiLibrary.org.

We are also working on a We Thrive website that will be St. Bernard focused. Once we get that up and running, I will make sure to announce that in our newsletter as well as the next scheduled council meeting.

Ordinances for the next Council meeting.

Codified Ordinance update.

Contract with Elmwood for emergency services.

And additional appropriations Ordinance in the Capital Equipment Fund and the Payout line item.

Mr. Asbach – The next Council meeting will be Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Council went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation and collective bargaining.

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

No Communications

Clerk – Reading of RESOLUTION 02, 2021

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL HB 157 AMENDING THE LAW REGARDING WITHOLDING MUNICIPAL EARNED INCOME TAX FOR THOSE WORKING VIRTUALLY AND/OR AT HOME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

President – Members of Council you have heard the first reading of Resolution 02, 2021. Council what is your pleasure? Motion by Mr. Tobergte, to dispense with second and third readings. Seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to dispense with the second reading of Resolution 02, 2021. President asked if there were any remarks.

Mr. Tobergte asked about section 2, refers to giving a copy to Governor Dewine, Steve Chabot, and Sherrod Brown. Why are they being sent to federal representatives and senators? Per Ms. Helmes – She's not sure She will send to whomever he would like it to go to. The center for Local Government asked that all municipalities get this resolution out and to make sure that our state representatives were sent copies. Per Mr. Tobergte – our State Representatives aren't listed. Ms. Helmes will look into it. Per Mr. Tobergte "Why not Portman"? Per Ms. Helmes, again she will look into it. It basically just went out this week. Per the President 'Any other remarks'?

Per Mr. Tobergte This will make a lot of people angry. I've been preaching since Covid started. Not everybody is coming back to work. I don't think its right. It's collecting income taxes for people who are not in St. Bernard working. To the best I'm hearing anywhere to a third to a half of the people will be working from home from now on. I think we need to start planning for what happened is people aren't working in St. Bernard. President asked if there were any other remarks.

Ms. Helmes: She could add a few things regarding this. She has been watching the Ways & Means Committee hearings she watched. Of the three they specifically talked about this. There are strong arguments on both sides.

People from the state are saying it's unconstitutional. We shouldn't be allowed to keep it. They should be allowed to request a refund. Others saying because of the emergency of the pandemic cities weren't prepared for this. It's going to shift the way everything is going. Right now there's a lot of litigation out there for both sides. It's a huge fight. It will probably last the better part of the year. If I had to put money down on which way it was going to go, I wouldn't. She talks all the time to Blue Ash Sharonville, other cities. Trying to get a gauge where they're at. Right now if you ask for a refund for the Covid working from home we are acknowledging the refund. However, I am putting it in a suspended status as other cities like Sharonville are doing the same thing.

Until we have more information we are acknowledging the refund but I'm putting it in a suspended status. Mr. Rob Culbertson – Is there I agree with working from home 100% remotely. With that being said, do we have any issues for whatever reason this gets challenged is it unconstitutional to hold money they weren't working in the village. They don't live in the village do we run the risk that the courts say hey that's unconstitutional that's taxation without representation and not issue refunds.

Ms. Helmes – Mr. President – Linda and I discussed that from Sharonville. That's why we're putting it in a suspended status. We're not denying their refund. We're sending them a letter telling them until this litigation is over with if I go ahead and give them a refund and the courts side with us it's going to be hard to get that money back. I'm not telling them it's denied. Since there's such a strong argument and a fight on both sides the cities have decided to just put it in a suspended status. Notify the tax payer we acknowledge your refund. We have it sitting here but we're going to wait until the legislation is looked at and the litigation is over. If I would just totally deny it, it puts us in the position where we could be taken to court unconstitutional if you don't win. But by putting in a suspended status and acknowledging it there's a good change I may have to pay a little bit of interest to people. But I'm not denying their refund. Does that make sense?

Mr. Bob Culbertson – Approximately do you know how much is in that suspended status phase right now? I guess my concern is you know there's probably a lot of people that don't even submit taxes that work in St. Bernard. Because it is taken out. It gets over turned you know. And then all of a sudden now I'm going to get a refund.

Ms. Helmes – Mr. President – Right now I only have one in that status. I have an excel spreadsheet. Because I'm all about spreadsheets and keeping things organized. Where I'm keeping track of you know. If someone applied for a refund that is not the Covid related. Just the general refund I'm giving them that. It might be partial and the other portion suspended. I explained that to them in the letter. I don't know how many people are going to ask for it. They will be told if they ask for a refund and say you work from home in Blue Ash, but you know you're working at P&G in St. Bernard I have an obligation and due diligence to report to the City of Blue Ash that you know Tommy Sue got a refund and Blue Ash is entitled to some of that because he said he is working from home. So all the cities will be reporting that as well. I've been doing this a long time. I've never seen such a mess. You know it's. I'm keeping track of it. Peggy and I talk about this quite a bit. We're keeping our spreadsheets. We're following the law. I'm talking with the other cities. And right now I think that's about as far as I can go with it until I have more information.

Mr. President – Mr. Tobergte – I remember Eddie had a big pie chart he made up. I think you referenced it before. What desired breakdown of individual income tax do you remember?

Ms. Helmes – Mr. President – Actually that pie chart that Eddie did was something I started when I worked for the City of Silverton. To kind of put at ease the taxpayers you know where's your money going? What's it spent on at the municipal level? If I had a little bit more time I'd love to do that again. I think it's good for the taxpayers to know hey I'm paying all this money, what am I getting for it? You know again this is a bad time of the year for me to try to take on a little project like that. It's a little time consuming. But I would like to bring that back. And let them see that. I think a good portion of our revenue and Peggy will tell you comes from my department. If some of this law goes through we're going to have to have those hard conversations and sit down and think how we restructure and go forward. As will all the other cities. You know it's not just on St. Bernard.

Mr. President – Mr. Ray Culbertson – Don I hate the direction he's going in. What percentage of your revenues come from individual tax payers versus business taxes and loss? I think that's what Donnie was asking. Is that right?

Ms. Helmes – Mr. President – Well withholding is our biggest. So we have individual, net profit, and withholdings. I mean I don't have the numbers in front of me. But net profit is our smallest. Because the business can take all these losses and exceptions and we don't get a whole lot of income from net profit. Individual would be our second lowest. You know because a lot of individuals in town we give reciprocity. So we give a tax break. Say you live in St. Bernard and you work in Cincinnati we give reciprocity for that. So our biggest group and where our revenue comes from is obviously is from our withholdings for people who work in the Village of St. Bernard. I can get you the precise numbers if you want. But I don't have those in front of me. They change all the time.

President – Any other remarks? - Mrs. Brickweg – Mr. President – First of all I would like to commend Leighanne. She has spent a lot of time on this and researching it. We have spent a lot of time talking on it. But I think you all kind of know the answer. You know the big companies we have here. You know if it happens it's going to wipe us. So as much as on a personal thing you might support things. I think we also need to think about the residences, the services and things like that. Cause that's who you represent. So if this goes through it could be horrible. But like I said to her, I think you're going to see multiple sides. Because I think it will bankrupt Cincinnati, Cleveland. You know all these large cities. So now what are we all going to do? It all sounds nice to sit up there and say that. But when nobody has I mean I just can't fathom what would happened to the city of Cincinnati if something like this went through. And I think we need to really the job is City of St. Bernard. I look at it differently than you do. If I worked for the City of St. Bernard and I'm working from home tomorrow at I do live here. But Loveland! I still work for the City of St. Bernard. Okay. So I have no issue paying my taxes to the place that I work just too just because I'm working in my living room. So I look at differently. Because that's the city where my main building is. I you gotta pay taxes somewhere anyway. I know you don't agree, but the point is, if this would go through. It would crush us like you said. So I would recommend that we support this resolution.

Ms. Helmes – Mr. President – Me. Helmes – There's a couple other items that I jotted down while I watching all the hearings with the Ways and Means Committee. A couple of things they brought up were it would affect our bond rating. Another thing too, you have to think about economic development. I'll give. I mean I've given this example before. You have that Paycor building sitting in Norwood. It's a brand new building. I think it's only been there for a couple of years. When the pandemic hit they're all working from home? So then you have to look at blithe in cities. Again economic development. Again there's just so many questions. One of the legislators you know doing these hearing was saying in the future they can see with computers and this was like. It brought everything forward like what would happen in ten years. Kinda was brought forward to the here and now. You know would it happen down the road? You know do we have to keep this in mind when we plan the city's budgets and stuff going forward? Probably! I think what the cities are asking for is easier a time for transition into this you know so it not hit us all at once. And that's what's going to be so devastating for cities you know all of a sudden. You know we have to give back \$2M that we weren't expecting to. I think cities are asking you know we see that times are changing can we have a transition with this? But again I'm watching it. I've spent a great deal of time in my own time a you know watching different programs and reading different articles.

President – Clerk will you please call the roll on suspension? – Mr Tobergte, I, Mr. Ray Culbertson, I, Mr. Schildmeyer, I, Mr. Bob Culbertson, I, Mrs. Miller, I, Ms. Hausfeld, I. President, 6 out of no nays. Motion carries. Council what is your pleasure on adoption? Ray Culbertson, Mr. President? Mr. Ray Culbertson I make a motion that we adopt Resolution 2, 2021. I second that, Mr. Schildmeyer to adopt Resolution #2, 2021. President - All right. Clerk will you please call the roll: Mr. Tobergte, No, Mr. Ray Culbertson, I, Mr. Schildmeyer, I, Mr. Bob Culbertson, I, Mrs. Miller, I, Ms. Hausfeld, I. President – Five I’s one nay. Resolution 2, 2021 is adopted as read.

President - Clerk will you please give the first reading of Ordinance 6, 2021? Clerk – Ordinance 6, 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, REVISING THE TRAFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

President – Members of Council you have heard the first reading of Ordinance #6, 2021. What is your pleasure? Mr. Tobergte, I make a motion to suspend reading second and third reading of Ordinance 6, 2021. Ms. Hausfeld, I’ll second that. President - A motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance 6, 2021. Is there any remarks? Are there anyone in the audience wishing to address council on Ordinance #6? If not clerk, will you please call the roll on suspension? Mr Tobergte, I, Mr. Ray Culbertson, I, Mr. Schildmeyer, I, Mr. Bob Culbertson, I, Mrs. Miller, I, Ms. Hausfeld, I. President, 6 I’s no nays. Motion carries. Members of Council what is your pleasure on adoption? Mr. Tobergte, Mr. President? Mr. Tobergte I make a motion to adopt Resolution 6, 2021. I second that, Mr. Ray Culbertson. Motion by Mr. Tobergte seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Ordinance #6, 2021. Clerk will you please call the roll? Mr. Tobergte, I, Mr. Ray Culbertson, I, Mr. Schildmeyer, I, Mr. Bob Culbertson, I, Mrs. Miller, I, Ms. Hausfeld, I. President – Six I’s no nays. Motion carries. Resolution 6, 2021 is adopted as read.

President - Clerk will you please give the first reading of Ordinance 7, 2021? Clerk – Ordinance 7, 2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PLACE, OHIO TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT AND PARAMEDIC SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PLACE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

President – Members of Council you have heard the first reading of Ordinance #7, 2021. What is your pleasure? Mr. Tobergte, I make a motion to suspend reading second and third reading of Ordinance 7, 2021. Mr. Ray Culbertson, I’ll second that. President - A motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance 7, 2021. Is there any remarks? If not, is there anyone in the audience wishing to address council on Ordinance #7? If not clerk, will you please call the roll on suspension? Mr Tobergte, I, Mr. Ray Culbertson, I, Mr. Schildmeyer, I, Mr. Bob Culbertson, I, Mrs. Miller, I, Ms. Hausfeld, I. President, 6 I’s no nays. Motion carries. Members of Council what is your pleasure on adoption? Mr. Tobergte, Mr. President? Mr. Tobergte I make a motion to adopt Resolution 7, 2021. I second that, Mr. Ray Culbertson. Motion by Mr. Tobergte seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance #7, 2021. Clerk will you please call the roll? Mr. Tobergte, I, Mr. Ray Culbertson, I, Mr. Schildmeyer, I, Mr. Bob Culbertson, I, Mrs. Miller, I, Ms. Hausfeld, I. President – Six I’s no nays. Motion carries. Resolution 7, 2021 is adopted as read.

President - Clerk will you please give the first reading of Ordinance 8, 2021? Clerk – Ordinance 8, 2021

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO CREATE A NEW CASH FUND AND NEW LINE ITEM, TRANSFER FUNDS, MOVE APPROPRIATIONS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

President – Members of Council you have heard the first reading of Ordinance #8, 2021. What is your pleasure? Mr. Tobergte, I make a motion to suspend reading second and third reading of Ordinance 8, 2021. Ms. Hausfeld, I'll second that. President - A motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance 8, 2021. Is there any remarks? Mr. President? Mr. Tobergte I'd like to thank this administration and council I've been preaching to this council for sick time payout for 10 or 12 years. I'm happy we are finally doing it. President – Thank you. Any other remarks? If not, is there anyone in the audience wishing to address council on Ordinance #8? If not clerk, will you please call the roll on suspension? Mr. Tobergte, I, Mr. Ray Culbertson, I, Mr. Schildmeyer, I, Mr. Bob Culbertson, I, Mrs. Miller, I, Ms. Hausfeld, I. President, 6 I's no nays. Motion carries. Members of Council what is your pleasure on adoption? Mr. Tobergte, Mr. President? Mr. Tobergte I make a motion to adopt Resolution 8, 2021. I second that, Mr. Ray Culbertson. Motion by Mr. Tobergte seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance #8, 2021. Clerk will you please call the roll? Mr. Tobergte, I, Mr. Ray Culbertson, I, Mr. Schildmeyer, I, Mr. Bob Culbertson, I, Mrs. Miller, I, Ms. Hausfeld, I. President – Six I's no nays. Motion carries. Resolution 8, 2021 is adopted as read.

President – Does anyone on council have anything under old business? Mr. President – Mr. Tobergte? I just curious Jonathan do we have any news on a new developer? Mayor – Mr. Present – As of right now I suspended this for a short period of time to see how this plays out. I knew that economic development is important. I'm looking at consolidating a position that might include this role as well. Rather than the new hire right off the bat. I'm kinda watching this I would say before we have a well compensation salary come in until we know a little bit more about. I was just hoping to get a little bit more news here. I still want to do it. I may look again at a position that might include the same role. But I'll update you on that. President – Thank you. Mr. President – Mr. Tobergte. This would be for Tommy I guess. Are we looking at doing anything in the little tot lots? I mean people are asking me. The equipment is old and out of shape. Mr. Paul – Reap it. Are we talking the little lots? Mr. Tobergte the tot lots yes. We repair them the best we can. To replace them a slide cost us \$8K. So if you want to replace them would be quite expensive. Mr. Tobergte - Could you check into the OV&R grant we talked about two weeks ago? Mr. Paul – I already have an application going in. They said we look pretty good. Mr. Tobergte Thank you. Mayor – Mr. President – With that whether or not playground equipment could be added to that grant be added to that application as well? Mr. Paul – Mr. President – That may be possible. But it's more geared towards trails and. I believe I read when I first looked playgrounds are part of it. Mr. President – Ms. Hausfeld – Tommy I didn't get back in touch with you after I sent you that text the other day. Was that swing set taken care of up by Tower? Mr. President – Mr. Paul Yes it was. Ms. Hausfeld – Thank you.

President – Anyone else have anything under old business? Mayor – Mr. President – I did have one thing. Maybe I missed this. I don't believe so. We were supposed to Cindi of course was not able to be here this evening due to having foot surgery today. As far as Laws Contracts and Claims Committee was supposed to be rescheduling for the meeting that was supposed to be held last night to April 7th at 6:30. I know there was a communication that was sent after that was sent out. I know that Mr. Schildmeyer' is unavailable that day. I don't know if we can

reschedule that to another date or whether we should stick to that date. That wasn't brought up tonight about the next Laws Contracts and Claims Committee meeting it was to be held before our next COW. Whether we reach back to Cindy since she's head of the committee and have her send out an email then we can have it announced. Whether or not we have to have that announced this evening I just have to verify that. Mr. President Mr. Ray Culbertson I don't believe we need to announce anything at this time. President – Yeah until we hear anything from Mrs. Bedinghaus. President – Anyone else with any old business? Mr. Rob Culbertson – Mr. President – I don't know, I think Valeri sent an email about updates to the charter a while back. I didn't know if you had a chance to look into it. And if Jonathan you said something about potentially putting together a committee to look at exploring changes to the charter. Just trying to see if we can get that ball moving. Especially with some potential changes that might be coming (in audible). Mayor – Mr. President – I didn't mean to cut Valeri off. Yes as far as what I was getting at and the idea of responding to Mr. Tobergte and consolidating some responsibilities and things and trying to look potentially for someone that could actually assist there. I have an attorney that I am scheduling a meeting with that basically guided the City of Silverton through their entire process. So I'm gonna kind of get some lay some groundwork there. I'll get back in touch with you. We'll try to see the best way to start the process to address all of the amendments that may want to be made to the charter. That is something that is definitely forthcoming in the very near future. President – Anything else under old business?

President – Does anyone have anything under new business? If not is there anyone in the audience wishing to address council this evening? If not, what is council's pleasure on the absent member? Mr. Tobergte – Present - Mr. Tobergte I make a motion we excuse the absent member. Present – A motion by Mr. Tobergte to excuse the absent member. Seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson. President – All those in favor say I, President – Opposed? So ordered. The COW meeting will be Thursday April 8th at 7PM. At this time I want to entertain a motion to adjourn. Mr. President - Mr. Ray Culbertson – I make a motion we adjourn. Mr. President – Ms. Hausfeld – Mr. President I make a motion we adjourn. President – A motion to adjourn by Mr. Ray Culbertson seconded my Ms. Hausfeld. President - All those in favor say I, all those opposed say I. President we are adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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