

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2021**

The St. Bernard Village Council meeting was held Thursday, August 26, 2021 in Council Chambers.

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

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

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

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Stuchell – I would like to thank the residents that have participated in the series of community engagement events for the proposed redevelopment of the St. Bernard Square Shopping Center. We will be announcing the third event which will either be held the week of September 13 or 21. This meeting will still be an in-person meeting with the ability to watch it on Facebook Live, but we will incorporate the ability to also watch and ask questions via Zoom. Once we have the exact date determined we will make sure that audience participation instructions are published.

I am requesting that the Laws, Contracts, and Claims Committee schedule a meeting to work on an ordinance for the short-term rentals in the Village. On Sunday, Aug. 15 I spent several hours with the residents on Jefferson Avenue who were experiencing another issue with the short-term rental there and it is obvious that there needs to be a mechanism to control this. I will say that this is not an issue across the board and there are some very responsible owner/operators here in the Village that I look at being a real asset in helping us draft the proper ordinance. On September 8 I will be swearing in our newest Firefighter-Paramedic for the St. Bernard Fire Department, Eric Lett. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the community. I look forward to the opportunity to introduce him to our wonderful Village.

AUCITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditors Office prepared Ordinance No. 10, 2021 for tonight’s meeting. This Ordinance transfers \$980,000.00 with \$80,00.00

going to the swimming pool cash account, \$400,000.00 going to the general fund cash account and \$500,000.00 going to the employee health care cash account. It also authorizes the Auditor to provide additional appropriations general fund Sidewalks in the amount of \$4,400.00 which was discussed at COW.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mrs. VanValkenberg – No report.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – No report.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr.. Paul – No report.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR/COMMISSIONER, Mrs. Helmes – RE: July 2021 end of month receipts

- Tax collections for July: \$2,413,171
- Tax refunds for July: \$-6,467.87
- Payments from the e-file system for July: \$444.
- \$883.01 in delinquent tax was collected with Capital Recovery.
- \$1061.53 in delinquent tax was collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – The 2020 census numbers have been released and our population is at 4,302 which is a decline of 1.5% from 2010 which was 4,368. I will be hosting a meet the candidates night October 7 at 7:30pm in the main level of City Hall.

SAFETY, Mr. Ray Culbertson – I too would like to congratulate our new firefighter Eric Lett. Welcome to the Village of St. Bernard.

I have the Fire Department Report for the month of July, 2021:

There were 7 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 3 auto accidents and 1 hazmat incident. A total of 49 fire incidents. Mutual aid was given 5 times to Norwood, 8 times to Elmwood, 3 times to Little Miami, and 1 to Springfield Twp. No mutual aid was received.

EMS: there were a total of 105, which included 4 non-breathers, 4 unconscious and 3 auto accidents. Mutual aid given once to Wyoming. No mutual aid was received. There were a total of 28 contractual incidents involving Elmwood Place.

A reminder that the Police and Fire Benevolent Association Steak Fry will be held on September 17 from 4pm to 11 pm at the pavilion at Vine St. Park. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Safety Center or from a policeman or firefighter. Your ticket includes a steak, corn on the cob, baked potato, tossed salad, and dinner roll. Beverages, including alcohol will be served. Kids are free and will receive a hot dog dinner. Please come down and meet your first responders.

SERVICE, Mr. Schildmeyer – No report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Bob Culbertson – (Inaudible)

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mr. Bedingsus – Hopefully within the next couple of weeks we'll get a meeting set up.

MARKETING, Mrs. Miller – Please bear with me I have a rather lengthy report tonight. First, I would like to thank everyone that helped to make the 2021 German Luau possible. From start to finish there was a lot of work and time involved to make this event possible. This includes thanks to our St. Bernard recreation sponsors for their continued support.

Financial Highlights from the event

Revenue: \$40,057.75 (\$45,544 in 2019)

Expenses: \$32,521.59 (\$36,856 in 2019)

1. This includes \$1,957.62 for police overtime
2. This includes \$1,161.64 for service department overtime
3. This includes \$4,907.60 in contributions to five community groups

Profit: \$7,536.16 (\$8,546 in 2019)

Beer Tickets Sold: 5,615

Ride Bracelets Sold: 266 (214 in 2019)

I would like to Thank our entertainment that performed for the 2021 Luau,

Grant Park, The Klüberheads, SunBurners, John Banner, Pandora Effect, DJ Wild Bill, and Slick Willy featuring Mya Parks.

Thank you to all the vendors that participated in the Fresh Market. It was a huge success. Layla Keiner coordinates our markets and is the keystone to their success.

We will be putting out a survey for feedback to help make this event even more successful in the future. We will put that link in the newsletter and the link will be available on our German Luau social media site.

We are going to keep our social media platform up. It was very successful. The discovery of our Facebook site has reached 14,300 Facebook users. We appreciate everyone who has engaged with our site. Our biggest hit with the social media platform was the throwback Thursdays of previous Luaus from many years prior. I would like to thank the St. Bernard Ludlow Grove Historical society for all their efforts to locate those photos to bring them back to life.

A request for Newsletter submissions has been emailed to everyone. I would like to have all information back by Wednesday September 1st.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Ms. Hausfeld –Our July Newsletter Business Featured was Wiedemann’s Brewery.

Owned and operated by Jon & Betsy Newberry. Wiedemann’s Fine Craft Beers, located at 4811 Vine St. St. Bernard, Ohio 45217. With the opening of the new Wiedemann Brewery in downtown St. Bernard, the ever-popular Wiedemann’s Fine Beer is now back under local ownership and management for the first time in more than 50 years.

First produced in 1870, Wiedemann’s famed Bohemian Special Brew was voted Cincinnati’s Favorite Beer of 2021. Stop in for a cold beer, tasty food, and the best live music in town. The full article is published in the July 2021 Newsletter.

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

Committee of the Whole

August 12, 2021

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

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to approve the written minutes of the July 22,2021 Council meeting.

Elizabeth Tye, candidate for Judge, was present to address Council

A moment of silence was held for Mary Jane (Toni) Schildmeyer, mother of Recreation Director, Paul Schildmeyer.

Mayor, Mr. Stutchell – I would like to start by thanking all of the residents and those who attended the 2021 German Luau this past weekend. The event was a huge success and we look forward to next year. I would also like to thank our amazing committee, the Police and Fire Departments and the Service Department who ultimately made the event possible, they went above the beyond with all of their efforts in the set up and tear down.

On Tuesday of this week the CIC held a Deme Party to celebrate the removal of one the Village's biggest eyesores, Long John Silver's. We even had three former employees of the site, one of which was a former manager who was holding back her tears. I was told that at one time that location was number one in its district and we were able to get some memories recorded by the former employees.

Just a reminder, the St. Bernard Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) will host the second community engagement event for proposed joint venture between Civitas Development Group and Regnum Capital Partners that includes the capital advisory expertise of Stacksources Inc. for a \$32,000,000 mixed-use development at the current St. Bernard Square Shopping Center, on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00pm in the Main Hall of the Municipal Building. The site could support up to 200 residential units consisting of townhouses, an apartment building, walkups, and at least 5,000 square feet of ground floor retail space. The developer has engaged GBBN, a local architectural firm who has extensive experience in mixed-use projects to facilitate three pre-development community engagement sessions. This second session will build on session one; the development team will expand on feedback received to date and its incorporation into the overall project and planning. It is critical that we hear from St. Bernard's various residents and stakeholders.

This Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in the Main Hall of the Municipal Building, the second shot for Vaccine Event hosted by the Village of St. Bernard, St. Clement Church, and Mercy Health Partners will be administered. This is a follow-up event of the one that was hosted on Sunday, July 25 at St. Bernard Square.

Auditor, Mrs. Brickweg – I supplied all of you with the July revenue and expense report: the revenue at the end of July was \$8,400,397.26 and the expenses were \$7,254,326.33. As of date we are underspending revenues by \$1,146,171.03.

Law Director, Mrs. VanValkenberg/Walden - Said the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee was reviewing information pertinent to an Ordinance for the Airbnb project.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe – Stated that the balance for the Fourth of July fund at First State Bank was \$5,658.65.

Service/safety Director, Mr. Paul – Reported he needed an appropriation for sidewalks. The sidewalk on Delmar Ct. Is really bad.

Also, he recommended that Council have a meeting before the next COW to approve the B2 change as did the Planning Commission. It has to be a Public Hearing.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to set the date of the Public Hearing before the next COW meeting on September 9. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded Ms. Hausfeld.to put an Ordinance for additional appropriation for sidewalks on the table for the next Council Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Tobergte – Congratulated Mrs. Brickweg for another perfect audit.

Mr. Ray Culbertson – Told Council the Block Watch Meeting will not be held this month but will be back in September.

Mr. Schildmeyer – I have the Service Department Report for July, 2021. There were 41 trucks placed at residences, 28 dumpsters placed at residences, 383 special pick-ups at residences, 202.67 tons of garbage taken to the land fill. For recycling; 59.18 tons of recycling material, 6,180 pounds of scrap metal.

Mr. Bob Culbertson –There will be at CIC meeting next Thursday to discuss the second meeting. Please feel free to email me at atlarge02cityofst.bernard.org and I will be at that meeting because I know some residents couldn't get to the last meeting and they may be able to make it to this one on August 24, at 6:00 pm in Council chambers.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mrs. Bedinghaus – The Laws, Contracts and Claims did meet yesterday. There was more discussion on the anti-discrimination

ordinance and at the end of the night it was decided that it would not come out of Committee.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to put a Resolution on the table that the City of St. Bernard is a non-discriminatory Village. Motion passed 6-0.

Business and Industry, Ms. Hausfeld – I have the Building & Zoning Department report for July 2021: there were 9 residential permits, and 3 commercial permits.

The total fees for residential permits were \$1,587.51 and for commercial permits were \$800.84. The amount paid back to the Treasurer, State of Ohio (Residential) \$15 89 and the amount for Commercial was \$24.03.

Audience:

Wanted to know if Council was going to wear masks indoors as recommended by the CDC

The same member of the audience was not satisfied that The Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee did not want to approve a discrimination Ordinance but rather chose the form of a Resolution.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to excuse the absent member. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution: to state that the city of St. Bernard was a non-discriminatory Village. Ordinance for the sidewalks.

Mr. Asbach - The next Council will be August 28 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2021. AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moton by Mrs. Bedinghaus, second by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 10, 2021. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 10, 2021. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCES WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Let Council know that St. Bernard was being redistricted. Anyone can find this out by going to the State of Ohio website.

Mayor Stuchell – Thanked the community for their response to a missing child report. He is home and safe.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW meeting will be September 9, at 7.00 PM.

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