

**ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2021**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard Village Council was held October 28, 2021 in Council Chambers.

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

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

Mrs. Bedinghaus made a motion to approve the written minutes of the September 23, 2021 Council meeting. Ms. Hausfeld seconded the motion. Council agreed 7-0.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Stuchell – Just a reminder that Trick-or-Treat will be held on Sunday, October 31 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm in St. Bernard.

Congratulations to the St. Bernard/Elmwood Place Titan Football Team who are in the Division 6/Region 26 playoffs this weekend. They will be playing at Mechanicsburg this Saturday at 7:00pm and Roger Bacon will be hosting Sabina East Clinton for the first round of the Division 5/Region 20 playoffs here at home on Saturday at 7:00 pm. So best of luck to our teams.

We are currently looking at several options for a community garden and will hopefully be able to make something available to the group of citizens who would like to start this.

I would like to thank resident Scott Weber and his group from 5th/3rd Bank who spent last Friday afternoon picking up trash on Vine St. Park. We truly appreciate your efforts.

I would like to wish all of the candidates who are running for office here in St. Bernard the best of luck in the upcoming election. Just a reminder that the Polls open on Tuesday November 2 at 6:30 am and close at 7:30pm. Early voting is still available at the Hamilton County Board of Elections, 4700Smith Rd. In Norwood. Friday, Oct. 29th from 8:00am to 7:00pm.

Saturday, Oct.. 30th from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Sunday, Oct. 31 from 1:00pm. To 5:00pm.

Manday, Nov. 1 from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor’s Office provided the end of September revenue and expense spreadsheets to the Council and the Administration. As of the end of September, the Village revenues were \$2,580,209.23 over the expenses.

The Auditor’s office prepared Ordinance 17, 2021 for tonight’s meeting. This Ordinance provided additional appropriations to:

01-2-O-16 Fuel and Oil \$15,000.00

01-2-O-21 Sidewalks 9,350.00

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – No report.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mrs. VanValkenberg – Absent.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Paul – There is a shortage of yellow street paint. None of our suppliers have any. Also, there is a shortage of white field paint. We can’t get that either. We will use orange for the fields until that runs out then fields will no longer be marked until we can get paint.

To My Community

The day before All Saints Day, Halloween! A low stress celebration or holiday. A day where we feel it is ok to conjure up a ghost or goblin. A day to pretend to make believe we are something other than normal. Go for it because basically it is good for us. Not so much the candy but the gathering of neighbors outside on the stoop. Joking with those passing by or perhaps those passed on. Boo! Enjoy the evening. Handout the candies to the children. And may you relax as the spirits move you. It’s a good thing.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR/COMMISSIONER, Mrs. Helmes – Absent.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – I would like to thank Mr. William Helton for his excellent presentation concerning trash and recycling at last week's Block Watch Meeting.

I asked the Fire and Police Chief along with the Service Department Forman for a list of employees that were employed during April 1st, 2020 to June 15th, 2020 time frame for the Covid Bonus Pay.

On Tuesday, Nov 9th I will be hosting a townhall meeting to get our residents ideas concerning changes to the Charter. Meeting will start at 6:30pm in the Main Level of the Municipal Building.

SAFETY, Mr. Ray Culbertson – I have the Fire Department Report: Fire Incidents total was 49 which included 10 structure fires, 5 Auto Accidents, 1 hazmat incident. Mutual aid given: 4 to Norwood, 10 to Elmwood Place 1 to Little Miami and 1 to Lockland. Mutual aid received: 5 from Norwood, 4 from Springfield Twp. 4 Little Miami, 4 from Wyoming, 4 from Reading and 2 from Elmwood Place. There were a total of 117 EMS incidents; which included . 4 non-breathers, 7 Unconscious, 9 auto accidents and 2 overdoses. Mutual aid given; 2 to Norwood, 2 to Cincinnati 1 to Springfield Twp. 1 to Green Twp. Mutual aid received: 1 from Little Miami. Our contractual Incidents from Elmwood Place was 24.

SERVICE, Mr. Schildmeyer – No report

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Bob Culbertson – CIC met this past Tuesday. We talked about several items. One being developing a map for the Vine St. Corridor so be on the lookout for residents in the future. The next CIC meeting is November 23, at 6.30pm. in Council Chambers.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus – Tonight we were going to have the Resolution for the non-discrimination on the table however, with Valerie not being here I was not able to get with her in order to create that Resolution.

MARKETING, Mrs. Miller – The request for the November 2021 newsletter submissions has been sent out. I would like to have everything back by Tuesday November 2nd. Just a reminder to residents that the historical societies November program will be held on November 15, 2021. The program will be the History Adventures on the Miami & Erie Canal

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Ms. Hausfeld – No report.

The COW report has been submitted to Council and the Administration and reads as follows:

Committee of the Whole
October 14, 2021

Roll call showed all members 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 September 23, 2021 Council meeting.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell – Thanked Margaret Singer for the native plants and arborist Sarah Ackerman for putting together the plants on the hillside at Ross Park. Also thanked the Service Department and the residents for the upkeep of the plants. Welcomed Parole Office Rutherford sworn in on October 3.

Thanked the Recreation Department for organizing the St. Bernard Halloween Campout. Trick or Treat in St. Bernard will be held on October 31, from 6:00 until 8:00.

Requested the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee have a meeting on having a Medical Marijuana dispensary in the Village. Wanted to know if there would be zoning laws that would apply and so forth. Also, if there was any feed back on the short term rentals.

Mrs. Bedinghaus said that the Tax Dept. might be able to help them form an Ordinance.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe – The statement from First State Bank showed a balance of \$5,659.32 at the end of September for the Memorial Fund.

Safety/Service, Mr. Paul – Requested Council for an appropriation for the garbage truck to take it a greater distance and also for removing the sidewalk from Delmar Ct. and widening the street. It still saves money going through Rumpke.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to put an Ordinance on the table for the next Council meeting to increase these two line items. Motion passed 7-0.

Tax Administrator/Commissioner - (Read by Mr. Ray Culbertson).

September 2021 end of month receipts

- Tax collections for September: \$1,503,718
- Tax refunds for September: \$-2,013.46
- Payments from the e-file system for September: \$3,780.54
- \$1875.63 in delinquent tax was collected with Capital Recovery.
- \$1760.41 in delinquent tax was collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office

· September 2021 is down -1.63% from September 2020.

Finance, Mr. Tobergte – Thanked Brandi Schildmeyer for being the Emcee for Meet the Candidates Night and Nicole Klungle for supplying the cookies. Proposed to give the men and women who worked during the Pandemic as First Responders \$100.00 a month for their service. This would come out of the Covid Fund we received. This will be discussed at the next COW.

Safety, Mr. Ray Culbertson – The next Block Watch Meeting will take place October 21 at 6:00 pm in the Upper Level of the Municipal Building. Special Guest Speaker from the Service Department will be present to tell you everything you wanted to know about recycling but were afraid to ask.

Service, Mr. Schildmeyer – The Service Department report for September, 2021. There were 31 trucks placed at residences, 20 dumpsters placed at residences, 365 special pick-ups at residences and 191.44 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. Recycling; 38.75 tons of recycling material, 5 pounds of scrap aluminum, 1.65 pounds of brass and 8,980 pounds of scrap metal.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson – Thanked the residents who took part in the meeting for the shopping center and the redevelopment of that. Everybody is excited to see what the next step is and once we receive that from the developer we can let you know.

Laws, Contract, & Claims, Mrs. Bedinghaus – Council has the potential Resolution that we would like to put on the table.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to put this Resolution on the table for the next Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Bedinghaus stated that she will wait for the Law Director to be present before she presents the zoning application for the medical marijuana dispensary.

The Ordinance for the short-term rental will be ready shortly.

Marketing, Mrs. Miller – The October, 2021 News Letter has all the activities listed for the Village.

A very early reminder for December 4 will be Christmas in St. Bernard from 6:00 until 9:00 at City Hall.

Business and Industry, Ms. Hausfeld – No report.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to place the Codified Ordinance No. 16, 2021 on the table for the next Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Audience Participation

A member of the audience was unhappy with the way a member of the Administration handled the non-discrimination issue and thought it was unhealthy.

Resolution and Ordinances for the next meeting.

A Resolution stating St. Bernard is non-discriminatory.
Ordinance No. 16, 2021 The codified Ordinance.
Ordinance for additional appropriations for Delmar Ave. Sidewalk and the garbage trucks to take the garbage to Rumpke.

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, October 28, at 7:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kathman, Clerk

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO 16, 2021. AMENDING THE ST. BERNARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES SECTION 1153.01 OF THE ST. BERNARD PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No 16. 2021. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 16, 2021. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO 17, 2021. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 17, 2021. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to adopt Ordinance No. 17, 2021. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

The next COW meeting will be November 11, 2021 at 7:00pm.

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