

ST. BERNARD VILLAGE COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 23, 2021

The St. Bernard Village Council was held on November 23, 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 five members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Ray Culbertson, Mr. Schildmeyer, Mrs. Bedinghaus, and Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Bedinghaus made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 28, 2021 meeting. Mr. Tobergte seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Stuchell – Just as a reminder, during the Village Holliday Celebration, Saturday, December 4, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be traveling around the Village from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. or whenever we have had a chance to make it around to spread our cheer. Make sure to use the Santa Tracker so you can see where he and Mrs. Clause are. The link will be published on the Village website and Facebook page as well as the Recreation Department Facebook page. At 9:45am, Santa will go live and share his location.

We will be following the route that is available on the Village website, so please share the link with your friends and family so that you can be ready when Santa and Mrs. Claus pull up to your house. Listen for the siren, as we will be making plenty of noise so that you can hear us coming! If by chance we miss you, please advance to another location or call Mayor Stuchell at 513-543-3780 and well will circle back to you.

Also, light up St. Bernard will be on Saturday, December 18 where the residents will place luminaries in front of their homes. The first opportunity to pick up your kits will be on Saturday, December 4th at the Recreation Department during the Village holiday celebration.

AUDITOR, Mrs. Brickweg – The Auditor's office has prepared Ordinance 19, 2021 for tonight's meeting. Some of these were discussed at the COW. It is authorizing additional appropriation of \$86,700.00 to 7-03 for ambulance supplies. This was the life pack. And they are also putting \$24,307.00 into 7-A8 Fire, Maintenance Equipment for fixing the fire truck. There is \$100,000 additional to

01-2K-2 Miscellaneous, this is what we do at the end of the year since there is not an account at the end of the year. I'm doing it a little early because we had a major issue with a kick back account and Fifth Third Bank sold there ASA account and didn't inform their employees.

20-01 the money we received this year to have the \$227,100.30 and \$10,000.00 Employees Accumulated additional sick just in case anybody cashes out their sick time by the end of the year.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mrs. VanValkenberg – Absent.

TREASURER, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have the Statement from First State Bank: for the memorial fund that we have down there: the balance at the end of October 31, 2021 totaled \$5659,66,

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECIOR, Mr. Paul - I usually do not report the duties that we complete throughout the year, however it is interesting to me that I rented a stump grinder for a few stumps that the Village needed to address. I decided to ask them to make a list first so we would not waste our time and money. We ended up doing 18 stumps. Thanks Service Department!

Another year is winding down. Most things went as I expected. Again, I tip my hat to all our employees, you sincerely lighten the load.

To My Community

Lots of times I think of the word hope. Hope is in everybody's lives. We are all wanting something to occur. Oh! By the way, hopefully for the betterment of you or someone else's life's situations. When I think of hope it is always with the two other words that go with it, faith, and love. The reason I do this is to keep me in check, so I don't only hope when I feel it is a dire situation. That is when most of us use hope. But it is good for nearly all circumstances. As in, I hope you have wonderful holidays, filled with faith, hope and love.

TAX ADIMINSTROR/COMMISSONER, Mrs. Helmes - RE: October 2021 end of month receipts

- Tax collections for October: \$932,983
- October 2021 is up 4.80% from October 2020.

400 residents still have not filed their 2020 St. Bernard tax return. Please get those filed a.s.a.p. to avoid an assessment and possible judgment. The tax department's e-file portal is still accepting 2020 tax returns.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

FINANCE, Mr. Tobergte – No report.

SAFETY, Mr. Ray Culbertson – No report. Would like to wish the Hausfeld family good luck on a speedy recovery for their mother and the residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

SERVICE, Mr. Schildmeyer – No report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Bob Culbertson - Absent

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mrs. Bedinghaus - The Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee met last week, 11/16 to discuss two topics. Short term rentals and a medical marijuana dispensary proposal. For the short term rentals, the Mayor presented to the Committee, and Law Director some specific guidelines that he recommends to be included in an Ordinance to regulate short term rentals. The Committee also received a few Ordinances from other cities in Ohio to review. The Committee will provide feedback to the Law Director by mid December for recommendations of other guidelines of specific verbiage to be included in the Ordinance. This Ordinance should be ready to be presented at the COW meeting in January.

For the Medical marijuana dispensary that has been proposed to occupy a location in the Village, that location is less than five hundred feet from a park and will not qualify to be open for such business.

I would like to place on the agenda for the December COW to discuss a potential Ordinance for a two year moratorium of the dispensary so that the proper zoning can be addressed.

On the table tonight is Resolution No. 6 2021, the non-discrimination Resolution. If the Resolution is approved it will be sent to the Ohio Legislature to support the State Legislation for an Ohio Fairness Act that would be inclusive of the LBGTO population.

The Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee recommends tonight's passage of this Resolution.

MARKETING, Mrs. Miller – The Christmas in St. Bernard, as Mayor Stuchell mentioned, will take place on Saturday, December 4 from 6:00 to 9:00pm.

The events that will take place will be the tree lighting at 6:00pm. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be available using your own camera.

Other activities and entertainment include, caroling, petting zoo, queen city railers, and don't forget cookies and hot chocolate.

Also don't forget about the holiday light contest presented by the Village PAC. The trolley will run from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Families can board the trolley outside of City Hall.

Spectators are asked to place can goods in the containers outside of their favorite decorated homes. First place will be awarded to the home that receives the most canned goods. All canned goods collected will be forwarded to the St. Clement Food Pantry.

Also, I emailed the request for News submitted for our December Newsletter. If everyone could please get those submitted sent to me no later than Wednesday, December 1, that would be greatly appreciated.

Business and Industry, Ms. Hausfeld – Absent.

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

Committee of the Whole
November 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 October 28, 2021 Council meeting.

Council decided to move the next Council meeting to Tuesday the 23rd of November because of Thanksgiving.

Mayor Stuchell – Acknowledged all Veterans, past and present for their service Thanked Mr. Tobergte for hosting the Town Meeting concerning the Charter. Said that we need a new engine in our fire truck and asked for an appropriation for that.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to put the appropriation on the table for a new engine for the fire truck. Motion passed 7-0

Stated that he is not in favor of the bonus for those who worked through the pandemic. We have a lot of new families on the payroll and we do not want to discourage them. Our coverage has increased by 12 percent. We would like to use this money to upgrade our playground equipment. Also upgrading our pool.

Auditor, Mrs. Brickweg – The Villages revenues are up \$2,820,890.21. She requested to add to the appropriation ordinance \$10,000.00 for an employee. Asked for an additional Council Meeting to cover December expenses that could occur.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson to approve accumulated sick pay to the additional appropriation ordinance. Motion passed 7-0.

Director of Law, Mrs. VanValkenberg - Said Resolution No. 5. 2021, she would like to have this voted on at the next Council meeting with a few changes by Mrs. Bedinghaus.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to put Resolution No. 5, 2021, with inclusion, put on the table for the next Council meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe – This evening I have the Star Ohio Bank statement. Our funds there at the end of October totaled \$7,322,141.07.

Tax Commissioner/Administrator - For October the tax collections were \$932,983.00. The tax refunds for October were \$2,353.54. Payments from the E-file system for October were \$2,588.95. Delinquent tax collected with capital recovery \$2,485.40. Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's office \$439.39. October 2021 is up 4.8% from October 2020.

Finance, Mr. Tobergte – Thanked everyone who ran for office in this last election. I would like to thank everyone who came to the Town Hall Meeting. Thanked Nicole for creating a Facebook account for me. He would like to do the bonuses for the first responders since we have \$7,000,000.00 in the bank.

It was decided to wait until a future date to make this decision.

Service Department, Mr. Schildmeyer – I do have the Service Department report for October, 2021. There were 30 trucks placed at residences, 19 dumpsters places at residences, 300 special pick-ups at residences and 183.97 tons of garbage taken

to the landfill. For recycling: 36.42 tons of recycling material and 5,540 pounds of scrap metal.

I also have the waste collection fees: August, they were \$23,629.71

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson – The CIC will meet on November 23 in Council Chambers at 6:00 pm.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mrs. Bedinghaus – I basically discussed what I wanted to discuss about the inclusive Resolution. We really need to have a meeting to discuss the short term rentals and the other one is the dispensaries; This will be on the website.

I want to thank all our Veterans for all they have done for us and I would also like to wish the Roger Bacon Volleyball team the best of luck in their bid for the State and I would also like to wish the football team good luck for their bid for State. So, good luck Roger Bacon!!!

Marketing, Mrs. Miller - The November 2021 newsletter has gone out to residents. Upcoming events in the St. Bernard community

St. Bernard Ludlow Grove historical society's program is November 15th @7pm

St. Bernard Elmwood Place school is having a fall musical on Friday November 19 @7pm and Saturday November 20th @2PM tickets are \$5.00

Roger Bacon also has a production this month -Alice in Wonderland

November 19th and November 20th at 7:00 pm and November 21st at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for Senior Citizens and FREE for children (10 and under). All seating is assigned so please email drama@rogerbacon.org to order yours in advance or come to the ticket table before the show

Business and Industry, Ms. Hausfeld - I wanted to thank our Veterans and announce to you the Toys for Tots is Saturday, the 20th of November.

Audience Wishing to address Council

The Fire Chief is recommending we buy into the purchase of new life saving equipment.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to put additional appropriations currently on the table to buy a new defibrillator.

Resolutions and Ordinances for the next Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 5, 2021.

Ordinance. For a new engine for our fire truck and a sick pay ordinance

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00pm.

Motion by Ms. Hausfeld, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kathman, Clerk

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

Mrs. Brickweg – Ordinance 20, 2021, I talked to Jennifer Vatter, basically this is a part of Spring Grove Avenue that is not ours, we actually share it. So, there's certain grants out there that we can go for to improve roads, and we haven't done this in a long time. So, in September or October during Covid, when they were all working from home, we went ahead and applied for this grant. This is part of a comprehensive map of roadways of the county in accordance with 4504.03 of the Ohio Revised Code that is in need of improvement. This will only cover a portion of Spring Grove Avenue. We have filed with the City Engineer a copy of the preliminary plans, an estimate of costs with this improvement. The County Engineer has approved such plan, an estimate of cost and found the proposed improvements conducted to an orderly and efficient flow of traffic within and through the County. The Board of County Commissioners has allocated such funds available for such purpose. Detailed plans or statements of the work to be done shall be submitted to the County. The County Auditor shall draw up a warrant for such amount of the county treasurer payable to the Clerk at the City of St. Bernard. We received \$93,000.00. We have not received it, but they have it ready for us. This Resolution states that we are happy to accept the funds. We do not have to match it. So, once we receive the money, I will put it in 02 Street Maintenance Fund and the actual money itself I will put into the reserves. JMA will go out for other grants to pay for the rest of the project.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to put Ordinance No. 20, 2021 on the table this evening. Motion passed 5-0.

A short recess was held until Ms. Hausfeld could make it to Council.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2021. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN INCLUSIVE ST. BERNAD AND BIPARTISAN OHIO FAIRNESS ACT AN DECLARING AN EMERGENTY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Tobergte to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 6 2021. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded Mr. Tobergte to adopt Resolution N. 6, 2021. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2021. AUTHORIZING AND DERECEING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus,, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson to suspend with the second and third reading Ordinance No. 19, 2021. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 19. 2021. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2021. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSONERS RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF SPRING GROVE AVENUE AND DECLARIING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 20, 2021. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt. Ordinance No. 20, 2021. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell reminded everyone that the CIC is rescheduling their next meeting for Thursday, December 2 in Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – Asked if the hall could be rented to anybody other than Community Organizations?

Mr. Stuchell – That will be discussed next year.

Ms. Hausfeld – Apologized for being late and asked for prayers for her mother who is in the hospital.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer to excuse the absent member. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Asbach – The next COW will be Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 followed by a Special Council meeting at 7:30.

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