

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD COUNCIL

February 24th, 2022

The St. Bernard Village Council was held on February 24th, 2022, in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. 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. Brickweg, Mr. Bob Culbertson, Mr. Ray Culbertson, and Mr. Schildmeyer.
Absent: Mr. Hausfeld and Ms. Bedinghaus.

A motion by Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Again, I would like to congratulate Police Officer Ron Hausfeld who ends his career tomorrow with the Village of St. Bernard Police Department after serving the community since 1989. Tomorrow is his final call and I will truly miss his comforting presence in the Village. Thank you to the community for helping with tips on the criminal damaging to Lower Ross Park. Two suspects have been charged and will be working with the Village on making restitution so that the field can be restored. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. At the end of January, the Village revenues were \$840,707.67. They were up \$67,930.61 compared to January 2021. January expenses were \$1,052,891.14. The expenses were down \$56,013.77 compared to January 2021. The Auditor's office prepared Ordinance 8, 2022 for tonight's meeting. I am asking council if you could please place this in the table to be voted on tonight. This ordinance transfers \$1,300,000.00 from 5813, general fund transfer out, with \$200,000.00 going to the master plan cash account, \$500,000.00 going to the general bond retirement cash account, and \$600,000.00 going to the employee health cash account. Happy Birthday to Tommy Paul tomorrow. That concludes my report Mr. President.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Just one quick question Ms. Brickweg, you said 5813, but the ordinance has 5819?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- 5819 is correct, I read it wrong. 5819 is correct.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Ok, I just wanted to make sure.

Council Member, Mr. Toberte- Mr. President, I would like to add Ordinance 8, 2022 on to the agenda for tonight.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to place Ordinance 8, 2022 on the table for tonight. Motion passed 5-0.

Director of Law, Ms. Van Valkenburg- No report

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- First Safety Bank statement was received. Our total there, at the end of January totaled \$5,660.67. I also received a certified letter here, from the Department of Commerce. It is dealing with Fire Report. I will turn this over to Tommy Paul to address whatever they may need from us. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Safety/Service Director, Mr. Paul- Thank you Mr. President. Please be careful driving around our service personnel in the middle of the street. It is pothole season, and they will be concentrating on their job at hand. We have a lot of workers at the new school being built. Thank you for your tolerance. I believe they are trying to maintain order the best that they are able. To My Community, Let's take a moment to start preparing our gardens. I think this year my first row of plants will be anticipation then a row of living moments. Each living moment will keep the anticipation under control. Next a row of worry frees. These will help your peaceful moments thrive. You need to prepare stakes for your accomplishments because accomplishments pollinate happy and loving moments. Leave room for your no doubts because they can germinate the row of acceptances. Once the acceptances start to sprout, you can then plant a row of funny moments. Let's use an abundance of our fertilizer. Maybe around the perimeter we can plant some silent moments. There now, all set. Oh shoot! I forgot to leave room for the forgetful moments. Oh well, maybe next year. Do I need to place Ordinance 7, 2022 on the table? I would like that on the table for tonight please.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to place Ordinance 7, 2022 on the table for tonight. Motion passed 5-0.

Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Ms. Helmes- Thank you Mr. President.

- Tax collections for January: \$740,786
- January 2022 is up 7.61% from January 2021.
- The e-file portal is up and running. You can find it on the Village of St. Bernard's webpage under the tax department tab. www.cityofstbernard.org/services-departments/tax. You will need to create a new password for the 2021 tax filing.
- You can also find on the site a paper version with instructions that you can print.
- The tax filing due date this year is April 18, 2022, for Federal, State, and St. Bernard.
- The Ohio Municipal League had several municipal tax administrators, including myself, recently write a letter to the Ohio Ways & Means Committee in opposition to HB 519.
 - Basically, HB 519 is trying to limit the Municipality's ability to self-govern and collect tax revenue by modifying tax extensions and certain late fees. You may contact me if you would like a copy of the letter or have additional questions or concerns.

That concludes my report Mr. President.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Mr. Tobergte- No report. Just nice to see Peggy back at work again, and Happy Birthday Tommy.

Safety, Mr. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. I would like to give the Fire Department report for the month of January. I'll try and break it down as concise as possible. Fire Incidents they had 57 runs. EMS incidents were 115. As far as mutual aid goes, mutual aid given, fire department goes across 6 communities- Norwood, Elmwood Place, Little Miami, Springfield Township, North College Hill, and Delhi- for a total of 11 calls. Mutual aid received, there were also 6 communities that helped us out- Norwood, Springfield Township, Little Miami, Wyoming, Reading, and Elmwood Place- for a total of 11 calls. As far as EMS mutual aid goes, mutual aid given was 3 communities- Elmwood Place, Cincinnati, and Mariemont. EMS mutual aid received- 1 community- Norwood. On top of that, the annual ariel and ground ladder testing has been completed. Seen lighting upgraded on engine 91, and they have had electrical and emergency training, and cancer prevention training for all members. That concludes my report.

Service, Ms. Hausfeld- Absent

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson- Thank you Mr. President. Just wanted to answer some questions I have been receiving regarding the house on Greenlee. It burned down a few years ago, just letting residents know that is not a CIC property. A couple people reached out to me asking if that was CIC or Village owned. From my understanding the Village does not own that property. We are aware of it, and we will keep residents posted if that property does become a CIC property. That concludes my report.

Law, Contracts and Claims, Ms. Bedinghaus- Absent

Marketing, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Thanks Mr. President. The only thing I got is the next block watch meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19th, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Safety Center. The last meeting they decided to move the meetings to quarterly instead of monthly. That concludes my report Mr. President.

Business & Industry, Mr. Schildmeyer- All I really want to do is thank the police department. Unfortunately, it seems there has been an uptick in criminal activity. We have seen a bunch of things on Facebook, and almost in every case the police have done a great job in catching the people or a effort into catching the people. Just wanted to say thanks to those guys. That concludes my report Mr. President.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- Clerk has submitted the COW to council and administration. No communications this evening.

ORDINANCE 4, 2022 FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE VILLAGE HALL FULLTIME CLERK OF ST. BERNARD WHO WAS EMPLOYED ASOF 2/24/2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Since there is a lack of vote to pass anything by emergency, I'll entertain a motion to go regular course on all the ordinances tonight. We will just go one by one to keep everything in order.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer, to go regular course on all ordinances. Motion passes 5-0.

Ordinance 4, 2022 will take regular course.

ORDINANCE 5, 2022 AMENDING SECTION 123.01 B “POSTING ORDINANCES LOCATIONS” OF THE ST. BERNARD’D CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 5, 2022 will take regular course.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- On Ordinance 5, 2022, I know we are only putting the ordinances on public display at City Hall only, can we find another place? Maybe the Library, or at the police station?

Safety/Service Director, Mr. Paul- Yes, we can post them wherever Council deems necessary. But the ones that are out in the weather are bashed.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- I understand, but like the police station, the walkway or breezeway, it could go there if possible. Not sure if or what the cost would be there.

Safety/Service Director, Mr. Paul- Yes, that would cover both ends of the Village, so the police station may be a good idea.

ORDIANCE 6, 2022 AN ORDIANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDIANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDIANCES OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, REVISING THE ADMINISTRATIVE, TRAFFIC, AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO COMPY WITH STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 6, 2022 will take regular course.

ORDIANCE 7, 2022 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 7, 2022 will take regular course.

ORDIANCE 8, 2022 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 8, 2022 will take regular course.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Does anyone have anything under old business? Does anyone have anything under new business? Are any of these ordinances pertinent that we need a special meeting before the COW?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- The purchase of the firetruck is.

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld has joined the meeting.

Council Member, Mr. Schildmeyer- Mr. President, Ms. Hausfeld is now here, can we now do a vote? Can we revote to not do regular course?

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- I am going to have to refer to the Law Director.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- We already voted, we can't go back and revote.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- That was my thinking as well. Yes, Ms. Hausfeld?

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- I apologize for being late. My mom fell yesterday, and I was dealing with things with her tonight. I am sorry.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Mr. President, they are not going to hold this vehicle for us. I understand people may not think this is an emergency, and it may not be, but the vehicle we found at very reasonable price, is not going to be help for us for any period of time. So one of two thing, I don't know if they are willing to wait if we can get a special meeting before COW, but they are not going to wait over a month for the next council meeting. It's not possible.

Council Member, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Mr. President, is there anything restricting us meeting next Thursday?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Mr. President, have you even read seven yet?

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- We have, we have read all of them.

Council Member, Mr. Ray Culbertson- No need to wait for COW if we can do it next Thursday.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Mr. President, what we have done in the past is, if there is money in the miscellaneous line item, \$45,000.00?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- I'm sorry but you only give me \$20,000.00 to start the year.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Oh, it wasn't sure what was in the budget. But you have \$20,000.00 to use plus what's in the miscellaneous line item now. If this is a time sensitive matter, you have \$20,000.00 in miscellaneous and whatever you have left in your line item for equipment.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Well we can do that which is fine, but please remember that it will not be coming out of the fund. I can't move money from the fund into the general fund. Once that money is out, you will have to approve another appropriation of general fund. Hopefully that makes sense.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Mr. President, unless you feel we need to make with clean, should we just next week as suggested so it doesn't complicate things.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- It's not a complication, I'm just trying to explain that the whole goal was to use that money in 07 for capital expenses. This will not be coming out of the general fund. We are not legally allowed to go from the capital improvement fund back into the general fund, so you'll just have another \$45,000.00 to spend out of the other fund at a later date is all I am saying.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Or what you could do is, if you have that \$30,000.00, whatever equipment you buy can come out of that \$30,000.00 capital fund.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- It also has to qualify for that. If you want to do that, let's just say we are going to pay for the firetruck out of the general fund this year. Make it clean.

Fire Chief, Brian Young- Is this another option, maybe I can call them and see if we can put money down to hold it? That is the issue, there are other people in line that want this truck. Couple cities north of us are trying to get the same truck. So if I can at least give them some money tomorrow out of the equipment fund, maybe they will hold it for a week so we can do what we need to do appropriately. I am going to have to give them something or we are going to lose it.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- And that would be fine, it would still be coming out of general fund because we did not appropriate any money into the capital equipment fund. We will take care of it tomorrow.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- So do we need to hold a special meeting next Thursday to pass Ordinance 7, 2022? Should we get it cleaned up and do it?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- I would say let's wait to hear from Brian, because if we can order it with \$20,000.00 or \$30,000.00 then would you need the special meeting?

Fire Chief, Brian Young- I can call tomorrow to see how much they want so they will hold it, and then pass it at the COW. I would think they would hold it for 2 weeks as long as we give them some money.

Safety/Service Director, Mr. Paul- Peggy, we have an appropriation of \$193,000.00 that we won't need until May.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- But we have already cut the PO.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- So stay tuned. Can I have a motion at this point for a special meeting, next Thursday at 7pm if necessary?

Motion was by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, special meeting at 7pm before COW to discuss Ordinance 7, 2022. Motion passed 6-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- The Mayor can call a special meeting before then, if need be, so we are good. Since we are wishing Happy Birthday's, I'd like to wish my wife a Happy Birthday for the rest of today. Alright, is there anyone wishing to address council? What is council's pleasure on the absent member at this point?

Motion made by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer, to excuse the Absentee. Motion passed 6-0.

Next COW meeting will be Thursday, March 10th, 2022 after the special meeting at 7pm in council chambers.

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

