

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD COUNCIL

April 28th, 2022

The St. Bernard Village Council was held on April 28th, 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 all members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Brickweg, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Bob Culbertson, Ms. Bedinghaus, Mr. Ray Culbertson, and Mr. Schildmeyer.

A motion by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- This evening I am very fortunate to be able to present certificates to participants of our local Tae Kwon Do Program. Their instructor, Don Middendorf has been an incredible mentor to these students and I could not ask for a more dedicated individual who constantly goes above and beyond to set an example for our residents. Thank you again Don for this opportunity. This evening we are presenting promotional certificates for their belts or Gup Level they have earned.

Journey Robinson 8th level

Julian Morris 8th level

Anna Sheetz 8th level

James Byrd 9th level

Let's give them a big round of applause for these dedicated students of our community's Tae Kwon Do Program.

Saturday, April 23rd was a big day in the Village where we hosted a "Clean Up St. Bernard Day" had our first workday for the new community garden, The Woman's Club had their annual Auction/Sale, there was a 200-person cycling club that hosted a ride that began and ended in our village, and we were the host to

numerous baseball games at Frank Robinson Field. Councilman Tobergte and I hosted a “Clean Up St. Bernard Day” in the Village. I would like to thank all the volunteers who showed up to assist and I would also like to acknowledge Bill Helton from the Service Department who donate his time to bring a packer out to pick up all the litter/trash that was collected. I would also like to thank all the dedicated individuals that turned out for the workdays this past weekend at the new community garden. There was some serious work that went on and there is more to accomplish but it could not have been done without the amazing volunteers, donors and of course our awesome Service Department who assisted the group with moving heavy materials up to the site. This is an exciting project, and I can’t wait to see it completed just as our dedicated group of citizens asked. Lastly, I would like to bring up a topic I brought up to council at the last COW regarding the difficulty that we are having in the attracting and retaining seasonal help at the Service Department due to the level of compensation. I would like to entertain this again and I would like to be able to add approximately \$2.50 per hour to each step for the seasonal laborers. I am not sure if this is under new or old business, however you want to handle it, but I would like to discuss this because we are having difficulties, and it will be showing more so in the community.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Mr. President, since this has to be an ordinance, I suggest we discuss this in the next meeting 2 weeks from now?

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- We will put this in the agenda for the next COW.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Mr. President, I would prefer not to wait 2 weeks for the COW agenda, and then another 2 weeks for the Council Meeting. We need to move on this. I did bring it up 2 weeks ago and did not hear a word even though we had an individual go directly to council members about this. I do think now we are actually at; we only have limited time. The grass isn’t going to stop growing. I would like to find a way to expedite this opportunity so we can advertise a better rate of compensation so we can involve other individuals we don’t currently have.

Council Member, Ms. Bedinghaus- Mr. President, what would be the starting salary for that position?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Currently, the first step is \$10.41, second stop is \$11.47 and third step is \$12.54 an hour.

Council Member, Mr. Bob Culbertson- Mr. President, Jonathan, I know you said for the Service Department, but what about the pool and the other part time hourly seasonal help? Are we going to have this issue across the board? And do we need to revisit all of them instead of just looking at the Service Department?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Mr. President, I don't feel like this is a short sided decision to look at this exclusively at this point. As of right now, we do not have a shortage of individuals to fill those positions. That doesn't mean we can't look at them later, I don't feel it's an emergency to address all of the part time positions. I don't think we need to increase the rate of compensation for pool attendants. I am not trying to earmark this position as essential employees, but the rate of compensation for the part time seasonal workers mirrors that of the lifeguards but we have not had a shortage in the lifeguard category. Right now, we only have 3 part time employees. One can't start for a month; one has a chance to move up to full time immediately, and the other starts Monday. It is an issue right now keeping up, then you still have to work to schedule in all the vacations that will be happening. I am concerned, but however council wants to proceed, but I would like to find a way to expedite this so we can have a couple productive months.

Council Member, Mr. Schildmeyer- Mr. President, what is the mechanism for doing this outside the normal ordinance?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Mr. President, what I suggest is, you'll have to amend Ordinance 9 2022. If you agree to it, I would suggest a special meeting, at least a special meeting before the COW. So yes, they can't hire anybody, or they can't start at the rate of pay until you do that. To add to that, we budgeted \$65,000.00 in that line item. I think with these raises, it's still doable because we are already going into May. It might need additional funding, but I would not worry about that at this point. So when kids are leaving to go to school and that, we have only been spending about \$35,000.00 out of that line item. Jonathan wanted more this year since the parks looked so bad last year, but we can't even find the kids to work. So I don't think you need to worry about that. So we just need to amend the part time pay ordinance.

Council Member, Mr. Schildmeyer- And they way to do that is to have a special meeting?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Yes.

Council Member, Ms. Bedinghaus- Mr. President, how many people are we looking at? How many seasonal part-time people do we have?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- We budgeted for 6 people.

Council Member, Ms. Bedinghaus- Ok.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- What is Council's pleasure on having a special meeting before the next COW?

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- Mr. President, because this was just brought up, and we might want to discuss it at the next COW, can we do a special meeting after the COW?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- You just discussed it. Or if you want to continue to discuss in further detail, just suspend with the regular course and you can open un the meeting, but it was kind of already discussed.

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- Ok.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Once again, what is Council's pleasure on having a special meeting before the next COW to amend Ordinance 9 2022?

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to have a special council meeting before the May 12th COW at 7pm to amend Ordinance 9 2022.
Motion passes 7-0.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. The Auditor's office had prepared Ordinance 13 2022 for tonight's meeting. This id for additional appropriations of \$200,000.00 for tax refunds. General fund 2E-3. Second, there has been some questions regarding the community garden, and how the expenses are being paid. We have been receiving revenue from it. Please have been making donations, so I have been putting that to miscellaneous fund. Since this will not be a regular thing, I am using miscellaneous for the expenses coming in and out. This was the best and easiest way to do it, without creating a bunch of line items.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- You have before you tonight, the 3rd reading of Ordinance 12 2022. This is for the 2 year moratorium of accepting and processing applications, issuing any permits, and allowing any retail dispensaries, cultivators, and processing of medical marijuana, within the Village limits. I would

urge this to be adopted. As we discussed at the most recent COW, this is not a ban. It is a moratorium that can be lifted. We do need to look at the zoning issues, so I would urge this adoption. There was also discussion at the COW regarding the C-9 Trust. I did meet with the Trustees, and we have been collecting documents. I think I have all the documents I need. I do not have anything to present to you tonight, but I will have something at the COW, because I do think we need to amend the C-9 Trust document and the Viva Plan document. I also ask that we go into executive session after the meeting to discuss on going litigation.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Bedinghaus, to go into executive session after the meeting to discuss pending litigation. Motion passes 7-0.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- No report this evening.

Safety/Service Director, Mr. Paul- Just to repeat this reminder to you, this is the time of the year yard waste must be canned or bagged. It is against the Village's ordinances to sweep yard waste into the street and leave it. If you see someone, report it. Our sewer systems are for storm water not debris. Can or bag if you must get rid of it. This year again, our very own Roger Bacon High School, will be performing their 2022 GO LOCAL clean up day for our Village. This project consists of students helping the Village with various task as weeding, mulching and general litter pick up where necessary throughout the Village. Tuesday, May 17th. It's a big help! Go Spartans! To My Community: This time of year, again we start planting our seeds. Of course, we have prepped our ground for the acceptance of the seeds. Now the care begins. Some of us have experience, others are just starting to pay attention. Experiencing new growth or change can be exciting. However, it can also be disappointing. Too much or too little fertilizer can be troublesome. Moderation can be very helpful. If you become over caring and controlling, you will overshadow the true potential if your garden. Always leaving room for growth. Live in peace.

Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Ms. Helmes- Tax collections for March: \$1,758,612.00 Tax refunds for March: -\$11,559.23 Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$2,780.69 Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$56,468.94 March 2022 is up 48.11% from March 2021. Taxes paid through the e-file portal is \$8,058.75.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Mr. Tobergte- Thank you Mr. President. I just want to thank everyone, especially Mr. Middendorf, who was also down there doing a paint collection for Matthew 25 Ministries. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Safety, Mr. Brickweg- The new firetruck is in. It has been striped. The old pick-up truck was given to the Service Department Monday. Also, the Block Watch will be meeting at the Safety Center at 6:30pm on May 19th. That concludes my report.

Service, Ms. Hausfeld- Tonight I have the Service Department Report for March 2022. 35 trucks places at residences, 28 dumpsters places at residences, 132 special pickups, 195.4 ton of garbage taken to the landfill, 36.05 tons of recycling, 45 pounds of scrap aluminum, 19 pounds of brass, 4 pounds of copper, 6220 pounds of scrap metal. That concludes my report.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson- Thank you Mr. President. The CIC met this past weekend and discussed the empty lots on Tower. Those are going to listed on Zillow. If anyone is interested, they can find the information on there. Send your request for proposals to CIC Properties. We also had a speaker talk about the community garden, which the CIC decided to donate \$2000.00 to support the community garden. I would highly recommend citizens donating to something positive in our community. That concludes my report.

Law, Contracts & Claims, Ms. Bedinghaus- Thank you Mr. President, as Chair of the Law, Contracts & Claims Committee, I highly recommend the passage of Ordinance 12 2022. That concludes my report.

Marketing, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Thank you Mr. President, I would like to start out by congratulating Thackston McMullan. Thackston is a resident and St. Bernard Stingray, who attends St. Xavier High School. Thackston won a division I state swimming championship in the 500 freestyle He also won the 200 individual medley and the 50 butterfly at the ISCA Championships in Florida, again Congrats Thackston. The deadline for Tee Ball signups is next Friday, May 6th. This is for kids ages 3-6 and the cost is \$20.00. Please sign up at City Hall. The next meeting for The German Luau Committee is Tuesday May 3rd at 6pm in Centennial Hall. They are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas so please stop down. That concludes my report.

Business & Industry, Mr. Schildmeyer- Thank you Mr. President, I just want to remind everyone again, Matthew 25 Ministries will be holding a collection for Ukraine support, starting Monday, May 2nd from 11am to 2pm and again from 5pm

to 8pm located in the St. Bernard Square near the bus stop. Starting May 7th and May 8th they will be collection from noon to 6pm solid. They will be collecting donations paper products, first aid items, personal hygiene products, baby and infant supplies, and new and gently used clothing along with new stuffed toys. Thank you, that concludes my report.

ORDINANCE 12, 2022

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM OF TWO YEARS ON THE ACCEPTING AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS AND THE ISSUING OF ANY PERMITS ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR PROCESSORS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adopt Ordinance 12 2022. Motion passes 5-2.

ORDINANCE 12, 2022

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 13, 2022. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance 13, 2022. Motion passes 7-0.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Mr. President, Chris, on your Matthew 25 Ministries, during the week, there are only certain hours they are open, correct? I couldn't hear the hours you said.

Council Member, Mr. Schildmeyer- Yes, I will read them again. Monday, May 2nd through Friday, May 6th they are open 11am to 2pm and again at 5pm to 8pm. Then Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6pm.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Thank you. Then Valerie, on the C-9, I talked to Dave, it seems there are a bunch of changes he wants to make. Can you ger them to us, with the approximate cost and stuff?

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- I will ask him to look into that, yes.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Then Tommy, on the Roger Bacon students, are they going to be concentrating on the Safety Center? That looked pretty bad most of they year last year.

Safety & Service Director, Mr. Paul- Yes, we won't have as many students this year, but I am going to ask them to go to the Safety Center, then also around Ross Park to help with the mulching around the walking track.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Anything else under old business? Does anyone have anything under new business? Anyone in the audience wishing to address Council this evening? Council will now go into executive session, but let me remind everyone Council will have a special council meeting Thursday, may 12th at 7pm to amend Ordinance 9, 2022.

Council returns from executive session.

Motion made by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson, to adjourn.
Motion passes 7-0.