

## VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD COUNCIL

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The St. Bernard Village Council was held on May 25th, 2022, in Council Chambers.

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

A moment of silence was given in remembrance of Cindy Shipp and Jenny Holt.

Roll call showed that 6 members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Brickweg, Ms. Hausfeld, Ms. Bedinghaus, Mr. Ray Culbertson, and Mr. Schildmeyer.

Absent- Mr. Bob Culbertson

A motion by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you Mr. President. First off, I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to both the Shipp and Holt families and ask that the community please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. I would like to ask that we also have a moment of silence for the senseless deaths at Robb Elementary School in Texas. Thank you again, and please keep these young souls and their families in your prayers. I would like to remind everyone that we will be honoring the veterans from St. Bernard who gave the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the lower-level parking lot in front of City Hall. Please join us in honoring those individuals. The CIC will be announcing the official sponsorship of Go Vibrant walking route in St. Bernard very soon and you will soon see the signs places around the village. I am very excited to share this program with you.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. The Auditor's office has prepared Resolution 3 2022. This is the resolution approving Paul Schildmeyer to file for a grant for the all-purpose track down at Ross Park. We also prepared Ordinance 16 2022, which is providing additional appropriation for \$10,000.00

paid to 2-k-2 miscellaneous and \$286,000.00 to 2-O-10 Park Maintenance. This will go towards the remaining balance for all the park equipment we are replacing. The we have Ordinance 17 2022, which is the contract for Blue Grass Recreation Installation for all the playground equipment. I also would like everyone to know the state auditors her in here doing their state audit. So far everything has gone smoothly, so hopefully soon we will have than done. That concludes my report.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- No Report.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- Thank you Mr. President. I went to my mailbox tonight, I know the Auditor threw in the report for me, and it is not there. I will get back with her, and I guess someone mistakenly grabbed the wrong mailbox again. So I'll get that for you next time. Sorry.

Safety/Service Director, Mr. Paul- Thank you Mr. President. The Go Local Roger Bacon Day was extremely helpful, I cannot thank the students and staff enough. I do hope they will return next year. Thanks again! To My Community, I took a trip to reminisce and create new memories. When I arrived, I took notice of thing that have changed. I will miss some of the things that altered what was there. I guess what I am trying to say is that we will never stop change. Regardless of why the change took place. After reading articles of what occurred, there is a beetle that can only lay eggs in a fresh burned tree. Where I see chaos, the universe appears to have everything well organized. That concludes my report.

Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Ms. Helmes- Absent

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance, Mr. Tobergte- No report

Safety, Mr. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. I would just like to thank Mary Day. She is a Developmental Director with Pro Seniors, who attended the Block Watch Meeting last week, and instructed the seniors of different scams, and what to watch out for. So, I would like to thank her for attending the Block Watch. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Service, Ms. Hausfeld- Thank you Mr. President. Tonight I have the Service Department report for April 2022. There were 35 trucks placed at residences, 31 dumpsters, 122 special pick ups and 196.89 tons of garbage taken to the landfill.

The Recycling Report shows 32.46 tons of recycling materials and 7100 pounds of scrap metal. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson- Absent

Laws, Contract and Claims, Ms. Bedinghaus- No report.

Marketing, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Thank you Mr. President. I just wanted to mention a couple of upcoming events for the St. Bernard Historical Society. There will be a second walking tour of the St. Bernard Sears Homes. The tour is on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and check in is at 9am at City Hall. Advanced registration is required by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 a member and \$25 for non-members. The next scheduled meeting is on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the upper level of the Municipal Building. Jim Hinnenkamp will lead a presentation on St. Bernard Watering Holes, and hey, who would miss that! I would also like to thank Tom Paul for taking care of all the high grass complaints. It is amazing how quickly they are getting taken care of, also just wondering out loud, is there anything we can do to streamline this process, or do we have to wait till it is a certain height for Robert to come in? Is there any way we can cut down on the time frame since some of these yards are just out of control?

Safety/Service Director, Mr. Paul- If you recall, we streamlined it 3 years ago. We only have to wait 8 days after they get the certified letter. Instead of sending a letter and waiting, Robert sends a letter and certified letter at the same time. So, there is a waiting period, and I do believe people know the grey areas, so they wait to the very last minute, and then cut it. That way it gets carried through and they only have to cut it two or three times a summer. That being said, Cincinnati, from what I understand, see long grass, they fine them \$300.00 and that's it or they go to court. So, it a citation actually.

Council Member, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Tom, I appreciate you responding so quickly. The one that was complained about yesterday was cut today. It is greatly appreciated.

Business and Industry, Mr. Schildmeyer- No report.

RESOLUTION 3 2022  
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF VILLAGE TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR  
THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT AND  
DECLAING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Resolution 3 2022.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Mr. President, just curious, in section 3 it says obligate the funds required to satisfactory complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program. Are we only doing this if we get the grant? If we do not get the grant, are we still doing this?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Mr. President, what that pertains to is, I had to send them a copy of our budget and everything like that. If you remember when Paul Schildmeyer explained it, it will be the whole grant. So, if we do not get the grant, that would be something we would have to look into doing later. This is the resolution they have asked us to type up to certify that we have the funds. My guess is we would do the project and get reimbursed. We can suggest that we amend it and take out the “use of” in the title.

Motion to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Resolution 3 2022 was withdrawn by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to remove the language “use of” on Resolution 3 2022. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the amended Resolution 3 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded Mr. Ray Culbertson, by to adopted amended Resolution 3 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE 16 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 16 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 16 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Mr. President, before we read the first reading on Ordinance 17 2022, there is a couple mistakes in there. An ordinance authorizing the Service Director to enter into a contract with Bluegrass Recreation Sales and installation for the purchase of playground equipment (Equipment was misspelled).

#### ORDINANCE 17 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WOTH BLUEGRASS RECREATION SALES AND INSTALLATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 17 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adopt Ordinance 17 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Does anyone on council have anything under old business? Does anyone on council have anything under new business?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Mr. President, I failed to mention a very important date. The season opening of the Aquatic Center, I failed to mention that. It will open at 11am and be open till 7pm on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and enjoy the water, and please come to get a pool pass. Thank you.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Mr. President, I forgot to mention I am continuing to work on the 2023 budget, and I would like to get Council's opinion on this. With all the scheduling going on, I was a little concerned. My goal is to get the budget to you in the next few days, and possibly have the public hearing on the 9<sup>th</sup>. You don't vote on it, so if you can't make that meeting its ok, but I would like to at least make the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> so I can get it sent to the county. I can say from working on it, there is not a whole lot of added expenses at this point. It should be a balanced budget so no panic over that. I just wanted to get your opinion because I have to take an add out in the news paper 10 days ahead of time. I wanted to see if we could have the public hearing during the council meeting incase you may have questions you wanted to ask.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Mr. President, so Peggy for that night, it is possible to do it at the beginning? Mark, who is a consultant, who is coming that night, he is trying to get some other individuals, as far as village administrators and managers, to be

coming that night also. I need to double check if we are having guest that night, if it possible to do your portion in the beginning?

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Mr. President, I have no problem doing it at the beginning. Just if you have any questions, you can email me on your own and ask me whatever you want. I can still do it at 7 o'clock, and if anyone has any questions, I can answer them. Its going to be an easy balance projected budget. I'm sure we will be changing it for the actual budget. So, I'm ok with that if you are ok with that.

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- Mr. President, Jonathan, is that definitely a done thing?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- It's almost a done thing because of the timing. I can't help that, unless we have a special meeting outside of our regular times. I am trying to work within the timing, kind of mapped it out. We could not adjust that day. I will let you know for sure if something changes.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Mr. President, you can watch it on your phone. That what I've done. I'll show you, its not hard. That is what I did when I was in the hospital.

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

Next COW will be Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Council Chambers along with the public hearing for the 2023 budget.

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