

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD COUNCIL MEETING

July 28th, 2022

The St. Bernard Village Council was held on July 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- Thank you Mr. President. Just to give you all an update, the CIC now has a fully executed purchase agreement with the Civitas Development Group for the redevelopment of the St. Bernard Square. This is very exciting news for the Village, and we will update everyone as the process moves forward. I just wanted to make sure that this does not mean that you will see immediate demolition of the shopping center. The St. Bernard German Luau is coming up next weekend, Friday August 5th from 5pm to midnight and on Saturday August 6th from 3pm to midnight. The Fresh Market will be held Saturday from noon to 3pm. Please check the Village website for the complete list of events. I am asking that members of council, the administration department, department heads and village employees to consider signing up for the celebrity dunk booth, I will be emailing everyone a link to sign up genius for you to commit to a 30 minute commitment. Proceeds from the dunking booth will go to the water collection shelter to be built at the community garden. I have signed up for both days so bring your cash to see how many times you can dunk me. Again, I am asking that you please table Ordinance 20 2022 so that we can allow for the proper community engagement process and surveying of the community on the proposed charter amendments. We will be targeting this fall to start this process under the guidance of our consultant. I am also asking that you please support Ordinance 22 2022 which is the MOU with the St. Bernard Service Department. This allows for the compression of previous 8 step process for the position of labor to that of a 5 step process. Also, Valerie will be discussing further Ordinance 23 2022. That concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Absent. No report.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Thank you Mr. President. I just want to remind you that Ordinance 15 2022 is coming up for its second reading tonight. I'd like to ask you to continue to support that. Now turning to Ordinance 23 2022 which you have before you. This is authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Roger Bacon High School. There was a question that arose about whether or not this had to go out for bidding. We are not signing the contract with the construction company. Roger Bacon High School is doing that. I have found case law which

discusses the terms in which a city or a municipal subdivision and make an expenditure for a public purpose. I have quoted and outlined it within the ordinance. I think we are way within our ability to make a payment to Roger Bacon, who is going to be the one on the contract. It is for the purpose of public improvements that will positively impact the people of St. Bernard. I ask that you support and pass Ordinance 23 2022. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Safety & Service Director, Mr. Paul- Thank you Mr. President. The slide will be started Monday, August 1st. The pool will remain open and just that section will be roped off. It will take 4 days to complete. Water will be turned on for the slide Saturday August 6th. To My Community, I don't know if I have taken time to write about time. It was thought of along time ago. Somehow someone realized that it was time for the sun to go down, then come back up again. What time is it? Daytime. Well what time is it now? Nighttime. Of course, over the passage of time we become timelier and precision set upon us. One minute until countdown. It dawned on us that we were only here for a short time. It should have taught us that we needed to use time wisely. Make every moment count. So do so, quickly, before your time runs out on you and you regret wasting your time. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Tax Commissioner/Administrator, Ms. Helmes- Thank you Mr. President. Just a quick recap on June's tax collections.

- Tax collections for June: \$1,911,880.41
- June 2022 is up 215.83% from June 2021.
- Tax refunds for June: \$-11,398.75
- Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$2696.51
- Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$4,968.88
- Taxes paid through the e-file portal: \$418.46

Thank you, that concludes my report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance, Mr. Tobergte- Thank you Mr. President. I had a discussion with the Police Chief. We are canceling the August Block Watch meeting. We are hoping to have one in November. His workload is pretty high right now with the shortage so we will postpone till November.

Safety, Mr. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. I have the monthly June report for the fire department. As far as fire go, structure fires 7, other fires 3, vehicle fires 0, auto accident 4, hazmat incidents 0, service calls 4, fire alarms 14, CO alarms 0, EMS assists 14 for a total of 46. As far as fire mutual aid given, Norwood 1, Elmwood Place 4, Lockland 3, Reading 1 and Columbia Township 1. Fire mutual aid received, Norwood 2, Elmwood Place 1, Reading 3, Wyoming 3, Lockland 3, Springfield Township 2, Cincinnati 1. EMS had 60 transports, 56 non transports, for a total of 116 EMS runs. Mutual aid under EMS is Elmwood 1, Norwood 5 and Cincinnati 1. Elmwood Place contracted incident was 10 for the month of June. Fire department has had rope rescue training and search and rescue training completed. That concludes my report.

Service, Ms. Hausfeld- Thank you Mr. President. Tonight I have the Service Department report for June 2022. There were 40 trucks placed at residents, 36 dumpsters placed at residents, 130 special pick ups, 218.33 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. The Recycling report shows 28.95

tons of recycled materials, 232 pounds of scrap aluminum, 13 pounds of brass, 12 pounds copper, 10,540 pounds of scrap metal, and 59 electric motors. There are also the waste collection fees for the month of May. The waste collection fee was \$29,490.20. That concludes my report.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson- I have no report.

Laws, Contracts and Claim, Ms. Bedinghaus- No report.

Marketing, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Thank you Mr. President. Please mark your calendars for the following events. On August 6th, the Aquatic Center will be open on weekends only from 11am to 7pm through Labor Day. Saturday August 13th will be a Family Night at the Aquatic Center beginning at 6pm to 11pm. Saturday August 27th there will be an Adult Night at the Aquatic Center from 6pm to 11pm. Finally, on Monday September 5th, there will be a Dog Day at the Aquatic Center from 7pm to 9pm. That will mark the closing of the Aquatic Center for the season. That concludes my report.

Business and Industry, Mr. Schildmeyer- Thank you Mr. President. I have an announcement. For those of you who are looking for a place to shred your documents, AARP is sponsoring shred days. They are not in St. Bernard yet, but in Forest Park there will be one on August 20th from 9am to noon. On September 17th, Oakley Crossroads will be having one from 9am to noon and there will be another one in Oakley on October 15th, location to be determined. If you would like to register for select locations and time slots you can go to [AARP.org/Cincinnati](https://www.aarp.org/Cincinnati) and you can register whether you are an AARP member or not. That concludes my report.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- Thank you Mr. President. The last meeting minutes were submitted on 7/26/2022 and I have no communications.

ORDINANCE 15 2022

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE VEBA TRUST AND VEBA PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE PLAN COVERAGE TO CURRENT EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson, for Ordinance 15 2022 take regular course. Motion passed 6-0. 1 abstention.

ORDINANCE 20 2022

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF ST. BERNARD CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson, to table Ordinance 20 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 21 2022

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 21 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 21 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 22 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OH AND THE ST. BERNARD SERVICE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 22 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adopt Ordinance 22 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 23 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROGER BACON HIGH SCHOOL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CROSSWALK ON MITCHELL AVE. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 23 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adopt Ordinance 23 2022. Motion passed 7-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- At this time, does anyone on council have anything under old business?

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Mr. President, Tommy, can we have Heidi put that information for the shred days on the website please? Thank you.

Council Member, Mr. Bob Culbertson- Mr. President, Tommy, the garbage fee that we put in a couple years ago, I know we had to sign an agreement for the collection. Is that coming up this year or next year?

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- Mr. President, it was a 5 year contract, yes next year.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Anything else under old business? Does anyone on council have anything under new business? Is there anyone in the audience wishing to address council this evening? Next Committee of the Whole meeting will be Thursday, August 11th at 7pm in Council Chambers.

Motion made by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adjourn.