

THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
COUNCIL MEETING

August 25th, 2022

The St. Bernard Village Council was held on August 25th, 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 six 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. Again, tomorrow night, August 26th, the St. Bernard Garden Club will be hosting a Sunset in the Garden Party starting at 7:30pm at the community garden on Tennis Lane. If you are unfamiliar with the area, head north on Broerman Ave and then take your first left on Tennis Lane. The community garden is immediately on your left just before the tennis courts. Parking is available in the lot overlooking Ross Park and Frank Robinson Field at the end of the street. So, bring your chair, your favorite drink, and a snack to share as you enjoy the best view of the sunset in the village. There will be a fire to make s'mores so come out and meet some of the gardeners and enjoy a little slice of nature in the garden. Lastly, we are working through the hiring process for the police department and have made one conditional offer that has been accepted and will be making two additional offers next week.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. The first part on my report tonight are the July revenues versus the expenses. I am sorry, it makes it a little bit easier that this point in the year, to say what the difference is, because there are different bills due at different times, which can make it kind of better to compare it to the previous year. So, comparing the expenses which were \$7,540,397.19 over the revenues of \$9,244,003.52. Year to date we are up \$1,703,606.33. On the agenda tonight is Ordinance 25 2022. This ordinance will provide the transfer of \$100,000.00 going from the general fund transfer out going into the swimming pool account. It also has the additional appropriation of \$20,000.00 to computers systems 2-K-7. Building management at the swimming pool 2-0-8-S for \$14,420.00 and an additional appropriation for fuel and oil for 2-0-16. That concludes my report.

Director of Law, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Thank you Mr. President. I have on you tonight Resolution 4 2022. Which as I discussed at the COW last week, we need to establish a rule for our regular meetings for council to comply with the revised code. But, in researching that, I did observe we needed to amend our ordinance 121.10 A3, to come into alignment with the revised

code. So, you have that before you as well tonight. I would like to have those voted on this evening. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- Thank you Mr. President. This evening I have the statement from Star Ohio. The total at the end of July was \$8,352,268.56. That includes the \$1 million deposit the Auditor mentioned earlier in the month, on July the 5th. That concludes my report.

Safety & Service Director, Mr. Paul- I have no report this evening, but I do have To My Community. Let's talk about change. We can have change in our pocket. We can change a baby's diaper then hear our voice change during puberty. Later we may change our name and age to a change of life then onto changing our adult undies, which by the way, do not have pockets. It would seem to me that with all the change that life gives us, it is only logical that we may change our minds. Or even better would be to look within ourselves and see if we need a change of heart.

Tax Administrator/Commissioner, Ms. Helmes- Absent, report ready by Ms. Brickweg.
July 2022 end of month receipts

- Tax collections for July: \$710, 855
- July 2022 is down -70.54% from July 2021.
- Tax refunds for July: \$-8,626.14
- Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$853.89
- Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$9,829.43
- Taxes paid through the e-file portal: \$203.27

Note: A 1.1-million-dollar payment was made in June instead of the usual month of July. Had that payment been submitted in July, the monthly percentages would read: June up 34.12% and July -24.96%.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Mr. Tobergte- No report.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Bedinghaus, to place Ordinance 26 2022 on the table. Motion passes 6-0.

Safety, Mr. Brickweg- No report.

Service, Ms. Hausfeld- No report.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson- Absent.

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

Marketing, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Adult Night at the Aquatic Center is this Saturday from 6pm to 11pm. The worlds worst DJ Wild Bill will be playing the music and the Bengals preseason game will be on the big screen. Free hot dogs will be provided while they last. This is a 21 and over event that is free to season pass holders and \$5.00 for non-passholders.

Business and Industry, Mr. Schildmeyer- No report.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- Thank you Mr. President. The minutes were submitted on August 22nd, and I have no communications.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Clerk, will you please give the first reading of Resolution 4 2022?

RESOLUTION 4 2022
ESTABLISHING BY RULE NOTICES OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES AND
TIMES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Sorry, I didn't get to read page 2 on the computer. Under section 4, notice of meetings, it says the person has to request what particular type of public business to be discussed, that they want notifications for, do they have to be specific on that?

Director of Law, Ms. Van Valkenburg- No, I think it just needs to say what is on the COW agenda or I want the council meeting agenda. Its that kind of generality.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Then why are we charging a \$5.00 fee? They already have to pay the postage.

Director of Law, Ms. Van Valkenburg- I can remove that if you'd like to. There is no requirement, it just seemed like there would be some extra housekeeping. Other communities have done it. They have charged a \$1.00 and some haven't done anything at all. I am happy to quickly go out and amend this.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- I don't think it needs to be there, myself.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- The \$5.00 includes the paper and the ink and the envelopes.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- The envelopes are supplied by the people.

Director of Law, Ms. Van Valkenburg- The resolution does say they need to provide self-addressed stamped envelopes. But yes, there will obviously be additional copying charges associated. We are allowed to charge reasonable amounts for a request for protection of

documents. When somebody makes a public records request, we do have the right to charge them a minimal amount. I just thought \$5.00 would help cover some of the cost that may be associated with this should people want it.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Right now if someone wants a copy of the minutes, can't they just come down and pull them off the bulletin board? We aren't charging for them. I don't see the need to charge \$5.00 myself.

Director of Law, Ms. Van Valkenburg- As I said, it is up to you all. I can amend it if that's what you would rather.

Council Member, Mr. Ray Culbertson- I do not have a problem with the \$5.00 fee.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte to remove the \$5.00 fee from Resolution 4 2022. No second. Fee was left in on Resolution 4 2022.

Motion on suspension of 2nd and 3rd reading carries. 6-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adopt Resolution 4 2022. Motion passes 5-1.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Clerk, will you please give the 2nd reading of Ordinance 15 2022?

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 Ms. Hausfeld, take regular course.

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- Mr. President, there was some confusion on whether I was able to vote on this or not. Because this does not hinder anything with my family, my Dad in the past or my Mom now, I will be voting on it. Thank you,

Motion passes 4-0 with two abstentions.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Clerk, will you please give the first reading of Ordinance 24 2022?

ORDINANCE 24 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PART OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ST. BERNARD OHIO REVISING THE TRAFFIC, GENERAL OFFENSES, AND FIRE PREVENTION CODES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW AND DIRECTING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 24 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded Mr. Ray Culbertson, by to adopt Ordinance 24 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Clerk, will you please give the first reading of Ordinance 25 2022?

ORDINANCE 25 2022
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUND AND PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 25 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 25 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Clerk, will you please give the first reading of Ordinance 26 2022?

ORDINANCE 26 2022
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.10 A3 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 26 2022. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adopt Ordinance 26 2022. Motion passes. 6-0.

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

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Jonathan, do we have an update on the medical marijuana?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Not at this point. We have a map that is basically drawn out that shows the available areas that it could potentially exist. And we will be working with Gerry Stoker to start the zoning portion before it comes to council. We need to find out if be basically open it up where we show the entire area where there are possibilities or what will be advertised as proposed areas. But there will be a community engagement portion of it where ultimately people could object. The Ross Ave corridor is really the only area that would affect any residents. Again, that is not the area I was suggesting before where our adult entertainment district is down off Vine and Murray. But the Ross Ave area would be the portion where people would be affected as residents. I am going to be leaning on Gerry Stoker to kind of run the rest of this

process, with setting up the community engagement side and the proposed text change to our zoning. So, it starts with him then it would come to council. So, I will have a report with dates scheduled of when we can start that process. We did measure out the areas what would be eliminated based on the state's codes. We are that far.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Thank you. So, a couple of years ago we were looking into that rehab loan fund. Was there anything ever found out about that?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- At this point, no. It didn't really go any further. The money is still there, but the individuals that were guiding the process, who were going to administer the entire thing, were not comfortable with continuing. It was going to be managed by First State Bank, and the people who drew up the first plan are not even there anymore. The people who are there are not in line or comfortable with what has been proposed. Mr. Ungruhe was kind enough to give me the big folder to go through the process, but it was almost like it didn't even happen. So, we have to determine on how we can proceed and someone to manage it. But the proposed plan now was not going to work.

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

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Mr. President, this evening we have Chris Sauer, the Special Event Coordinator for the Recreation Department, and the Chairman of the German Luau Committee.

Special Events/Chairman, Mr. Sauer- Hello, I am Chris Sauer, and I wanted to give an update on the German Luau. I am going to go through some things then I am available for questions. So, we are nearly ready to close the book on this. There are a few things we need to get allocated appropriately, but I am able to give some pretty good numbers for the top line. Our revenue with sponsorship was \$44,353.45 weekend revenue. So, what we took in at the event was \$31,035.00. Weekend expenses were \$22,783.00 and we are going to be able to increase our profit share to the non-profit community groups, about \$15,000.00 this year. Which is in line since we basically doubled the number of booths we had. We had 18 booths operated by those non-profit community organizations. That was an excellent thing. Those groups will be able to do a lot of good. So, in those 18 booths, they provided over 500 hours' worth of effort. So, this was not a freebie or a handout. They did all the work necessary to put a festival on. Our revenue was in line with 2019 and 2021 which was actually pretty impressive given we went from a 3-day event down to 2 days. Also, the pulled pork, which was one of our main food booths, was handled by one of those non-profits this year. Even taking that revenue out just indicated how successful the event was. We don't have a clicker when people walk in but, anecdotally the crowds were good. Our sales were high. We had 4,800 alcohol tickets sold. In years past we did the inflatables for the kids, which had some mixed results. This year we did a more traditional kids game area, which was very successful. We had 10 of those booths and it was very popular. We are going to take that and build on that for next year. All of the key metrics we did better, and it was a little easier on all of us by only having 2 days. Like I said we had more booths than we ever had before. In fact, we ran out of booths from the village. We had more groups from the community here. We feel like attendance was up there, close to 2019. We had excellent media coverage, television, newspaper, online etc. Our sponsorship was the highest we ever had, both in number

of sponsors and dollars. The financial results were very good. This is a good report. We hope to build on it in the future. We expect to start planning for next year's luau at the tail end of this year to get a jump on it. We don't know what 2023 will bring, given that we have some construction things to wrap up. We invite anyone in the community who wants to be apart of this can. We will start meeting in the fall, once we have those dates set, I'll make sure those get announced. Everyone is welcome to join.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Mr. President, first I would like to thank Chris. He is an excellent organizer and puts his best effort into all of this. He does a fabulous job, and we could not do this without him. I would also like to thank the rest of the committee for all their hard work and hours. I appreciate all their participation. Those that participated in the celebrity dunk booth, the Culbertson brothers, myself and of course our celebrity guest Mr. Durbin here in the audience with us tonight, who ended the evening for us on Saturday night. The dunk booth was a lot of fun and brought in a lot of interest. The lower area on Vine that had all the kids' activities, I do not think anyone really missed having the rides. Everyone kept busy and everyone was having a great time. There were plenty of prizes and no parent had to forfeit \$40.00 for a ride bracelet. So, it was a good weekend, and I don't think we could have asked for anything better. We are looking for additional participation for next year for individuals who would like to step up. We are open to new members and new ideas, so again thank you to everyone and how this all worked out.

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

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Is there anyone in the audience wishing to address council this evening?

Matthew Durbin, 36 Baker- First I'd like to start by saying I think the dunking booth was amazing. The kids really enjoyed that, especially when I was in there, and once of the officer's really enjoyed dunking me. One of the other things I want to bring up is the Resolution 4. I do think the \$5.00 is a little ridiculous of a high price for a piece of paper with some ink on it for public information, when I can go and get copies made at the library for 10 cents. Its also paper and ink that was already provided by residents with tax money. I think that is a bit high and ridiculous. I don't know what other municipalities charge for that. That's all.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Does anyone else wish to address council? If not, what is council's pleasure on the absent member?

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

Next COW will be Thursday September 8th at 7pm in council chambers.

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

Council meeting is adjourned.

