

THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
COUNCIL MEETING
March 23rd, 2023

The St. Bernard Village Council Meeting was held on March 23rd, 2023, in Council Chambers.

The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed five members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Brickweg, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Ray Culbertson, and Mr. Schildmeyer. Absent: Mr. Bob Culbertson and Ms. Bedinghaus.

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

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I'd like to start by thanking everyone who helped stuff envelopes for the mailing sent to all the electors for the village, informing them of the proposed charter amendments. Some residents will receive two mailings due to an error in printing that was outsourced. A brief letter of explanation has been included in each resident's mailing, explaining the situation and providing them with a complete packet. Anyone who would like an additional copy, please feel free to stop by City Hall to pick one up. The Easter Bunny will be traveling around the village on April 8th, starting at 9:30am. The bunny tracker link will be published along with the route so you can follow your furry friend as he travels the village. Councilman Don Tobergte and I will be hosting our annual Clean Up St. Bernard Day on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd from 10am to noon. Tongs, trash bags and gloves will be provided. We are finalizing our plan for the Fourth of July that will include a parade, family day at the Aquatic Center, entertainment, food, cornhole and pickleball tournaments, ending the day with a laser light show at Vine Street Park. Lastly, I want to let everyone know that Cindi will be back for our next COW meeting. She has been caring for her mother-in-law out of state. Cindi has been in consent communication and is still accessible by phone. Please keep Cindi and her family in your prayers.

Auditor, Mr. Brickweg- The Auditor's office has prepared Ordinance 9 2023 for you tonight. Since we do not have enough people to vote emergency, I will give a more of a detailed report next meeting. I am also asking we have a special meeting before the COW in order to vote for this. Some of the line items are out of money. I am asking for \$20,000.00 in miscellaneous, \$33,000.00 to computers, \$36,801.00 to City Hall maintenance, \$2,100.00 to stationery and printing and \$15,000.00 to Capital Improvements.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- We discussed at the COW to have an ordinance prepared regarding the notice of the meetings on the door, as part of the settlement of the litigation, posted at the front entrance. I reviewed the existing ordinance and I think it covers it, but for cautions, I

will prepare another ordinance. We do not have enough votes to pass it this evening so I would ask that we discuss it at the special meeting.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Just to clarify the special meeting, I would ask we have the special meeting before the next COW.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- This evening I have the STAR Ohio statement. Our balance at the end of last month was \$12,573,171.94. Copies have been provided to council.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- I had a meeting with insurance and out of that meeting came the following: Renewing the insurance program was \$126,174.00. The three-year pollution policy is \$13,375.00. For the cyber program, which is the one I had to negotiate. The original premium was \$12,719.00. We revised that premium to \$8,942.00. We had an available credit of \$3,120.00 due to the fact it was supposed to be 50% for us to pay not 100%. The final cost is \$5,822.00. Also, I went out for bids looking into renovations for City Hall Council Chambers and the main hall. These figures range from \$145,792.00 to \$99,403.00. We would need \$100,000.00 to be appropriated to line-item 2-O-8-C. We have exceeded our legal add line-item M-P-6. I would need an appropriation of \$3,000.00. The playground equipment for Vine Street is being delivered Friday. All of our park remodels will be started and completed within about 6 weeks. To My Community: I have spoken about the pantry of the mind and how you should periodically check your stock. I have a tub of aches and a jug of pains. I do not believe I acquired it on purpose, had to be delivered by life itself. What you do with aches and pains? I find a little TLC is most helpful. However, this does not fully relieve it as life keeps delivering. So, we must slowly learn to tolerate and change our body mechanics. We should delve into more tranquil and peaceful activity for loving and caring more tenderly.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- 2022 tax year reminders.

- Your Federal, state, and local (St. Bernard) taxes are all due on April 18, 2023.
- The St. Bernard e-file portal is up and running. You will need to select the option, “Do not have a PIN”, to create a new PIN for 2022 tax filing. The old PINS were deleted from last year.
- All tax returns, either filed electronically or by paper, must include: W2’s, 1099’s, federal 1040 page 1-2 and any federal schedules. E-file users can attach these to the e-file or submit them by paper. Your tax return cannot be audited and processed without this documentation.
- Paper tax form submissions must have printed documentation. All paper tax returns must be completed, signed, and dated. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
 - Paper tax forms with instructions are available in the tax office or on the Village tax website.
- The OML sent me a report on, “The Implications Of Remote Work For Ohio’s Municipal Income Tax”, I have not had an opportunity to look at it yet. I will report to Council as soon as I read through it.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance, Mr. Tobergte- Thursday, April 6th at 6pm in the Safety Center, will be held a certified CPR training session for anyone 14 and over. Class size is limited to 20 students. Please contact me at 513-543-6801 and leave a message with your name and phone number if you want to join the class.

Safety, Mr. Brickweg- Tonight I have the February report for the Police Department. We had a total of 872 contact calls for service. These included 83 criminal offenses with 123 criminal arrests. We had 93 traffic citations and 176 traffic warnings and responded to 16 accidents also. Officer Terry Hochshied will begin the role of SRO for St. Bernard Elmwood Place School District on April 14th. Officer Nicholas Doyle left the department to pursue an opportunity with the Railway Police in the state of Washington. The Police Chief would like to thank Officer Doyle for his service and wish him well. Background checks and testing are being performed on several other candidates as you will see three new faces in the not too distance future. The St. Bernard Police will hold their golf outing on May 20th at Winton Woods. They are looking for volunteers to assist with the event. Anyone wishing to help please contact Chief Simos or Chief Young.

Service, Ms. Hausfeld- The Service Department report for February 2023: 24 trucks placed at residences, 19 dumpsters, 113 special pickups, 151.55 tons of garbage taken to the landfill, 7 30-yard roll off dumpsters. As for recycling: 20.97 tons of recycling material. Remitted to the village \$26,043.58.

Marketing, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Please make plans to attend the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 1pm at Vine Street Park. Toddlers through 8th graders will be able to participate. There will also be a petting zoo. Thank you to the following sponsors: St. Bernard Pub, Wiedemann Brewery, Kelsey Chevrolet, LaRosa's Pizza, Feightner Plumbing, Wyoming Air and Brandi Schildmeyer. The German Luau Committee invites all non-profits and other interested in running a booth to attend the next meeting held Tuesday, April 4th at 6pm in Centennial Hall. There will present the plans for this year's luau and answer any questions. Booth applications will be available that night and on the village website. They are due by Monday, May 15th.

Business and Industry, Mr. Schildmeyer- No report.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- I have no communications this evening and committee of the whole minutes was sent out Tuesday, March 21st.

ORDINANCE 8 2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FRED A. NEIMAN COMPANY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, for Ordinance 8 2023 to go regular course. Motion passes 5-0.

ORDINANCE 9 2023
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- I just wanted to let you know the money that Mr. Paul was talking about for the pavilion, we already have that in the budget. The money for media, he has a blanket PO out there for 3 to 4 thousand. So, I do not think that line-item will need more money.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Just to clarify the \$100,000.00 is for City Hall. The Capital Improvements line-item is actually covering the improvements being made to the Pavilion and City Hall. We would not need an additional appropriation as Ms. Brickweg said.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, for Ordinance 9 2023 to go regular course. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to hold a special meeting at 7:00pm on April 13th, before the COW meeting. Motion passes 5-0.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I do have one announcement. This Tuesday's upcoming CIC meeting is being postponed. We are working on finalizing some things with the developer, so we have no new business to discuss.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to excuse the absent members. Motion passes 5-0.

The next COW meeting will be held Thursday, April 13th 2023 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Motion made by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adjourn. Motion passes 5-0.

Council is adjourned.