

THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 13th, 2023

The St. Bernard Village Committee of the Whole was held on April 13th, 2023, in Council Chambers.

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

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, second by Ms. Hausfeld, to dispense with the regular order of business for a special council meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

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 Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 3rd reading of Ordinance 8 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 8 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to amend Ordinance 9 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- I just wanted to explain Ordinance 9 2023.

FROM GENERAL FUND

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| 01-5-A-19 General Fund Transfer Out | \$2,600,000.00 |
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TO CASH ACCOUNTS

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| 04-1000 Swimming Pool Cash Account | \$100,000.00 |
| 05-1000 Master Plan Cash Account | \$300,000.00 |
| 07-1000 Capital Improvements | \$700,000.00 |
| 31-1000 General Bond Retirement Cash Account | \$600,000.00 |
| 51-1000 Employee Health Plan Cash Account | \$900,000.00 |

Additional appropriations to the following:

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| 01-2-K-2 | Miscellaneous | \$20,000.00 |
| 01-2-K-7 | Computers | \$33,000.00 |
| 01-2-O-8C | City Hall Building Maint. | \$36,801.00 |
| 01-5-A-4 | CH Stationery and Printing | \$2,100.00 |
| 01-MP-9 | Streets and Sewers | \$249,096.71 |
| 07-08 | Capital Improvements | \$15,000.00 |

ORDINANCE 9 2023

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 3rd reading of amended Ordinance 9 2023. Motion passes 7-0

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adopt amended Ordinance 9 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE 10 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 123.01(b) 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 10 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Tommy, I know we talked about adding one to the Safety Center, are we still going to do that? A display case for the ordinances?

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- It is not in the current ordinance. The online version, which is what I looked at, but if that is an issue then we need to address that.

Council Member, Mr. Ray Culbertson- The only specific location is in front of City Hall. Did they just add that down there? I do not recall that.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- It has been completed. But if this is the only place you want to put them, that's fine.

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- I remember talking about it but I did not know it was finished.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Yes, we can place them in other places, but to comply with our current ordinance, it only requires it at City Hall.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 10 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Special Council Meeting has concluded.

A motion by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to approve the written minutes of the March 23rd, 2023, council meeting. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- I failed to add something to the COW agenda. A couple weeks ago I gave Council a copy of the protocol and Policies and Procedures for Council. With the recent ordinance that just passed, I will run through the changes and Council should look these over before the next council meeting, we can do a voice vote to adopt them. On page 2 under A- Council Meetings, A-3 the old version says 12 hours, we just passed an ordinance to

make that 24 hours' notice for meetings. The next is on page 16 under Clerk of Council. The old version was the electronic recording as the official meeting minutes. We need to change electronic recording to written minutes. Then, on page 20, number 5, it reads the minutes that are printed and available to residents are not the official record of the meeting, but a summary of the meeting, so we need to take out the "preserved in the official record." If anyone has any other corrections that need to be changed, we will discuss at the next COW.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I'd like to start by thanking our Recreation and Service Departments for organizing another great Easter event. We had even more kids out to see the Easter Bunny than we did to see Santa and Mrs. Claus this year. While out and about, we did not have any complaints and we managed to keep the Easter Bunny on course this year as people could watch on the Bunny Tracker this year. Thank you to everyone who made this a great day and thank you to the community for coming out and participating. On Saturday, April 22nd, Councilman Don Tobergte and I will be hosting our annual Spring Clean Up in conjunction with Earth Day. We will meet in the lower level parking lot where gloves, tongs and trash bags will be distributed at 10:00am. We will work from 10:00am till noon. If you have any questions, you can call my cell at 513-543-3780. I'd also like to acknowledge the awesome dispatcher from the Hamilton County Communications Center for the work that they do. This week is National Public Safety Communicator week. Today our Fire Chief Brian Young and Engineer Joe Meister, took chili to these well deserving life savers. Thank you for everything that you do. I have prepared two ordinances that I am asking to be put on the table for the next council meeting. Ordinance 11 2023 for the Fire Contract and Ordinance 12 2023 for fixing the base compensation for the Police and Fire Chiefs. I am also asking for a motion to go into executive session after the meeting to discuss Collective Bargaining. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to go into executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining. Motion passes 7-0.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- The March revenue for 2023 was \$4,076,640.46. The expenditure for March 2023 was \$3,698,556.58. So, our revenues are over our expenditures by \$378,083.88. What I wanted to add to the previous ordinance, which we discussed weeks ago and was never put into an ordinance, we need additional funds for the insurance. So, Mr. Paul, do you know exactly how much we need? He can work on that, but I am going to need to add an ordinance on that table for the next meeting. I am going to take that \$20,000.00 from miscellaneous and pay part of the insurance because they already had to wait on this due to not enough votes the last time. We can figure out the difference. So, we will need to put \$20,000.00 back into 2-K-2 and \$36,000.00 into the insurance line.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to place an ordinance on the table for the Auditor to transfer additional appropriations for insurance. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to place Ordinances 11 and 12 2023 on the table for the next Council Meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- My apologies, I just heard back from some of our outside council, so I did not have a chance to prepare an ordinance for you. I am asking for an ordinance on the table for the next council meeting, authorizing signatures on behalf of the various village committees in the ongoing present litigation. I also need us to go into executive session after the meeting to discuss pending litigation. Thank you, that concludes my report.

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

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to place an ordinance on the table for the lawsuit settlement. Motion passes 7-0.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- This evening I have the statement from STAR Ohio. Our balance at the end of March was \$ 12,624,061.94. That concludes my report.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- As you know, we have been keeping a close eye on the garbage cans. We have made progress. They have done away with the old model. So, I said we would take the upgraded model. In the meantime, I doubled the order. I spent the money on trash bags due to the trouble we were having getting those also. So, I spent that money in that line-item, so I will need an appropriation of \$16,000.00 to cover the new trash cans. They are the same caliber. They are lighter cans but just as durable. Next, we have been looking for a dump truck with a lift. Our lift is being repaired monthly. If that goes down, we can't pick up washers, dryers, refrigerators a such. So, we went to National Purchasing and the truck without the lift was \$80,000.00. The lift would be about \$10,000.00. However, we found a truck with the lift at McCluskey, exactly what we have now, for the total of \$63,832.00, \$17,000.00 cheaper. So, I would like an ordinance for that. That concludes my report.

Motion made by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to add \$16,000.00 for the trash cans to the additional appropriation along with a separate ordinance for the new dump truck purchase. Motion passes 7-0.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- I do have one more thing. We are remodeling the main hall and Council Chambers. The main hall is taking about 2 ½ weeks, so I figure it will be about the same time for Council Chambers. I don't know what you want to do with council meetings. If they get in a bind, because we are doing the floor, the ceiling, the lights and the table tops, I am not sure what you want to do there. I do know in the past we did have summer breaks. It would be up to Council. We can also meet in the mail hall. The main hall will be done by then end of this month and they will start on Council Chambers in June. I will get the exact dates and they do know the 2nd and 4th Thursdays are our days. I'll get the dates and if they can work around it, I'll let everyone know.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- We have worked with ICRC before in providing a portable set up. We can ask they if they can accommodate us with a portable set up if possible. I'd like to try and stay on schedule but if we can't use this room then use the main hall if we need to.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Mr. Paul, if you could update everyone via email and let them know what is going on in here and we will have to roll with it.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- March 2023 end of month receipts

- Tax collections for March 2023: \$1,909,302.
- March 2023 is up 8.57% from March 2022.
- 2023 1st Quarter has concluded. St. Bernard is up 4.20% over the 2022 1st Quarter.
- Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$1,132.98
- Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$92,842.94.
- Taxes paid through the e-file portal: \$3,757.35.
- The 2022 Federal, State and St. Bernard tax filing deadline is 4/18/2023.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance, Mr. Tobergte- No report. I'd like to thank Troy Myrick and Chief Young for the CPR and AED class last Thursday night.

Safety, Mr. Brickweg- No report. I would like to thank the Service Department for putting on a nice display for the Easter Egg hunt. It was very nice.

Service, Ms. Hausfeld- No report. I want to thank Troy Myrick, Chief Young and Don Tobergte for the CRP training, which was very helpful. I also want to thank the Service and Rec Departments for putting on such a nice Easter display. I was sad I missed it but I heard all week from several citizens how nice it was. Also, for those of you that are on my Facebook page, I know I said I would mention something, but I got money comments on how horrible a particular restaurant in St. Bernard is operating. If you know what restaurant I am talking about, you need to call the corporate office and talk to the district managers. We, as Council, do not decide which restaurants and such that we have, or who stays and who goes. If you have an issue with a restaurant or business in St. Bernard, I am suggesting you get a phone number and call the district manager, which is what I did. Please call and record your complaints.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson- CIC will host their next meeting on April 25th in Council Chambers if it is available. We will keep you posted if we need to move it to the Municipal Building. Also, I know we talked a bit about redoing the track down at lower Ross. What's the status on that? I know we were going out for a grant, but what would be the final cost for that? I did notice the track was in pretty bad shape.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- The Recreation Director and I have had discussions about this and have a mild difference or opinion on the track. We need to determine whether or not to just pave it, so we wouldn't have the loose gravel, or do we go with the special surface that a vehicle flat out cannot drive on. I think we need to be conscience of the use and its intention. Roger Bacon and St. Bernard Elmwood Place schools would love to have a practice track. At the same time, I think we need to be conscience of our residents as well. I know people are not supposed to be driving and parking on it but it does happen during shelter rentals. I'd like to look at getting bids

on the cost of the standard asphalt and the cost of the special surface track. The grants that we have applied for, we have not been awarded. This has happened twice, so we are at a point where we will be paying for it on our own, but I am interested in a resurfacing project at lower Ross and think it is necessary. I would like to provide a better space for the community and for the schools to use regardless of the final decision is with the surface. I am all for moving forward on this.

Laws, Contracts and Claim, Ms. Bedinghaus- No report. Great to be back. I also heard great things about the Easter Celebration and it was phenomenal. I am sorry I missed. Great job! Also, thank you to Don for the CRP class along with the Chief, thank you for making it happen.

Marketing, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Tire collection week starts this coming week, Monday April 17th and runs through Friday April 21st. Please place your tires on the curb on your normal trash day to be collected. This is a free service the Village offers one week a year. Also, Sunday April 23rd Lilly Middendorf will be hosting her annual paint, clothing, and cleaning supplies drive for Matthew 25 Ministries from 9am to 11:30am at the lower level of City Hall. Latex paint will only be accepted, and labels must be on the cans. Thanks, Lilly, for your hard work.

Business and Industry, Mr. Schildmeyer- No report.

Council left Council Chambers to meet in executive session to discuss pending litigation and collective bargaining.

Council returned to Council Chambers.

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

Council is adjourned.

