

THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
COUNCIL MEETING

May 25th, 2023

The St. Bernard Village Council Meeting was held on May 25th, 2023, in Council Chambers.

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

Roll call showed 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 written minutes of the last council meeting. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I'd like to thank our fresh market organizer Layla Helton for her efforts in a great event this past weekend. We are looking forward to our next event that will be incorporated with our German Luau. Thank you to all of our vendors and volunteers. Our next event will be the concert in the pavilion, which is still under construction. We had to have some corrective work done to level the surface. Please come out or our Memorial Day Service Monday at 10:00am in the lower level of City Hall. Valerie and I are requesting a Laws, Contracts and Claims meeting to discuss rentals, both long and short term and review of some property maintenance codes. That concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- I have been working with the mayor on the 2024 budget. He will be sending it out to you shortly, but I would like to add it to the agenda since I do have to advertise. On June 22nd at 7:00pm there will be a public meeting before the council meeting to review the 2024 budget. I have prepared Ordinance 18 2023 for tonight's meeting. This ordinance has additional appropriations of:

01-2-A-4	Historical Society	\$25,500.00
01-2-E-3	Refunds	\$200,000.00
01-7-A-1	Fireman	\$70,000.00
01-8-A-2	Building Maintenance Safety Center	\$10,000.00
01-58-4B	Swim Team	\$12,000.00
01-58-9	Community Events	\$1,200.00
04-SP-6	Swimming Pool Equipment Outlay	\$12,000.00
05-MP-10A	Demolition	\$50,000.00

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Just to let you know, we are waiting for a third bid, but the cost is anywhere between \$32,000 and \$36,000 but we still need a mild buffer for asbestos, and we are not going to settle with the foundation an basement to be left or devalue the property.

Director of Law, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Before you tonight is Ordinance 17 2023. There was quite a bit of discussion the last meeting about whether the mayor can be included. I did do some research and I do not think it is a issue to add the mayor even if the petition was already filed. The way the statute reads we are within our rights to include the mayor. I found a similar case law not on point, but certainly suggested that we could so this at any time because we are a charter city and we have the rule right. We are perfectly able to include the mayoral position in this ordinance. Also, I do want to get with Ms. Bedinghaus to get a date for a Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee to discuss the long and short-term rental properties. That's concludes my report.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- This evening I received the STAR Ohio statement. Our balance at the end of April was \$12,676,400.97. Thank you that concludes my report.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- Our parks are nearing completion. We are waiting on some parts that need to be delivered. You need to be aware that if there is caution tape means it is unsafe. You are at your own risk if you disregard our warnings. When you visit the pool please be aware the pavilion is not complete yet. When it is completed, you will have wonderful lighting, sound system and basketball and pickle ball courts. We should have all the bids for the cameras before the next council meeting. The main hall remodel will be finished next week. I will then work on the date for Council Chambers. To My Community: Imagine if we got to practice at our way of life. I wonder what would change? We certainly would eliminate the mistakes. We would double up on good times. The people in our lives would be the ones we like best. Would this mean more love in the world? We would surely avoid the pain. This who want war and enjoy making others miserable. Let us enjoy life and live to the fullest and leave the rest to the forces of nature. As the old saying goes, what will be will be. That concludes my report.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- Just a quick recap on April's numbers. We brought in \$1,264,375.00. We are up 3.4% from last April. Letters are going out regarding our recent tax filings for corrects, 2023 estimated taxes and/or missing documents. Please call me or Sharon if you have any questions at 513-244-7710. That concludes my report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance, Mr. Tobergte- The next block watch meeting will be Thursday June 15th at 6:30pm in the Safety Center. With all the new faces in the Police and Fire Departments, we are having a meet the newbie night.

Safety, Mr. Brickweg- No report.

Service, Ms. Hausfeld- Tonight I have the waste collection fee for the month of March. The fee was \$28,407.36 submitted to the Village. Also, the Service Department report for April 2023. There were 38 trucks placed at residence, 23 dumpsters, 178.65 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. There were 23.8 tons of recycling material, 560 pounds of scrap metal, 155 tires, 3 30-yard garbage roll offs, and 1 30-yard yard waste roll off.

Public Improvement, Mr. Bob Culbertson- I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the fresh market. It was a great day and great turn out. The CIC meeting will be June 27th at 6:00pm in Council Chambers.

Laws, Contract and Claims, Ms. Bedinghaus- I will get with Valerie and get a date set up for the long- and short-term rental meeting.

Marketing, Mr. Ray Culbertson- Our first summer concert will be next Friday, June 2nd at 7:00pm at the Pavilion. A young and up and coming band named Rhythm and Dreams will be providing the music. The Aquatic Center opens for the season this Memorial Day weekend from 11:00am to 7:00pm, seven days a week.

Business and Industry, Mr. Schildmeyer- I got an update from Catherine Fitzgerald from Alloy Development. They are complete with an Economic Development report. They gave me a draft of it, and it is very thorough. I believe they will be reaching out to Jonathan to come and present a report here in the near future.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- Minute for the last COW were submitted on May 24th and I have no communications this evening.

RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Hausfeld, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Resolution 2 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Resolution 2 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 16, 2023

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, REVISING THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 16 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 16 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO 17, 2023

FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, CLERK OF COUCIL AND COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE TREASURER OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 17 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Just so the public knows, this is a 3.5% raise for these positions.

	<u>YEARLY</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>
Mayor rate as of 1/1/2024	\$17,204.43	\$1,434.70
Council Members rate as of 12/1/23	\$6,885.39	\$573.78
President of Council rate as of 12/1/23	\$7,525.28	\$627.10
Clerk of Council rate as of 12/1/23	\$6,885.39	\$573.78
Treasurer rate as of 12/1/25	\$7,101.35	\$591.80

I also provided the other city and villages council pay spreadsheet. I hope that was helpful. The other administration positions at City Hall are not quite up to par with other cities and villages. I gave those numbers to the mayor and those will also have to be passed before August.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 17 2023. Motion passes 6-1.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 17 2023. Motion passes 6-1.

ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2023

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO 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 18 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 18 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Next COW meeting will be held Thursday, June 8th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Motion made by Mr. Ray Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Brickweg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

Meeting is adjourned.