

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD

COUNCIL MEETING

July 20th, 2023

The St. Bernard Village Council Meeting was held on July 20th, 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- Congratulations to the Saint Bernard Stingrays who came in first place in the NSL Championship small team division. This two-day event hosted here in the village was a huge success. Thank you to all the swimmers, coaches, parents, volunteers, our patient residents, businesses and our awesome service, police, fire and recreation departments and our incredible pool staff. This village was a great host, and the compliments keep coming in. St. Bernard is proud of the Stingrays for representing us so, so well and I am so glad that I was able to witness some of this memorable event. The demolition of 4416 Greenlee will be done sometime next week and notice to residents for parking restrictions will go out once we have the exact day when this will begin. Restrictions on parking will be from Greenlee Garage to Church Street. As some of you have may have seen, there was a product failure with the coding that was applied to the Pavilion floor and that is being addressed by the contractor and the manufacturer. We're also currently seeking estimates for replacement of the pavilion roof, which will be presented to council as well. We're still working on bids and scope of work for both Vine and Greenlee, so we'll have more details by the next COW. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- On tonight's agenda is Ordinance 23 2023. This provides the following appropriations:

01-2-K-2	Miscellaneous	\$20,000.00
01-2-O-10	Park Maintenance	\$10,000.00
01-58-8	Holiday Activity	\$3,000.00
01-58-9	Community Events	\$15,000.00
01-8-A-2	Building Maintenance Safety Center	\$4,000.00

Director of Law, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Last night with the Laws of Contracts and Claims Committee and was attended by several other members of council as well as several members of the public. We were discussing the revisions to the weeds, garbage and litter ordinance and I'm in

the process of incorporating the changes that we discussed yesterday, and I will be able to present that on the agenda for the next COW meeting. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- Tonight I have the bank statement from Star Ohio. The Village's funds there through June 2023 were in the amount of \$12,787,414.20. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Paul- Punch list for the parks has been produced and now the installers are coming back to repair and do the finishing touches. I'm gathering estimates to fix and replace the front ramp of the City Hall. With that being said, I must revisit the elevator again. We need access to both school floors. I contacted the person, and he happens to be the OEM for the elevator. I am hoping that this is a twist of fate. I gave him permission to diagnose the fix at time and material. Keep in mind I explained to you about it was the circuit. If that circuit board is good, we can repair the elevator, however. If the receptacle for that surge report is bad. By receptacle I mean the motherboard plugs in to the something behind the little box. That piece back there is bad. That's going to be a discussion for a COW meeting. Positive hope. Which brings me to My Community: We are capable of manifesting thoughts, ideas and placing them out into the universe. Usually, you try to see positive vibes so that those around you benefit from the harvest. Each of us has had thoughts of they never have anything good to say. However, that person who puts forth happy energy walks up to you and suddenly you have a light heart with a big smile on your face. Try to be that person. Be positive. That concludes my report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance, Mr. Tobergte- Just to let everybody know I have reserved the hall for October 5th at 6:30 for Meet the Candidate Night. This will be my last time hosting this event so someone new will be taking it over.

Safety, Mr. Brickweg- No report, but I wanted to congratulate the Stingrays on their spectacular win.

Service, Ms. Hausfeld- Tonight I have the for the waste collection fee for the month of May which was \$28,024.93 remitted to the village and I too want to congratulate the Saint Bernard Stingrays. Job well done.

Public Improvements, Mr. Bob Culbertson- CIC is currently looking for a board member for CIC. They have to be a resident, so those interested in this opportunity feel free to contact a current board member and they can put your name forth.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Ms. Bedinghaus- As Valerie has already stated, the call Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee met last night to discuss the ordinance for the weeds and grass cutting for compliance and the consequences, which again will be available at committee of the whole for discussion. Also, on August 16th at 6:30, locations yet to be determined because we don't know if we'll be back in City Hall or in the council chambers or right here, Laws, Contracts and Claims committee will be meeting to discuss the short-term rental ordinance. And I too would just like to thank or say congratulations to the Stingray. But I also want to congratulate

and say thank you to everybody in the village from administration all the way down through all the services, fire, police. I went past the park on several occasions and the parking lots, and everything was like a well-oiled machine. So, thanks to everybody. It was very impressive just riding around as a citizen. Thanks.

Marketing, Mr. Ray Culbertson- This is the final reminder from council that the German Luau is taking place on Friday, August 4th from 5:00 PM to midnight and Saturday, August 5th from noon to midnight. And the ever-popular parade will be coming back this year and that will start at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 5th. The Adult Night at the Aquatic Center will be held on Friday, July 28th from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. I too would like to thank everybody involved in in the in the swim championships It seemed to go off without a hitch and I would also like to thank the council members and administration for being flexible for switching the council date to today. So much appreciated.

Business and Industry, Mr. Schildmeyer- No report.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- The minutes for the COW were submitted late last night, I apologize, and I have no communications.

ORDINANCE NO. 23, 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 23 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Ray Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 23 2023. Motion passes 7-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Does anyone have anything under old business?

Council Member, Mr. Tobergte- Is there any updates on the medical marijuana dispensary?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I do not have any updates on that at this point. As for the building department, to look into this, we need to address that in Laws, Contracts, and Claims. That is where it originated in finding an appropriate location. We need to see if there would be room for it either in the adult entertainment area or in any retail space based on that State's requirements. We have quite a few restrictions based on our parks, our schools, library, and churches. I would ask the Law Director's opinion on that and not just the Zoning Official.

Motion made by Ms. Bedinghaus, seconded by Mr. Bob Culbertson, to have a special council meeting on August 10th to give readings to two ordinances. ** Motion passes 7-0.

**Ordinance includes the grass cutting, weeds and litter.

****Ordinance includes the grant for the demolition of the shopping center.**

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- I was just going to ask since people have been putting information out on Facebook about the front yard gardens and what you're changing in the ordinance. Umm, since you're going to probably be taking the first vote, can we get some information out on the Facebook page, on the website on what the proposed changes are so people can read them ahead of time?

Council Member, Ms. Bedinghaus- So, Valerie is making changes to that ordinance, so I don't know if she would be able to put any kind of language out there or not?

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Yes, we had some discussion about front yard gardens and things like that last night. But I think the main focus that we're really focusing on at this point, and I'm sure the committee will correct me if I'm wrong, is we really wanted to nail down the weeds and the grass cutting and enforcement actions on that. There was some discussion concerning the gardens, those kinds of things last night, but I think, any major changes regarding that, I think we'll probably maybe need to have some more discussion because we have members of the public that were very that were in attendance who were very interested and very knowledgeable. So, I think that it is going to be more of a two-partner thing before we can really address a lot of substantive changes to the gardening part of it. At least that's my understanding from last night. Hopefully you'll correct me if I'm if I misunderstood.

Council Member, Ms. Bedinghaus- No Valerie, I think you are correct. I think some of the verbiage that was being changed in there is still almost like what was in the other ordinance. There was nothing to say that they can't have those gardens. So right now, again, that's not officially something that's really being looked at a lot. So, there's more of the compliance and the consequences of grass cutting and not keeping up your property. The gardens piece will have more discussion and contact regarding that piece of it. The ordinance right now is basically the same as we already have now.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- So, to reaffirm that, I basically left last night with the idea that we would revisit that, but it would be ridiculous to actually try to conquer that right this moment, because by that time, the issues that we're having with the high grass wouldn't even be resolved this year, right? So, during the mowing season, I think it was the idea to get that part done. Part 2 would be to address the other side of it at a later date when it could be more appropriately handled. So, that was how I felt when we walked out.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Fine. I'm just saying that we probably should put it out there for the people to be able to look at it ahead of time in case they want to come and speak on it, on any of it, instead of just having a meeting that night, you are presenting it that night and we vote. You didn't give the public any chance to even look at anything.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I thought that was what we were going to do but it was only directed at that once piece. But yes, we need to get the word out, so people understand there is going to be much quicker enforcement as far as the violations of the high grass and weeds.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- My time frame was to work on it this weekend to circulate a draft to incorporate those changes and get that to the COW members next week. Then they would have a chance to look at it. They can decide its ok, then get it posted once we have everything we want incorporated.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I do have one other item for laws, contracts, and claims. Well, a couple put on the I'll wait. Can't have more than one thing at a time. So, chapter 923, waste collection, recycling under 923.12, waste and refuse removal. We do already have obviously established times as to when residents can put their garbage cans out on the curb in advance of their collection day and also when they need to have their empty cans back on their property. We do already have an established fine schedule, basically starting with a warning and then working through a scale, but the remedy to that actual issue is not defined in who's going to do the fining and how it could be handled in expedient manner? I would like to have that section looked at so we can see if we can have an official citation. We have the issue of placement too far in advance and now we have individuals leaving their cans at the curb sometime until the next collection day. I think this needs to be addressed. I want to make sure we can do something a little more efficiently.

Council Member, Mr. Bob Culbertson- So, who is enforcing the new grass cutting? Could that be the same person who could enforce the trash cans?

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- So, as of right now the way that it with the grass enforcement, it has the director of public safety and service or their designee, being the sanitarian. So, I mean as far as starting that written process and notification, what I'm asking about, because this is something that obviously you're not considering, give them five more days to leave their cans on the curb. I mean, this is going to be something that needs to be dealt with and whether or not you could issue a citation or that whether or not legally the Director of Public Safety and Service, having a ticket book, or whether or not you would actually put this in the hands of the police, that could go around and actually issue a citation. I am just asking to look at it and define this part more clearly. We already have an established fee structure for this, I just want it defined to a more expedient manner.

Council Member, Ms. Bedinghaus- Would you like to also add this to the August 10th meeting? I think it could be more expedient than the grass cutting ordinance. So, let's add this and we will first discuss the trash cans then we will discuss the short-term rentals.

Motion made by Mr. Bob Culbertson, seconded by Ms. Bedinghaus, to add the definition of who will site residents for their garbage per section 923.12 to be discussed at the new COW. Motion passes 7-0.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Does that ordinance state what the times are? Or if you read them tonight, that way people will know.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- It is in the pages I gave you.

Council Member, Ms. Bedinghaus- Any resident owning or residing at a parcel in the Village, vacant or occupied, shall not permit containers, plastic garbage bags or debris to be set out for collection prior to 4:00pm on the day before regular waste collection or after 7:30am on the day of regular waste collections. All containers shall be taken in no later than 8:00pm on the day of regular waste collection.

Next Committee of the Whole meeting will be Thursday, August 10th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers, followed by a Special Council Meeting at 7:45pm.

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

Meeting is adjourned.