

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
COUNCIL MEETING

August 22nd, 2024

The St. Bernard Village Council Meeting was held on August 22nd, 2024, in Council Chambers.

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

Roll call showed all seven members were present: Mr. Moreton, Mr. Stuchell, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Schildmeyer, Mr. Culbertson, and Mr. Estep.

A motion by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to dispense with the reading of the last council meeting minutes and approve of the written minutes of the last council meeting. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- As you probably heard in my most recent call, command that our new system to access the pavilion is now operational. We have installed a key card system that will grant access daily from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. I had originally announced that the cards would be \$10 each, but after careful discussion, reconsideration from some residents' concerns, each household will receive one complimentary access card, but if any additional cards are needed in that household, then it would be \$10 to receive additional copies. But we are excited to be able to offer this convenience to our residents year-round and want to protect the substantial investment that we have made in this wonderful facility, if anyone is interested in a card, please come and see the Village clerk so that she can get you registered. And if anyone registered today and paid their \$10, they will be refunded. Lastly, the Village of Saint Bernard received a \$200,000 grant for the final acquisition of 4901 Vine Street, which is the former First State Bank building through the Hamilton County Community Revitalization Program. This acquisition will ensure the progression of a critical community project and allow for the bidding process for demolition of the building to proceed immediately. The remaining shopping center structure will occur in the second phase upon the relocation of the final tenant, and we're working with the CIC to try to get this resolved so that we can move forward with the redevelopment of our city center. And just as a reminder, we do have our next CIC meeting that will be held on Tuesday at 6:00 PM. here in city hall council chambers. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- I have two things for tonight's meeting. The first one being we've had some rather large bills come up, which you voted on, so you know, but I had to cash in \$1.5 million from the reserves from like it's for like the fire truck and different road repairs and things. But I did want to give a heads up on that. But that was already voted on by the council to do. Second on the agenda is ordinance 27 2024. FROM GENERAL FUND 01-5-A-19 General

Fund Transfer Out \$2,000,000.00 TO CASH ACCOUNTS: 04-1000 Swimming Pool Cash Account \$100,000.00 05-1000 Master Plan Cash Account \$600,000.00 07-1000 Capital Improvement Cash Account \$300,000.00 31-1000 General Bond Cash Account \$300,000.00 51-1000 Employee Health Cash Account \$700,000.00 Section 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to provide additional appropriations to the following: 07-01 Capital Improvements \$200,000.00 51-07 Employee Health Plan \$550,000.00. Any questions? That concludes my report.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- No report.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- This evening I have the statements for last month ending July 31st for The STAR Ohio. Our total there at the end of the month is \$11,401,448.14, and this includes \$1 million of withdrawals during that time frame. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Werdmann- I wanted to take a moment to recognize the fire department for their quick and effective response to a structure fire in the village last night. Because of their effective responses, the structure suffered minimal damage, and they prevented a situation that could have been much worse. Secondly, I hope residents have noticed that the steel plate that had been in the intersection of Vine and Mitchell is now gone and the intersection has been repaired. I know that in my short time here I've had citizens call me and people came into the village offices to ask about it, so hopefully they'll notice that that is now been taken care of. The other thing I wanted to bring up is that we had a bit opening for repair work on June St. in the industrial area of the village this morning and the preliminary schedule for that project has it beginning in October. I believe there's some legislation that will be before the council tonight related to that project. And then finally, I want to congratulate local business, I am coffee for the recognition and Cincy magazine as best coffee meeting location in the area. I thought that was really neat. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- Reminder that 2023 tax returns with a federal extension are due by October 15, 2024. Currently there are almost 1,000 St. Bernard residents who have not filed their 2023 tax return.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Mr. Moreton- Nothing to report regarding the Finance Committee at this time. In other news, the next Community Connect will be held at the St. Bernard Library on September 4th from 6-7PM. As always, all of those who live or work in the Village are encouraged to attend to share their concerns, ideas, and celebrations. I also would like to thank Michele Jones and the rest of the WeThrive team for teaming up to complete the audit. With their help, we have now broadened its scope to include parks and other public spaces. If you would like to support this initiative to make our Village's spaces safer and more accessible, please feel free to reach out via email or text. Of course, thank you to those who have already signed up to volunteer - you all

should have received a text or email with more information. Thank you. That concludes my report

Service, Mr. Stuchell- I have the waste collection fees. For the month of June 2024. Twenty \$23,362.51 was remitted to the village for the month of July 2024. The service department had 24 dump trucks placed at residence, 25 dumpsters placed at residence, 225 special pickups from residents, 187.49 tons of garbage taking the landfill, 24.9 tons of recycling material collected, 160 lbs. scrapbook collected, 2 car batteries collected, 6,300 lbs. scrap collected, and 240 tires collected. On Wednesday, September 18th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM will be our Hazardous Waste Collection Day down at the police department in partnership with Hamilton County Resource. Like last year, they are not collecting latex based paint but items will be accepted are pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, solvents, thinners, lead paint, oil based paints, oil based stains, florescent tubes, cleaners, pool chemicals, driveway sealers, mercury tar, thermostats, thermometers, oxygen cylinders and tanks, refrigerant cylinders and tanks and adhesive foam cylinders. After dropping off your waste, please provide your email for a brief survey. That concludes my report.

Public Improvements, Mr. Edwards- There was no need for a public improvement committee meeting, but I would like to thank the same for our Ludlow Grove Historical Society for yet another enjoyable program. The subject of this month's program was Civil War Love Letters between a young married couple, James and Lydia Rhodes. Even though they had little formal education, their numerous letters gave us some unique insight to the time they lived. I would encourage anyone to attend the monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the main hall of the municipal building. I would also like to thank our Public Library for its service to our community. The school year has begun, and the library has new programs to serve snacks to our kids from 2:45 to 3:45. The snack needs to be at the library. They also have a staff person to assist in K through 12 with their homework from 2:30 to 5:30 Monday through Friday and there's also a resource called homework help now to give online assistance to students K through 12 with expert help numerous skills building programs library programs Monday through Friday please contact them for details. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- I have the police activity report for last month. For the month of July, the Police Department had 689 calls for service, resulting in 559 contacts. There were an additional 373 other services details that were not necessarily called in by the public. These calls for service included 58 total criminal offenses, resulted in 93 criminal arrests, including seven ODI's, 54 traffic citations, including 14 for speed, as well as 79 traffic warnings, including seventeen for speed. They responded to 19 accidents. Of those accidents, 4 involved injuries. News and notes from the Police Department: They wanted me to remind the public that they are having their annual Police and Fire Benevolent steak fry, and it is rapidly approaching. It will be held on Friday, September 13th at Vine Street Park. As a special edition to this year's event, there will be a band to add to the festivities. Everyone is encouraged to get their tickets in advance as this event will more than likely sell out. Tickets are \$20 each and being sold by the officers of each

department. Tickets can also be purchased at the Safety Center. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mr. Schildmeyer- The last Laws, Contracts and Claims meeting was held Tuesday, August 20th, 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. Agenda had short- and long-term rentals and vacant properties. The outcome of the meeting is that for the next committee of the whole we plan on having language to put on the table for the short- and long-term rentals. Our next Laws, Contracts and Claims meeting will be held on 9/11 and 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. We should finalize that ordinance and be reviewing new language for vacant properties includes my report. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Marketing, Mr. Culbertson- On Friday, August 30th the Garden Club will be hosting a Sunset in the Garden Party at 7:30 PM at the Community Garden. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a chair, your drinks of choice and a dish to share. On Monday, September 2nd, after the pool closes the residence for the season, there will be a dog swim at the Aquatic Center from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. On September 10th there will be a Garden Club meeting in the lower level of City Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. On the same night, we will be the next We Thrive meeting from 7:00 PM in the main level of Municipal Building. That includes my report.

Business and Industry, Mr. Estep- There's no business and industry meeting, but we are making a lot of progress with our laws, contracts and claims committee. I would like to say thank you to Mr. Werdmann for his quick response and his help with this situation with the tree limb falling through the part of the house up on Delmar. The first five years after we lost Allison, we had a fundraiser at the park for a Children's Hospital. We raised over \$160,000 in the first five years and we took a year off. This year we're taking it again to the park on September 14th and it's called Heart to Heart as usual. We have a small band from 6:00 to 11:00pm. This year the funds will go to Ronald McDonald House, they do so many good things for so many people. To get in, there will be a \$10.00 donation at the gate that includes your group food catered by Jacks catering and you bring your own beverages. To donate a basket or an item to be raffled off, call John at 513-307-3788 or Patty at 513-602-5691. We just had a late donation this week, it's for a week in Destin, which will be our big-ticket item. That concludes my report.

ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2024

AMENDING SECTION 121.01 OF THE ST. BERNARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING COUNCIL PERSON ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS, SALARY REDUCTION, VACATION OF OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to adopt Ordinance 19 2024.
Motion passes 6-1.

ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2024

AMENDING SECTION 905.03 OF THE ST. BERNARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES
REGARDING WEED AND LITTER REMOVAL

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to adopt Ordinance 20 2024.
Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2024

AMENDING SECTION 905.05 OF THE ST. BERNARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES
REGARDING WEED AND LITTER REMOVAL

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to adopt Ordinance 21 2024. Motion
passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2024

AMENDING SECTION 905.04 OF THE ST. BERNARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES
ABATMENT OF VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 905 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd
reading of Ordinance 22 2024. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to adopt Ordinance 22 2024. Motion
passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2024

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 Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd
reading of Ordinance 25 2024. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adopt Ordinance 25 2024.
Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO 26, 2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO
AND THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO TO ADMINISTER A COMMUNITY

REVITALIZATION GRANT A WARDED FOR PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 26 2024. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 26 2024. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 27, 2024

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

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 27 2024. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to adopt Ordinance 27 2024. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Moreton, seconded by Mr. Culbertson, to place Ordinance 28 2024 on the table. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J.K. MEURER CORP. AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 28 2024. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to adopt Ordinance 28 2024. Motion passes 7-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- At this time, is there anyone on council who had anything under old business?

Council Member, Ms. Hausfeld- I did bring it to Valerie's attention, and she is going to look into something on one of the ordinances we voted in tonight. I was not allowed to comment on it earlier, but I did want to know, does this take effect right away? Or does this go into effect in the next term of office? Valerie is going to check on this for us.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- At this time, is there anyone on council who had anything under new business? If not, is there anyone in the audience withing to address council this evening?

Nicole Klungle, 551 Church Street- Mr. Edwards, I wondered if I could renew my request for a Public Improvements meeting to discuss energy aggregation? I know you said it may be the territory of the Laws, Contracts and Claims committee, but i mentioned it to them and they think it falls under your committee and then may require assistance from Laws, Contracts and Claims. Can I ask for a meeting on that?

Council Member, Mr. Edwards- Yes, I do not see a problem with that. The research I have done on the topic, to me, it's only saving about \$150 a year and gas was actually better with Duke. I talked to some former administrative personnel who said they have tried it before, and it was a mess. And my personal thing was, when I contacted Forest Park, they said anybody can opt out that they want to. I like the idea of people opting in if they want to, not having to opt out. We can have a public improvement committee meeting to discuss it. I'd be happy to talk to whoever wants to do it.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Thursday September 12th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

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

The meeting is adjourned.