

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
COUNCIL MEETING
October 24th, 2024

The St. Bernard Village Council Meeting was held on October 24th, 2024, in Council Chambers.

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

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

Moment of Silence was held in honor of retired firefighter Bill Roll who has passed away.

Recognition was given to Dan “Biff” Segel and Bob Vonwalde for their participation in the Honor Flight.

Kate Krause, Hamilton County Public Library- Hello, I just wanted to give you all an update about what's going on at the library. If you've been in recently, you might notice that the front area is looking a little bit different and we're rearranging things a little bit. We're getting new self-checks. We got the first part of the new self-checks which is a little bit of a new payment system and then on November 18th we're supposed to get the second part with the new self-checks which don't require a pin number when you're using your library card to check out your items. They should scan a little better and be easy to use so those are coming up soon. Another update is we actually have a part-time public safety person who's at the library now during busy times. They are able to be around outside and help us be aware of what's going on outside so again if you ever see anybody ever sees anything that they have questions about outside please let us know and we will you know address it and be aware what's going on. We are having a little Halloween party for our youth customers on Halloween and I think staff are going to try and dress up and enjoy the Halloween spirit. We also have a few other fun events coming up. We are hoping to start a Seniors Club in December on Saturdays at 2:00 PM on every Saturday to give seniors a chance to come out and talk with each other and just have like some fun activities to do. We've been doing easy crafts on Saturdays at 4:00 PM and that's geared towards adults. Its ok to have some young people there too, but geared towards adults to give adults something that's fun and easy to do and a way to interact. Then we've got some fun programs for kids coming up. We are having birds from the zoo coming on November 6th at 4:00 PM and then arthropods from bug chicks on November 13th at 4:00 PM and the magic show on November 20th at 4:00 PM. So, some fun stuff coming up and I just wanted to give everybody the update.

A motion by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mrs. Hausfeld, to dispense with the reading of the last council meeting minutes and approve of the written minutes of the last council meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you Mr. President. I wanted to start by congratulating one of our newer firefighters EMT Greg Melton who recently graduated from the Cincinnati Fire Department's paramedic program. Not only did he graduate he was the class valedictorian and out of approximately 50 students 40 were Cincinnati Fire Department members. So, he made quite a representation for the Hamilton County department so I'm very proud of him and I'm very excited for to have this extremely dedicated member of the Saint Broward fire department. Greg will be preparing to take his national board exam to earn his paramedic certification over the next month we are very fortunate to have Greg on our department. I believe he is setting the standard for the three other firefighter EMT's that we have in the paramedic program as well. Thank you to everyone who stopped down to the pavilion on Sunday for the Fall Fresh Market. It was a beautiful day with some great vendors. We had the Bengals game on for everyone to watch. Thank you to our organizer Layla Keiner and to the volunteers for making it a memorable day. I'd also like to thank the PAC for the purchase of the pumpkins and the hay bales for the pumpkin patch it was much appreciated. The recreation and community events department met last night to finalize the calendar for 2025 for your dates for concerts, community events, fresh markets, the luau and events at the Aquatic Center. Entertainment is being secured and a one pager will go out to the residence with all the dates for our events including village holidays, trash schedules and other important reminders for residents. We're working on that and that should be hopefully going out by the end of the year. Also, just a reminder that trick or treat in Saint Bernard will be on Halloween Thursday October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Please be mindful of the large number of children in the village during those hours. Lastly don't forget that Sunday October 27th from noon to 5:00 PM is the Emmanuel United Church of Christ Fall Festival. This event is filled with games, food and fun for everyone and they're located right in the heart of Saint Bernard on the corner of Jefferson and tower Ave. That concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Thank you Mr. President. The Auditor's office has prepared Ordinance 32 2024 for tonight's meeting. It authorizes the auditor to transfer \$600,000 from general fund, transfer out with \$200,000 going into the general bond cash account and \$400,000 going into the employee health cash account. It also approved the following additional appropriations: 01-2-0-2 Employees \$200,000.00 1-2-O-4A Supplies \$2,000.00 1-2-I-9 Professional Services \$10,000.00 1-5-A-2 Clerk \$2,500.00 1-5-A-14 City Hall Maintenance \$10,000.00 1-7-A-20 Fire Dept Pension \$20,000.00 1-36-1 Employees \$2,000.00 1-58-1 Recreation Directors \$6,000.00 1-62 Medicare \$6,500.00 1-66 Unemployment \$10,000.00 1-59-D P.E.R.S. \$40,000.00. That concludes my report.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenberg- No report.

Treasurer, Mr. Ungruhe- Absent, no report.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Werdmann- Absent, no report.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- September 2024 end of month receipts:

Tax collections for September 2024: \$1,631,176.00.

September 2024 is up 96.0 % or \$798,951 from September 2023.

Refunds for September: -\$19214.42. (9382.00 was a refund back to the state for the Municipal Net Portal).

Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$1075.96.

Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$5954.28.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Mr. Moreton- Thank you Mr. President. I'm proud to share that our Landscape Review, which included the finding from our Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Audit and other research, has been submitted. Volunteers who helped complete the audit should be especially proud that the only feedback we received was that our submission was "the most thorough" that they've seen. If you are interested in learning about how the Landscape Review will open opportunities for our Village or if you have any Village-related topic to discuss, please join me on November 7th at 5 PM at Five Star Mediterranean for November's Community Connect. As always, all who live or work in the Village are welcome to attend. Thank you. That concludes my report.

Service, Mr. Stuchell- Waste Collection Report

I have the waste collection fees for the months of August and September 2024. In August, \$27,419.38 was remitted to the Village. In September, \$24,911.13 was remitted to the Village. For the month of September 2024, the Service Department had: 29 dump trucks placed at residences. 21 dumpsters placed at residences. 245 special pick-ups at residences. 163.23 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. 26.3 tons of recycling material sent to Rumpke Recycle. 4 tires recycled. 1 car battery recycled. 7,510 lbs. of scrap metal and 200 lbs. of aluminum cans recycled.

Service Department Updates

The Service Department would like to inform residents of the following developments:
Landscaping at the Municipal Building- Plant relocation has begun around the municipal building. Additionally, flower beds will be reduced to allow for more green space and grass.

Upper Ross Park Fencing- Split rail fencing is currently being installed at Upper Ross Park, with completion expected by the end of this week.

Canal Bed Fencing- Fencing will be installed in the canal bed between the Ludlow Park entrance and Andalus Ct. to prevent vehicle access.

Pool Repairs

Several improvements have begun at the pool, including:

Painting the slide and repairing the stair railings

Power washing the exterior of the pool buildings

Installing new water fountains equipped with water bottle fillers

Installing new heaters in the pavilion restrooms to extend the season

Baker Park Lighting

An out-of-service light in Baker Park has been reported to Duke Energy. While these repairs typically take up to five days, this specific case may require up to 15 days to complete. Finally, Don Middendorf, the Service Department employees, and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to our part-time employees for their hard work and dedication to the Village this past season. We welcome them to reapply for next season once applications become available.

Public Improvements, Mr. Edwards- Thank you Mr. President. A public improvement committee meeting was held on October 16th for the reason of discussing energy aggregation. A fruitful discussion occurred and ended with the idea of Duke Energy to come about 45 minutes before a committee the whole meeting to answer any questions we may have. I like to thank Councilman Moreton for taking the task of inviting Duke as well as taking the minutes for our last meeting. I believe the minutes were sent to everyone in attendance at the meeting and are available with the City Hall. I would also like to mention an e-mail I received from Greater Cincinnati Water Works that said the house I own may have galvanized water supply line requiring replacement. I called the waterworks and found that this is a real issue. Many of our older houses in St. Bernard may have these pipes also. The good news is that water works now has a program to replace the service line at no cost. Read your e-mail and contact the Water Works with any questions. I was told I just needed to wait to be contacted and follow instructions. I was also told it could be years before this happens. They want to be to the whole area at one time to maximize efficiency. Lastly, I'd like to congratulate Bob Vonwalde and other deserving heroes, for being selected for yesterday's honor flight to Washington DC. All who serve our country deserve our gratitude and to be honored and just sorry that some had to wait 50 years. Congratulations and thank you to these heroes that gave so much and to those who still are giving today. Thank you, Mr. President, this concludes my report.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- thank you Mr. president tonight I have this police activity report for last month for the month of September the Police Department had 551 total contacts involving 746

calls for service. There were an additional 475 other services details that were not necessarily called in by the public. These calls for service included 54 total criminal offenses resulting in 95 criminal arrests with 45 traffic citations as well as 83 traffic warnings of all these traffic contacts 20 were speeding violations there were five arrests for OVI's also. They responded to 18 accidents, four of which included injuries. News and notes from the Police Department: If you are interested in proudly showing your support for our Police Department, yard signs are available for pick up at the safety center. All you have to do is just call 513-242-2727 if interested and they will have them ready for you in the lobby. That concludes my report.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mr. Schildmeyer- Thank you Mr. President. The only agenda item for the laws contracts and claims committee is the short- and long-term rental changes that we're going to be requesting in the next COW meeting and we are waiting to be put on the table from the next council meeting. At this point we don't have another meeting scheduled until a topic comes up that we need to address that concludes my report.

Marketing, Mr. Culbertson- Absent.

Business and Industry, Mr. Estep- No report.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- Thank you Mr. President. Minutes were submitted yesterday the 23rd and I have no communications.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to place Ordinance 32 2024 on the table for the council meeting. Motion passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 32, 2024

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

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to adopt Ordinance 32 2024. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 32 2024. Motion passes 6-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- At this time, does anyone have anything under old business? We had talked about the November and December council meeting dates at the last COW meeting. We would like move the November council meeting to November 21st.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Estep, to move the November council meeting to November 21st at 7:00pm. Motion passes 6-0.

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

Thomas Fox, 309 Jackson- About tomorrow, with the wake for Bill Roll. Wake at church then Eagles at noon.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to excuse the absent member. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Moreton, seconded by Mr. Stuchell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting is adjourned.