

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
COUNCIL MEETING

April 23rd, 2026

The St. Bernard Village Council Meeting was held on April 23rd, 2026, in Council Chambers.

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

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

A motion by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. 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 7-0. Minutes stand as submitted.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you, Mr. President. First off, I'd like to thank, well this is kind of hard to say, Councilman Stuchell for organizing our Clean Up Saint Bernard Day this last Saturday. We had a small but mighty group who showed up, and we probably got an hour and a half in before it rained. We would love to see more people next time, and I am going to suggest to Councilman Stuchell that we not just have the event in recognition of Earth Day, but to consider a second date late summer or early fall, but truly clean up. Saint Bernard Day can be any day that you wish to make an impact and walk around picking up trash. Also, mark your calendars for the annual Memorial Day ceremony that will be held in the lower-level parking lot at 10 AM on May 25th. We'll be partnering with Saint Mary Cemetery this year as they are not having their annual ceremony any longer. Again, the next CIC meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 PM here in Council Chambers. So, if you're interested in what's going on, please feel free to come, and that concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Thank you, Mr. President. Tonight, on the agenda is Ordinance 23 2026. This is an additional appropriations to General Fund 2-K-2, Miscellaneous \$10,000, General Fund 2-0-9, Equipment maintenance \$20,000 and 2-33-12 traffic lights. For the miscellaneous, we had some more packer repair that was needed, and there wasn't enough money in the line item. So, to get the garbage truck back on the road I used that line item and the equipment maintenance is to replenish that line item due to the other repairs on the packers. Then traffic lights, we've just had a lot of them going out. So, I asked council to please approve this tonight. That concludes my report.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Thank you, Mr. President. You have several things before you tonight. Resolution 5 2026 regarding the Jesters Bar alcohol license. I ask that you pass it this evening. We do need to send a notice to the Ohio Department of Commerce and the Division of Liquor Control by May 4th. You also have before you this evening Ordinances 16 17 18 and 19 2026. All of which have to do with zoning matters here in the village, and we would urge

their passage there. Any questions? The zoning administrator and I are here. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Treasurer, Mr. Kathman- No report.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Wendling- Thank you, Mr. President. I have a couple items this evening. First, I have an update on the Village's energy aggregation program, which has selected Dynegy for the electric aggregation program to commence in July at a rate of 10.25 cents per kWh. Duke's default supply rate will be 10.7 cents per kWh starting in June. The rate will be effective through December 2027. The opt out letters will be mailed to eligible counts in mid to late May. I am very happy to report that the village has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Hamilton County Community Based Event Grant Program for the Bernies on Vine program that will take place once a month on Sunday afternoons May through October. Program will be held at the old police station at 4700 Vine St. It's intended to showcase the potential of the Saint Bernard business District. More information will be shared when we get closer to the program dates. I'm also happy to report that this afternoon I received word from the Ohio City County Management Association that they're providing funding in the amount of \$2,000 to offset the cost of a college intern who is interested in pursuing a career in local government. As I said, the amount of the grant is \$2,000 or 50% of the total cost, whichever is less. The village budgeted for an intern is part of the 2026 operating budget. We will be working to identify and hire an intern over the next several weeks. Finally, representatives from UGI Synthica report that their analysis of the facility is ongoing. The timeline for tank remediation and starting the plant is yet to be determined. Staff will inform everyone on the developments related to Synthica as we become aware of them. That concludes my report.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helems- March 2026 end of month receipts:

Tax collections for March 2026: \$1,994,468.16.

March 2026 is up 24.18% or \$388,295 from March 2025.

The tax revenues are up 15.22% year-to-date.

Refunds for March: -\$22,216.80

Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$250.93.

Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$117,655.47.

E-file payments: \$8,453.79

Sharon and I want to thank everyone who filed. It will take us several months to audit all of the tax returns that came in. Please be patient. As I was saying before, I was summoned to jury duty for the entire month of May. So, that might delay the process of auditing the tax returns.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Mr. Moreton- Thank you, Mr. President. The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th at 6pm in the lower level of City Hall. We plan to discuss our regular meeting schedule, potential changes or further commitment to Finance Committee procedure as outlined in existing ordinances, the status of the LISC Home Repair program, and the timeline for both electric and gas aggregation. Thank you, Mr. President, that completes my report. I would also like to bring your attention to This momentous here, which marks our

nation's 250th anniversary of independence. What better way to celebrate than by exercising your right to vote? The primary election is currently underway through May 5th. For voting times and other important election information, I encourage you to visit the Board of Elections website at votehamiltoncountyohio.gov. Thank you, that completes my report.

Service, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you Mr. President, The waste collection fee for March 2026 shows that \$26,273.41 was remitted to the village. As part of the waste collection report for the month of March 2026, the service department completed the following: Spotted 25 dump trucks at residences. Spotted 23 dumpsters at residences, hauled 170.04 tons of garbage to landfill, hauled 25.58 tons of recyclable material to Rumpke Recycling and recycled 4,020 lbs. of scrap metal. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Clean Up Saint Bernard Day this past Saturday. We saw a strong turnout and engagement from the community. This was my third year hosting the event, and it's encouraging to see it continue to grow with consistent resident participation. I would also like to thank the service department for the use of their equipment, Mayor Stuchell for his assistance during the event, and Chris Sauer from the Recreation department for providing food at the conclusion of the event. Your collective efforts to maintain the cleanliness and pride of our community are greatly appreciated. Thank you. That concludes my report.

Public Improvements, Mr. Edwards- Thank you, Mr. President. There was no need for a public improvement committee meeting but would like to report on the St. Bernard Ludlow Grove historic meeting this past Monday. This program was unique. Joyce Lovins Brownie presented an in-character performance of Mary Burnett Craig Carpenter Dunleavy who was born in 1764. She became a Revolutionary War nurse; she would also deliver food, water, and ammunition to the front lines. This, however, was just the beginning of her story. In the late 1880s she married and came west as she was pregnant with her first child. As her husband built their cabin just east of Cincinnati, she stayed in Limestone, Kentucky to give birth. Where is Limestone, you might ask? It is now Maysville, KY. Her husband built a beautiful cabinet for their family where she gave birth to her second child before her husband sadly passed away. Being a brave woman, she stayed in her cabin instead of moving to Fort Washington, which was about 5 miles away. During the Indian uprising, she would hide her daughters under the floorboards to keep them safe. She later married again to Francis Dunleavy, who later became a prominent judge in our corner of Ohio and had six more children. She died in 1828 and her husband passed 11 years later. Overall, a very fascinating story. I've never been disappointed with a Saint Bernard Ludlow Grove program. We invite everyone to attend. Meetings are held in the main hall in the Municipal building on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about our local history. Dues are \$10.00 for the whole year and just \$5 for the program. Thank you, Mr. President, this concludes my report.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- Thank you Mr. President. Tonight I have for the month of March the Police Department report. The Police Department had 610 calls for service resulting in 463 contacts. There were an additional 426 other services details that were not necessarily called in by the public. These calls for service included 42 total criminal offenses and resulted in 57 criminal arrests along with 30 traffic citations as well as 71 traffic warnings. They responded to 20 accidents, six of which included injuries. Notes and news for the public, they wanted to remind everyone that May is bicycle safety Month so please be cautious and aware to ensure your safety

as well as the safety of others. The Police and Firemen Benevolent Fund golf outing is on May 16th at Winton Woods. If anyone is interested in playing, sponsoring a hole or helping out, please contact personnel at the safety center. Thank you. That completes the Police Department report.

Laws Contracts and Claims, Mr. Schildmeyer- No report.

Marketing, Mr. Culbertson- Thank you, Mr. President. Don't forget that Saturday, May 2nd, will be our first concert of the season. Slow Train will be performing in the Vine Street Pavilion. Prior to the concert, we'll have a Kentucky Derby party and race viewing from 5:00 to 7:00 PM with post time around 7:00 PM. The concert will immediately follow. As always, bring your chair, favorite drinks and the Recreation department will be supplying the food. Another reminder that the Aquatic Center will open for the season on Saturday, May 23rd for Memorial Day weekend. That's Saturday, Sunday, and Monday and then begin daily hours on Saturday, May 30th. Hours of operation this season will remain from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM seven days a week. That concludes my report.

Business and Industry, Ms. Rytov- That you Mr. President. I do not have a report, but I do have a brief announcement. As some of you may know, St. Clement will be welcoming the congregation from Saint Francis Serif, which will be closing their parish and amalgamated into St. Clement. There is a call out for drivers to St. Clement for those Saint Francis Serif parishioners who cannot drive, and anyone interested in driving can contact St. Clement or Saint Francis Serif. Thank you, Mr. President. That concludes my report.

Committee of the Whole, Ms. Stegman- That you, Mr. President. The minutes for the last meeting were submitted April 22nd and I have no communications this evening.

RESOLUTION NO. 05, 2026

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT 00653205-1 (D5 and D6) TO BEST FRIENDS MANAGEMENT, LLC, OPERATING THE JESTER BAR & CIGAR PATIO, IN ST. BERNARD, OHIO, REQUESTING A HEARING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to suspend with the 3rd reading of Resolution 5 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Culbertson, to adopt Resolution 5 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 16, 2026

AN ORDINANCE REPEALLING CHAPTER 1127, HEARING OFFICER, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to go regular course on Ordinance 16 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1159, HERITAGE HILL DISTRICT, OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to go regular course on Ordinance 17 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2026
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1335, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, OF
THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to go regular course on Ordinance 18 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2026
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AND
AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to go regular course on Ordinance 19 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 20 2026
ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT MADE BETWEEN THE
VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD AND LOCAL NO. 450 ST. BERNARD FIRE FIGHTER
UNION I.A.F.F AS AMENDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 20 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 20 2026. Motion passes 6-1.

ORDINANCE NO. 21 2026
AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF ST. BERNARD, CERTAIN
AMENDMENTS OF THE CHARTER RELATED TO VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to go regular course on Ordinance 21 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 22 2026
ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT MADE BETWEEN THE
VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING
ENGINEERS LOCAL NO. 20 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 22 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adopt Ordinance 22 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 23 2026
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL
FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 23 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to adopt Ordinance 23 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Does anyone on council have anything under old business? New business? If not, is there anyone in the audience wishing to address council this evening?

Eleanor Dairysprout, 119 Church Street- I was told to come here because of my concerns about dogs not being on their leashes. I have a dog that is dog aggressive and I do not feel safe walking him in the neighborhood because I am afraid another dog will run up to him and then something might happen. I have to walk him at the ball field across the street, but I'd like to be able to give him a better route than just circles for exercise. There is one dog over on Delmar where he plays fetch with the dog from across the street and back. He is going to get hit by a car.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Do you know which part of Delmar?

Eleanor Dairysprout, 119 Church Street- Down by Bertus.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I might be able to clear some of this up. I know that dog lives out of the country now. So, yes that was going to be dealt with before they left. I know there was an incident that Ms. Rytov has witnessed that as well. This dog was leashed but being controlled by two juvenile handlers. That incident was not reported as a dog attack. When it was reported to the police, they came to intercept the dog with its handlers because it was reported the dog knocked down two adults, not in an aggressive manor, but the dog was jumping up on them. I am encouraging anyone who witnesses that to call the police to report that so the police can come and deal with it immediately. They need to know in real time because they would have responded differently as well. So, if anyone is witnessing a loose animal or a dog that is not under control, that is something that we are working on adding. Our code states, yes, we do have

a leash law, but the dog can be off a leash if it is controlled. There is also other language in ORC regarding a vicious animal. Mark, can you add to that?

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Wendling- Sure, I am working on an update to our animal control which would include the animal to be under control at all times, whether is it a leash or an electric fence, it does need to be in control at all times. We would be incorporating the state's recently passed vicious animal statute to make sure that is references and incorporated here in St. Bernard.

Council Member, Mr. Schildmeyer- Would we put that in the next laws, Contracts and Claims meeting?

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Wendling- Yes, that is correct. I will get a copy of a draft over for Valerie's review.

Thomas Fox, 309 Jackson- Someone next door keeps feeding the cat. Is that wrong?

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Wendling- Yes, per the ordinance, yes, it is against the law to feed feral cats.

Council Member, Mr. Edwards- I know which cat Tom is talking about. It is very friendly. Tom's neighbor said it used to be up in Silverton, but somehow, he decided to bring it down here.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Wendling- Does it actually belong to someone? Or is it feral?

Council Member, Mr. Edwards- He acted like it was his cat, but it wanders around all the time. I don't know if he takes it in the house or not.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Wendling- Cats are no different than dogs according to our ordinance. They do have to be constrained at all times. They are not allowed to roam. I do not think it is being enforced, but that is what our ordinance says.

Council Member, Mr. Edwards- Ok; I'll bring it up to them.

The next Committee of the Whole is Thursday, May 13th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Motion made by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting is adjourned.