

THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 14th, 2026

The St. Bernard Village Special Council Meeting was held on May 14th, 2026, in Council Chambers.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 26 2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FRED A. NEMANN COMPANY FOR THE TOWER AND WASHINGTON AVENUES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to suspend with the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 26 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Wendling- This is a grant and finding for the Tower and Washington project. Fred A. Nemann company was the lowest bidder out of a total of 4 bidders. The total cost of the project is \$2,026,706.53. It will run from Mitchell Ave to McCeland at Tower Ave, and we will also repave lower Washington Ave including sidewalk repair. Water Works in paying \$1,307,243.70. The Village's portion is \$719,462.83, and we did receive a transit infrastructure grant with funding up to \$660,000 for the project.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Culbertson, to adopt Ordinance 26 2026. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to adjourn the special council meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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The St. Bernard Village Committee of the Whole was held on May 14th, 2026, in Council Chambers.

Roll call showed all 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 approve the written minutes of the last council meeting. Motion passes 7-0. Minutes will stand as submitted.

President of Council, Mr. Asbach- Next on the agenda is an ordinance updating the codified ordinances that the city clerk requested. Does anyone have any questions or comments on the codified ordinance updates? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld, to place an ordinance on the table to update the codified ordinances. Motion passes 7-0.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you Mr. President. At this time, we will be having our ceremonial swearing in of our newest members with our fire and police departments.

John Davidson was sworn in by Mayor Jonathan Stuchell for the St. Bernard Fire Department.

Jared Thatcher and Will Tuttle were sworn in by Mayor Jonathan Stuchell for the St. Bernard Police Department.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- Thank you everyone for coming to support our newest members of our police and fire departments. Thank you to the families that are here. We have a lot of great employees here in the village that do not get to go through this ceremonial swearing in. I want to thank all our employees now and the long timers, that keeps St. Bernard such a great place to live, work and enjoy. Thank you again for being here, and we truly appreciate what you do for our citizens. As you may have heard, there was a fatal accident in the early morning hours this Wednesday shortly after 2:00 AM where a pedestrian was struck by United States Postal Service bulk mail truck at Vine and Phillips. Unfortunately, the victim was pronounced dead at University Hospital immediately after transport. Thank you to our first responders who responded to the scene and our sympathy goes out to the family of the victim and to the driver of the postal truck who was not at fault. Again, I would like to invite everyone to attend our annual

Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25th in the lower-level parking lot of City Hall at 10 AM where we will honor those service members from the Village who made the ultimate sacrifice. Immediately following the ceremony, we will serve doughnuts, coffee and juice in Centennial Hall, sponsored by our friends from Saint Mary's Cemetery and the Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society. I'd also like to announce that the German Luau Parade sign up is active right now. The link is available on the village website. The parade date is Saturday, August 1st and the start time is 12pm. Just so you know, the parade route this year will be lining up on Washington Ave. by City Hall. We will go up Washington to Sullivan, to Del Mar, to Bertus, down Vine. Yes, I said Vine, we're bringing it back to Vine Street, to Aquatic Center Drive and around the track where we will enter the new location for the German Luau of Vine Street Park. So hopefully that will be a new location for everyone to enjoy. Again, please go to the Village website or to the link in the Village newsletter to sign up. Also, you have the opportunity to nominate the 2026 Grand Marshall each year. We are looking for an individual current or past resident who has made a lasting impact on our village by naming them Grand Marshall of the German Luau Parade. So again, you may go to the village website or the link on the newsletter to have your opportunity. You're encouraged to include personal stories or community impact with local leadership awards and achievements and any qualities that show why they would represent Saint Bernard with pride. Encourage others to innominate the same person if you wish. But again, the deadline is midnight on June 30th. Sadly, I would also like to announce that the old village Call Command system is no longer in operation. We recently said goodbye and it is now time to sign up for the new alerts in the new notification system. Simply go to the Village website and look for the Alerts and Notifications tab where you can register for all village announcements or SMS emergency text only. Call Command was good to us for many years, but this is way better as you can register for voice, e-mail and text notifications. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Auditor, Ms. Brickweg- Thank you_Mr. President. On the agenda tonight for the Auditor Department, I would like to ask for an additional appropriation and a transfer ordinance for the next council meeting. In this ordinance, I will tell you first the additional appropriations. The first one is 0-1-2-E-3 Refunds for \$100,00. We always add to that in the middle of the year based on what the tax refunds are, and we're starting after April; we're starting to really go through it. 1-5-8-7-R Ross Park, Roger Bacon donated \$5000 towards the handrails at Frank Robinson Field at Ross Park. We're going to pay the other half. So, we received the \$5,000, but I need to put the appropriation in the line item. Then finally O-5-M-P-9 Streets and Sewer projects. Now that we have the total amount of the project, I need an additional \$800,000 in there. Because we have to pay for the water works and most of the grant, so we will get reimbursed on it. So, we have to have the full amount appropriated even though we'll get a large majority of it back. While doing these, I need the additional transfers 1.5 million from the general fund transfer out with \$800,000 going into master plan cash account, \$300,000 going into general bond retirement cash account and \$400,000 going into the employee health plan cash account. Are there any questions? If not, that concludes my report.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to place the appropriation and transfer funds ordinance on the table for the next council meeting. Motion passes 7-0.

Law Director, Ms. Van Valkenburg- Absent. No report.

Treasurer, Mr. Kathman- The Star Ohio balance as of April 30th, 2026, was \$10,714,511.22. That concludes my report.

Safety and Service Director, Mr. Wendling- Thank you Mr. President. I have several legislative items I request to be placed on the May 28th Council meeting agenda. First is an ordinance enabling a contract between the Village and the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners for the Small Events Grant was awarded to Saint Bernard. At the April council meeting I reported the village has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the county. This will fund events on Vine Street later in the year. The second latest legislative item is a resolution that will authorize me to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund program. This will be for capital improvements to Spring Grove Avenue that are planned for the future. And then finally I have a resolution authorizing me to enter an agreement with the yet to be determined supplier for the Village's natural gas aggregation program. Then they conclude my report; I'm happy to announce that the village has been awarded funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the improvement of Broerman and Imwalle Avenues. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$426,000. The Villages local match is estimated to be \$239,000 with the OPWC grant covering \$187,000. The village will utilize its \$140,000 in the Community Development Block Grant funding to offset its portion of the project. OPWC funding will be available in August of 2026 with engineering will be cleared will be completed in the fall and spring with construction anticipated next summer and the various utilities will be asked to complete any necessary work prior to construction. This concludes my report.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to place an ordinance on the table for the Small Event Grant. Motion passes 7-0

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Ms. Hausfled, to place a resolution on the table for the SORTA Grant Application. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Schildmeyer, seconded by Mr. Moreton, to place a resolution on the table for the natural gas aggregation contract. Motion passes 7-0.

Tax Administrator, Ms. Helmes- APRIL 2026 end of month receipts:

Tax collections for APRIL 2026: \$1,117,141.00.

April 2026 is down -4.06% or \$47,329 from April 2025.

Refunds for April: -\$132,675.00

Delinquent tax collected with Capital Recovery: \$800.00.

Delinquent tax collected with the Ohio Attorney General's Office: \$70,687.00.

E-file receipts: \$56,330.00

Tax returns are currently being audited. We should be done by the end of July. Letters are going out for unpaid balances, missing documents and missing federal tax form 1040 (pages 1-3). Refunds will be issued within 90 days of the date of your filing. If you have any questions, you can call me or Sharon at 513-242-7710. That concludes my report.

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 to Finance Committee procedure, the status of the LISC Home Repair program, and the timeline for both electric and gas aggregation. I would like to thank Blyth Barnow from Over Zero for inviting me to discuss strategies to reduce all forms of political violence. Over Zero is a 501c(3) non-profit organization dedicated to reducing political violence across the nation. In times where we regularly see hateful language on social media and calls for or even acts of violence against community leaders, I strongly believe the work is especially pertinent and timely. Thank you to Blyth and their team. If folks, specifically religious, business, and government leaders are interested in this mission, I encourage you to reach out. Thank you Mr. President, that concludes my report.

Service, Mr. Stuchell- On Saturday, June 6, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Village will host a combined Community Shred Day, Electronic Recycling Event, and Hazardous Waste Collection at the Service Department, located at 5230 Vine Street. This free community event provides residents with an opportunity to safely declutter their homes and properly dispose of items that cannot or should not be placed in regular trash collection. For the Shred event, residents are encouraged to bring old documents for secure shredding. For the Electronic Recycling, accepted items include:

- Cell Phones
- Tablets
- Hard drives
- Desktop computers
- Laptops
- Batteries
- CRT Monitors
- Printers

Please note: Flat-screen TVs will be accepted for a \$10 recycling fee.

For the Hazardous Waste Collection, Latex-based paint will not be accepted. Items that will be accepted include:

- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Solvents
- Thinners
- Lead paint
- Oil-based paints and stains
- Fluorescent tubes
- Household cleaners
- Pool chemicals
- Driveways sealers
- Mercury tar
- Thermostats
- Thermometers
- Oxygen cylinders and tanks
- Refrigerant cylinders and tanks
- Adhesive foam cylinders

We encourage all residents to take advantage of this event to safely dispose of these materials in an environmentally responsible manner. That concludes my report.

Public Improvements, Mr. Edwards- Thank you Mr. President. There was no need for a Public Improvements committee meeting, but I would like to talk about a few things. First, I'd like to commend our zoning Administrator, AJ Schweier for doing an excellent job for our community. Not only is he updating our codes that are outdated, he is also out and about looking for violations and responding to complaints of our residents. I've personally noticed many of the yards that have been unkept in the past are now in compliance so early in the year. What I am most excited about is a new wall on the corner of Washington and Sullivan. It looked horrible and was ready for collapse. The new wall is a result of a violation letter sent by AJ. If you have any issues with

another property or a letter you might have received from his office about yours, you will find AJ fair and easy to talk to. Thank you AJ, for your efforts to make the village a better place to live. I would also like to thank our recreation department for all they do. Most parents bring their kids to our sporting leagues without thinking about who put the teams together, ordered the shirts, found the coaches, or made the schedules. This is all done at a minimal expense to the parents. This is only part of what they do, most of our special events are organized by the rec department and the food they serve is always free. This too is prepared by members of the rec department. Just a couple weeks ago, members prepared food to be frozen and used this summer. I was fortunate enough to peel 100 lbs. of potatoes. The mayor asked me to report on how much fun we had so that maybe next time we'd have more volunteers. Seriously, it was a lot of fun. Thank you rec department for all that you do. You have so much to the lives we share here in Saint Bernard. And lastly, I would also like to ask everyone to attend our Memorial Day service to honor our fallen. It's important for our children to understand the price that was paid for our freedom and the adults to remember. Thank you, Mr. President. This concludes my report.

Mayor, Mr. Stuchell- I have to say, with Jeff being a retired chip man, he can handle a potato like no other.

Safety, Ms. Hausfeld- Thank you Mr. President. First, I want to congratulate the new hire for the police and fire department and wish them well and have a bright future with the Village of St. Bernard. I also have the police activity report for the last month. For April 2026, the police department has 591 calls for service resulting in 427 contacts. There were an additional 435 other services details that were not necessarily called in by the public. These calls for services included 41 total criminal offenses and resulted in 58 criminal arrests, 36 traffic citations, as well as 51 traffic warnings. They responded to 20 accidents, four of which included injuries. Just a reminder that May is Bike Safety Month, so please be cautious and aware to ensure your safety as well as others on your bikes. Also, the police and fire benevolent golf outing this weekend Saturday May 16th at Winton Woods. If anyone is interested in playing or helping out, please contact personnel at the Safety Center. Thank you that concludes my report.

Laws, Contracts and Claims, Mr. Schildmeyer- Thank you Mr. President. We held a Laws, Contracts and Claims committee meeting on May 6th. On the agenda were changes to the animal control codes and zoning data in connection with a marijuana dispensary. We discussed the language in depth, and we will follow up in our next Laws, Contracts and Claims meeting. We will then have language that we can bring in front of the council. That concludes my report.

Marketing, Mr. Culbertson- Thanks Mr. President. The Recreation Department will be hosting sports sign-ups at the Aquatic Center this Saturday, May 16th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They will also be selling presale passes to the Aquatic Center. Activities include summer swim lessons, \$25 for all ages. It will take place the week of June 8th, 15th and 22nd. Stingray Swim Team \$50.00 for residents, \$75.00 for non-residents. Say soccer ages 6 to 13 is \$50 for residents, \$75.00 for non-residents. Lollipop Soccer ages 3 to 5 cost is \$25. It's the final reminder of the Aquatic

Center opening for the season on Saturday, May 23rd for the Memorial Day weekend. Then it will open daily for the season on Saturday, May 30th. Hours are 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM seven days a week. Finally, the next Historical Society program is on this Saturday, May 16th at 1:30 PM at St. John's Cemetery. This is a free event that will help celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation. We will be recognizing 9 U.S. Army veterans and an unveiling of a Civil War headstone for Private William H. Bode. That concludes my report.

Business and Industry, Ms. Rytov- No report.

No audience participation.

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

Meeting is adjourned.