

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

July 20, 2017

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Council President, Ron Roth
Councilmember, Shawn Hall
Councilmember, Linda Wildman
Councilmember, Ray Zaker
Councilmember, Mike Gudakunst
Councilmember, Lori Johnston

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 20th day of July, 2017 at 7:00pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Virgil Shull and all in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Street Commissioner Chuck Ruble, Police Sergeant Jeremy Salaz, Fire Chief James Smith, Tax Administrator Liza Hirzel, Zoning Officer Michael Rossi, Solicitor Corey Speweik and Fiscal Officer Kerstan Kaminski were also in attendance. Also in attendance were Guests Cody Roth, Tammy Kreais, Greg Warden and Chris Lahman.

Mike Gudakunst made a motion to approve minutes of the July 6, 2017. Ron Roth 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S)

Greg Warden: He received a letter due to inactivity on the Fire Department. He knows he's been inactive and wishes to continue to be on the Fire Department. He feels this letter was disrespectful. There are no facts that state how many runs needed to stay on and no disciplinary policy. If there's no policy and it reverts back to the Village's policy, the first step would be a verbal write-up which did not happen. Shawn commented that they spoke with him a year ago and Greg said he didn't care to run. Greg said he is involved in sports with 3 kids and housework to do which is why he has been inactive for 2 years. Times are coming where his activity can increase. 3 kids in sports take up a lot of time. Virgil said the letter states they can contact Jim to possibly be reinstated. Linda commented there have been many times when there's a call-out, there are so many volunteers that are in town that do not answer the call. Jim Smith said that he stands by his letter. With inactivity for 2 years, there is no commitment to the community.

Linda Wildman made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel: dismissal at 7:09pm. Ron Roth 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

Linda Wildman made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:22pm. Ron Roth 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

Ron stated that Council discussed they would like to stand by the original letter. Greg can speak with the Fire Chief about being reinstated.

Tammy Kreais: Tammy asked why the ordinances for the Fire and Ambulance had to be emergencies. This was to get them on the ballot. Virgil answered that between the new Fiscal Officer and Solicitor, it was lost in the transition. Corey commented that the initial levy was from the 70's and obviously no one is around from that time. He used the wording from the 70's and it has to be the exact same wording as the current levy's. He had to change the wording to match the current levy's. Chris Lahman asked if anyone did the research to find out how much the percentage would be. Corey stated the auditor's office will send a letter that will show how much the levy will generate. The current 3 mill levy only equates to about 1.75 mills because the valuation has gone up. The 1 mill levy equates to about .5 mills right now. A replacement resets the valuation to the current. The tax payers will be paying a little more on their taxes, but the millage is staying the same. Tammy commented that when items are time sensitive, people feel pressured and have to make decisions quickly without knowing all of the facts. Lori commented that they are giving the community a chance to vote on it, to see how the community feels about it. Cody says that people think they want to use the money to put it toward a new Fire Station. Linda said that even if the township EMS happens, they still need a new Fire Station. The township is trying for EMS only. Tammy feels Council was trying to beat the township by putting this on the ballot. Chris asked why the park levy is higher than the EMS levy when the EMS needs money. Tammy questioned why the Ambulance needs more money when they were trying to transfer money into the New Fire Station fund. Linda answered that Council didn't know the 1984 resolution stated the Ambulance in it. Jim commented these requests, to have these resolutions done, was voted on in January and they were never done. He knows of 3 times they were voted on. He only knew of 3 mills though, not 4. He suggested the money for ambulance was when they were transitioning from hearses to ambulances. He was not aware of money for the ambulance.

Chris asked about the township increasing. Virgil stated they should remain the same. Jim said the township has done replacements over time with Bradner to keep current.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Liza Hirzel

She handed out the reconciliation through May and a list of her job duties. She is sending out error notices to residents who have either not signed their form or are using the wrong amount. There are about half a dozen CCA verification problems. A few are the transition check from the end of the year, not returning money that should've come to the Village and loss carry forwards which there are no records for.

Liza is requesting a shifting of the office equipment to make it easier for her. She needs to have the files next to the desk and computer. Virgil said they would work on this.

Liza also has been having some health issues. She's not sure how it's going to go but wants to make sure the Council is still thinking about having someone to replace her. She is more than willing to train.

People are very helpful and nice to work with. The only issue is her working conditions, meaning the furniture organization. Other than that, everything is going well.

STREET COMMISSIONER – Chuck Ruble

Brush pickup is done. A few addresses were not finished due to not being piled right or having too much at one residence. The brush pile also needs taken care of.

The chipper and the leaf machine both need work done, the roller on the chipper and the blower on the leaf machine. He is getting prices.

The mosquito sprayer quit on Wednesday night. There was a short and it drained the battery. He will find out tomorrow.

Tammy asked about John's dad moving the brush back by the pond 5 feet. She remembers Council okayed it last year but he could never get to it. She wanted to make sure it was still ok. It's difficult to get back there and the trees are bigger than the equipment. Doug Winters and John have already started working on it and have done 7-8 feet so far.

POLICE SERGEANT – Jeremy Salaz

They have completed 112 training hours on taser, OC and baton. He will then be the instructor.

Joshua Payne has taken a position in Cleveland Heights.

The body cams and car cams are working great.

The guys riding the mini bikes have been talked to and hopefully handled.

They are also working on catching who did the graffiti.

FIRE CHIEF – James Smith

The Fire Committee met last Wednesday with Dan Corbin and James Knallay for interviews. Dan has all 36 hours and is working on his EMT Basic.

Jim had heard back from 2 individuals regarding the letters sent out. Jason Harden and Chris Ruble are back on the volunteer list. They need people that want to respond.

The new electrical box is in and functioning.

Ambulance 626 was sent out with Jeff Bickford to NW190 in Grand Rapids. Jeff has to drive it. Their ambulance was getting serviced. The Village's insurance will cover if anything happens as long as our employee is driving. Tammy wants to know why we are lending out our ambulance to other departments. Jim responded that Pemberville did it for us. Linda thought they were only doing this one time and last time Council approved it. She does not want it that far from here.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 08-2017

A resolution of the Village of Bradner to submit to the electors of the Village of Bradner on November 7, 2017, the question of approving a replacement of the permanent and continuing one (1) mill levy in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation which was passed November 6, 1984 in order to provide funds for purchasing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, and buildings and for the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer fireman to operate the same and declaring an emergency.

Corey explained the first resolutions were to declare the necessity. Those resolutions were then submitted to the auditor and gave them the authority to prepare the certificate. This is the second step which is to pass these resolutions to have the Fiscal Officer submit them to the Board of Elections and have the levies put on the ballot.

Linda Wildman made a motion to suspend the rules for Res. 08-2017. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

Linda Wildman made a motion to pass Res. 08-2017. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 09-2017

A resolution of the Village of Bradner to submit to the electors of the Village of Bradner on November 7, 2017, the question of approving a replacement of the permanent and continuing three (3) mill levy in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation which was passed on November 3, 1981 in order to provide funds for the purchasing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, and buildings or sites therefor or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph and for the payment of permanent, part-time, or ambulance or emergency medical services operated by the Fire Department or firefighting company and declaring an emergency.

Linda Wildman made a motion to suspend the rules for Res. 09-2017. Ron Roth 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

Ron Roth made a motion to pass Res. 09-2017. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 10-2017

A resolution of the Village of Bradner to submit to the electors of the Village of Bradner on November 7, 2017, the question of approving a renewal of the five year, two mill levy in excess of the ten mill limitation authorized on May 7, 2013, to continue to provide funds for park and recreational purposes and specifically to provide additional funds needed for the pool operations, repair and renovation and to declare an emergency.

Linda Wildman made a motion to suspend the rules for Res. 10-2017. Ron Roth 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

Linda Wildman made a motion to pass Res. 10-2017. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 11-2017 (1st Reading)

A resolution authorizing the execution of remaining requirements energy supply schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP)

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR

3 estimates were received to paint the shelter house. Morelock was the cheapest at \$675.

Mike Gudakunst made a motion to approve the quote from Morelock at \$675. Linda Wildman 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

Chuck Ruble mentioned the Sewer project contract that needs signed. Virgil and Corey will sign it tonight.

Chuck also brought up the a/c again. There was another leak that was not seen before. Mike is coming back out to try a compression fitting to see if this works, otherwise, he will have to get a new unit. It is about 10 years old.

Morelock needs to provide his bond and Workers Comp info to Kerstan.

FISCAL OFFICER – Kerstan Kaminski

Kerstan has the Estimate of Revenues for 2018. It shows the estimate for the end of 2017, revenue estimate for 2018 and the balance at the end of the year along with a debt schedule.

Linda Wildman made a motion to accept the 2018 Estimate of Revenues. Ron Roth 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

CLAIM ORDINANCE 14-2017VC

Ron Roth made a motion to pay Claim Ordinance 14-2017VC. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Park/Pool

Virgil will call about the Park parking lot since it has not been started yet.

Fire

Both Dan Corbin and James Knallay are very excited about being volunteers.

Shawn Hall made a motion to accept Knallay and Corbin as volunteers. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Since the Police Capital was used for the cameras, Council should think about putting money aside for a new car. The car has 96,000 miles currently. Linda thinks maybe next year they can start this.

Lori mentioned there were 84 kids at the pool yesterday. The Elmwood Band is planning on using the pool next Thursday from 6-8pm. Virgil is looking into grants for toddler playground equipment. The skate park was from a grant but Jim is talking to Hagemann about the basketball court. Mike Rossi said blacktop is better for a basketball court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel: ORC 121.22 (G) (1)

Appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee or official, or the Investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, Licensee or regulated individual.

Property: ORC 121.22 (G) (2)

Court Action: ORC 121.22 (G)

None

With no further business, Linda Wildman made a motion to adjourn at 8:36pm. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, Wildman, Zaker & Gudakunst
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

ATTEST: *Kerstan Kaminski*
Kerstan Kaminski, Fiscal Officer

SIGNED: *Virgil Shull*
Mayor: Virgil Shull

Approved: 8/3/2017

SIGNED: *Ron Roth*
President: Ron Roth