

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

November 16, 2017

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 16th day of November, 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 Chief Chuck Broshious, Fire Chief Jim Smith and Fiscal Officer Kerstan Kaminski and Guests John Schulte and Jerry Houtz were in attendance.

Ron Roth made a motion to approve minutes of the November 2, 2017 meeting with corrections. Shawn Hall 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S)

John Schulte: He would like a return of personal property and also has a zoning issue. For 5 months, he has asked to have his property that was seized in 2016 returned to him. He has had no response despite his many inquiries. Per Chief, the property can only be returned with a court order which he has been told. John was of the understanding it was to be returned at the close of the case which was in July.

He owns property which he land contracted out. The Village of Bradner is suing John on 72 counts for a dilapidated structure. He has not heard back from the Zoning Officer on this issue. He sold the property to the current tenant in September, who has lived in the home for 1 ½ years. John questioned whether anyone else has been criminally charged with a zoning violation in the last 2 years, which has happened. He would like a resolve before next Wednesday when he has court. Virgil noted he is not the only one this has happened to.

Jerry Houtz: He would like to make sure there aren't any questions before the third reading of the Joint EMS Resolution. He wanted to clarify information from the October 19th meeting

minutes. He read a portion of the minutes. The trustees did not just decide to take over the EMS, they decided the 5 mill levy should be run by a board. The committee felt comfortable with \$500,000, but Mr. Speweik wanted "likely to exceed" added into the ordinance. It is possible it could exceed \$500,000 with the amount currently around \$498,000. It will not be \$1,000,000 or \$750,000. They will not come back with a 10 Mill levy, they are sticking with 6.5 Mills. It could fluctuate ¼% either way though. The biggest hurdle still, is a levy being passed in May.

Wayne has passed their resolution for the joint district. If Bradner and Risingsun pass, as of January 1, they will be the Southeast Ambulance District. This basically means nothing without the levy being passed.

The board member chosen is up to Council to decide, but Jerry praised Mike Gudakunst for his help so far.

The Ambulance has been busy lately and everything is going well. He hopes things will continue to do so.

Linda asked why he said no mayors and firemen on the committee. He denies saying that and would like to see where this is stated in the minutes. The May 4th minutes were checked and they do not state "no firemen", only "someone other than the mayor" since they already have a lot on their plate. He did also state that they want people on the committee that are mostly for the joint district.

The Fire Chief's cannot get along and Risingsun and Wayne Fire Chief's will not support anything run by Bradner alone. They want it run by a board.

6.5 mills will run the district every year. The building will be built, property purchased, vehicles bought with loans. Based on the studies, it may cost \$390,000/year for 2 full-time employees.

STREET COMMISSIONER – Chuck Ruble

The contract for the Storm Sewer project came in. There need to be a few additions done by the Solicitor. The project will start late February.

They are still picking up leaves. They cannot be more than 5' from the street or next to any posts, bushes, etc.

Chuck will be off next Friday.

POLICE CHIEF – Chuck Broshious

Chuck handed out the Audio/Video policy he would like to put in place for the cameras in the cruisers and body cameras.

The other handout is Police starting wages showing other agencies and Bradner, which he would like to increase. He is not asking for raises for everyone. The issue is with the starting pay. Officers are less likely to come to Bradner with a starting pay of \$10.09/hour. He would like to raise the starting pay, possibly get rid of the 6 month raise and have the one year raise. This will not affect his budget; only change the total amount of hours worked.

After discussion, Council suggests changing the starting pay to \$12 and then one year at \$12.75. Chuck also mentioned bringing students from UT going through the academy. They'd be on an auxiliary basis while they work on their FTO. After they finish and pass the test, they could begin part-time in Bradner.

Linda Wildman made a motion to have Corey write an ordinance for the officers to start at \$12 and a raise to \$12.75 at one year. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

Sergeant Salaz would like to give Honorary Police Officer to Doug Perez, from Portage, who was born blind. He graduated from Rogers in 2011. Salaz has known him for 7 years. He graduated from the Wood County Sheriff's Office Citizen Police Academy in 2012. Salaz read his letter on why he would like to give this recognition. He would get ride-alongs, help with parades, Halloween, etc. This is recognized by Bradner Police Department, not the State of Ohio. He would not be privy to sensitive information or any weapons.

Linda Wildman made a motion to recommend Doug Perez for Honorary Police Officer. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

Terry James is working on a way to get Bradner more information but Chuck hasn't heard anything since he last spoke to him. Command didn't know about the shooting in town until they saw on the news either. Someone will be coming to a Council meeting soon though. They are also working on letting officers help with situations that are just outside of town.

FIRE CHIEF – Jim Smith

Jim spoke with Chief Brown in Gibsonburg on partnering on autoaid from 6 & 23 down to 65 & over to 26. He also attended the EME meeting in Sandusky County who is also talking about autoaid with different entities. This is just for Fire. Jim will give a list of companies to Kerstan to send the bid specs too.

The tanker needs replaced. Bradner currently has a 1984 2,000 gallon tanker. He has put together bid specifications. Bid opening would be Jan. 11, 2018.

Linda Wildman made a motion to send out the bid specs for a new tanker. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.
Roll Call:

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

Jim is not for moving EMS out of Bradner. They have the system, 2 well-equipped ambulances, the building, no payment for electric, water & sewer, the program setup for billing and carrying medical licenses and doing a pretty good job carrying Montgomery Township. He doesn't believe 6.5 mills is enough. HANCO said they would run the townships system for \$413,000. Bradner asked for \$500,000 which is roughly 5 mills. Bradner has all volunteers and the guys go to school. Last he saw, there were 335 runs for 2017. He believes they will end the year with nearly 400 which is more than ever before.

Jim agrees he went to the township for 5 mills. He believes they've managed the money very well. The few runs that are missed are minuscule, percentage wise. The 5 mills was for full-time staffing. Per Jerry, 6.5 mills is only \$481,000 per the Auditor's office. Virgil stated that Bradner only asked for help with the money, not for them to take it over.

Wayne and Risingsun voiced at a meeting they would not support anything run by Bradner alone. The township cannot pass any type of levy when Wayne and Risingsun are not on board. This is why the township made this decision. It was not to disrespect anyone or take anything away from anyone.

Fire has nothing to do with this and will not be affected. The trustees support the Fire Departments.

Jerry is not against Bradner, he is here on behalf of the entire township. He is not trying to take away from anything Bradner has done.

Linda thinks it's sad that the Village of Bradner could not support their Fire Department. It shouldn't matter who someone doesn't like or who they do like.

Lori mentioned that Tammy asked Jim at the last meeting if all options were exhausted and doesn't feel Jim completely answered the question. The building is sufficient for someone to stay there part-time during the day. There is a bathroom, kitchen, tv and cot. She believes this would work. Jerry feels the part-time idea is great. \$70,000 isn't enough; a levy would still be needed. There probably won't be support from the community for a levy since most residents work Monday-Friday, 7-3:30 when they are working in another town. A part-time EMS during the day does not benefit them.

Jerry feels you are either strictly volunteer or full-time. Other entities are struggling as well. Volunteers are not going to show up when other guys are getting paid.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Res. 16-2017- Final Reading

Joint resolution to create a joint ambulance district.

Ron Roth made a motion to pass Resolution 16-2017. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth & Gudakunst

No: Wildman

Abstain: Zaker (conflict of interest, Fireman)

Motion Carried

Meetings will start after Jan. 1 as Southeast Ambulance District. They will go door to door and will also discuss the importance of the Fire levy which will also need to continue to pass.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR

He received a Public Notice of a 401 application from the Ohio EPA regarding the clean water act.

Park Board met last night. Some concrete work needs done in the deep end of the pool. The general fund will be starting the year negative. The paint will cost around \$3,000 for the pool. The levy that just passed is for the park and pool.

They did not talk about it at the meeting, but Council talked about putting information on the bills about buying memberships for Christmas gifts or birthday gifts, but they have not talked about pricing yet.

FISCAL OFFICER – Kerstan Kaminski

She wanted to verify that it was ok to purchase a safe since it was talked about in a previous meeting. She does not have an exact price but MaryLou mentioned she found a used one for \$50 but not sure of the details of it.

Linda made a motion to approve the purchase but to cap the price at \$100.

Kerstan will have MaryLou get some pricing. Linda took back her motion.

The audit is still continuing. The cost will be around \$11,000 as of right now.

Regarding the Christmas Lighting contest, an anonymous person would like to donate the money but Kerstan has not received it yet. If Kerstan does not receive it by December 1st, she will let Lori know and she will get donations to cover it. The contest will be on December 17th at 6pm and the winners announced at Council on December 21st.

Kerstan would like to take November 24th off.

Ray Zaker made a motion to approve Kerstan's time off. Shawn Hall 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

CLAIM ORDINANCE 22-2017VC

Linda Wildman made a motion to approve Claim Ordinance 22-2017VC. Shawn Hall 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There will not be a December Park meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There's been nothing from CIC on the letter. CIC has received the letter and Bradner will be getting a letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda will be giving up the food giveaway. Howard Beck and Barb Iagnamma will be taking over.

The Tree Lighting will be December 3rd at 6pm. Old Time Church will sing Christmas carols and also Santa will be coming in on a fire truck. Linda will help donate cookies.

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 8:49pm. Mike Gudakunst 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

ATTEST: *Kerstan Kaminski*

Kerstan Kaminski, Fiscal Officer

SIGNED: *Virgil Shull*

Mayor: Virgil Shull

Approved: 12/21/2017

SIGNED: not present

President: Ron Roth