

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

July 21, 2016

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Council President, Linda Wildman

Councilmember, Shawn Hall

Councilmember, Ron Roth

Councilmember, Lori Johnston

Councilmember, Ray Zaker

Councilmember, Mike Gudakunst

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 21st day of July, 2016 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, Fire Chief James Smith, Patrolman John Eggleston, Fiscal Officer Kerstan Kaminski and Guests Laurie Manning (Hylant), Tammy Kreais, Danielle Sting, Nicole Leber, Kerry Hansen, Cody Roth & Rebecca Chalfin were also in attendance. Mike Gudakunst arrived at 7:01pm.

Ron Roth made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2016 meeting. Shawn Hall 2nd.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hall, Johnston, Roth, & Gudakunst

Abstain: Wildman

Motion Carried

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S)

Laurie Manning (Hylant Group): Laurie is reviewing the property, building and equipment insurance renewal. Building and personal property limit of \$6,000,000 has gone up 1½% for inflation. She pointed out several changes in the Villages equipment and buildings, mostly adding. Building values increased by \$747,000 and equipment by \$71,000. The limit for unscheduled equipment is \$60,000 which means anything purchased under \$5,000 doesn't need to be scheduled or added to the coverage and it will be covered. She went through the coverages the Village has and the amounts. With all of the changes, the premium has gone down since last year from \$25,350 to \$19,926. There was also a rate decrease for members without a lot of losses.

Tammy Kreais: She would like to begin with thanking many people. She had to call the Police regarding a situation at the Park and requested a call back the next morning which was from Patrolman Rinehammer. She had to call John Linkey and he sent out Justin Nice immediately regarding a powerline. She saw in the minutes that Mike G., Chuck R. and Ron R. talked about gravel on W. Parklane and it was done following that meeting.

She spoke with Lori J. about pool issues and Lori brought them up at the next Council meeting. She thanks everyone for their quick responses.

Tammy asked about the status of the pool. Virgil stated that the pump was repaired but it still won't pump. The water will probably have to be dumped, pool cleaned and filled back up but this cannot be done until the pump is working correctly.

Tammy asked about Linda's position as Council President, which is only that if the Mayor is on vacation, she steps up. Tammy asks that Council respect the people walking into the building that have something to say. Council was elected by the people and if the people feel they have something important to say, they should be respected. Others also commented on feeling uncomfortable and humiliated when attending previous meetings, which is why they have not attended since. Tammy also asked that when Council members are on social media, to be professional.

Tammy asked who sits on each committee. Linda, Shawn and Ron are on Finance. Linda, Mike and Ray are on Park, which includes Pool. Ray, Linda and Mike are Streets & Sewers. Lori, Shawn and Linda are on Health Insurance. Ray, Mike and Lori are on Building & Grounds. Shawn, Ron and Mike are on Fire. The Park Committee runs the guidelines for the Pool. Virgil noted that the Park Committee was supposed to meet last night but no one showed up. Residents are also allowed to be on the Committee and should be. All regular meetings are posted around town in the posting areas, others are as needed. Tammy went through the minutes back to January and noticed that most of them did not contain any Council Committees reports or new business. She was told that most of the committees only meet when they are needed and they don't have to report unless they are making a decision. Lori stated that the Health Insurance should have met in January. Virgil also stated that as of the end of last year, the lifeguards were coming back from the previous year. He found out when they were getting ready for pool season that they weren't coming back. Linda said that they have also tried to get lifeguards early on in the year but always get the excuse that they aren't thinking about summer yet or aren't ready for it, and maybe it's too early to ask. She's also gone to Fremont and Fostoria schools and YMCA's.

Tammy suggested offering \$10/hour instead of \$8.10/hour to be more competitive with other pools in the area. If the pool is open from 1-8pm with 2 lifeguards, the pool will make up the increase in the pay rate in concessions. The pool currently has \$17,000 but that is before any repairs that needed to be done are paid for. Virgil noted that there need to be kids in the pool to stir up the water or the filter won't work correctly. The water can't just sit. Lori had the 2015 numbers. The total pool expenses were \$19,395 and the revenue was \$23,197 of which real estate tax brought in \$12,940 or else the pool wouldn't be able to operate. The pool in the past borrowed money from the General Fund to open and the government is continually giving less and less money to the towns. The \$2,000 from the Legion is included in the \$17,000. Buying a new freezer with the money from the Legion was mentioned although the Legion stated it was for maintenance of the pool. Lori stated that was her suggestion only so Council could tell them exactly what it was used for rather than just saying for maintenance.

Danielle Sting and Nicole Leber expressed their concerns with the way the pool is run as well and how the money from the levy is spent. A new freezer is not needed if the pool is not open and Council had just talked about how the building was deteriorating. Mike commented the freezer talk was before they realized the pool was probably not going to open and it has not been purchased. The freezer that Mike had previously thought he could donate is not a commercial which is required. Danielle suggested fund raisers and donation to help support the maintenance and opening of the pool, including getting volunteers to help. Lori suggested the

Park Committee get together with Tammy Kreais, Nicole Leber and Danielle Sting and anyone who wants to be involved to work on the pool.

Virgil said that all of the pool memberships will be reimbursed. It has not been done yet since he thought it was still going to open.

Tammy also stated that nothing was said about the pool until April by Mike, then nothing in May or June. Lori commented that March 17th the pool was talked about.

Tammy asked how Councilmembers would like to be approached. Council said they can be approached in any way; on the street, phone call, text or at their house, not commenting on facebook. Everyone agrees to be cordial and respectful of each other.

The Village of Bradner facebook page is done by Kerstan right now. The Police Department also has their own facebook page. The residents request constant communication to keep everyone informed.

Tammy Kreais, Nicole Leber and Danielle Sting will be on the Park Committee.

Rebecca Chalfin: She has been having a problem with the CCA for the last 4 months. Bradner tax is being withheld from her check. Since W2's are not sent out until January 30th, she can't fill out the form for the CCA until after those are received. She received a letter stating she has a credit of \$137 with the CCA, and then they sent her an invoice saying she owes \$12 and now that has doubled. So they kept the credit and are using it for 2017 taxes. She suggests getting rid of the CCA. Council told her they are and Kerstan will be doing taxes from now on. They don't give refunds and they hold checks for too long. They have had so many problems with the CCA which is why they are getting rid of them. Rebecca will bring a copy of her paperwork to Kerstan to look into. Rebecca also asked about the ½% credit and how they can get it back. Council said it was just voted on to get rid of the credit. Virgil stated most towns have already taken the credit away as well. Council said she has to get a petition from the Board of Elections to get this back on the ballot.

Kerry Hansen/Nick Gilts: They wanted to thank Council and the Board for helping pay for the pipe at the field for the Little League. They have projects this fall they'd like to get done; bleachers painted, fields fixed and dugouts painted. It is only asked they let Council know ahead of time but there is nothing they aren't allowed to do and Linda is happy for the communication from them now.

Jamie Brubaker is checking with Home Depot to do community repairs. Virgil asked that they come to the next Park Board meeting with prices and the Village could possibly help with some projects and maybe concrete can even be put under the bleachers. They are going to be starting some fundraisers too. They don't have a food license. They only need a food license if food is not prepackaged. Kerry also mentioned that the pool would only need a commercial freezer if they have a food license and don't need a food license if the food is prepackaged.

Their Boys 8U Team has been invited to participate in the fall league and wanted to make sure they could use the fields. Council said yes, to just let them know when it will be. She also said the trash issue is being taken care of and will not happen again.

Kerry asked about the zoning violation for the church field. She's not sure what it was for since it was not sent to them. They just want to get it taken care of. Kerry asked about the shed. They'd like to get a different shed if possible so they can have a concession stand there as well. They should talk to the Board first since it's the Board's property. Kerry should get with the Zoning Officer regarding the violation.

Cody Roth: Cody wants to know what is going on with Douglas Road and the grant. Virgil said the grant is \$169,100 and the Village pays \$100,000. It is for the street, storm sewer, curb and possibly a retaining wall. Virgil will get with Cody and John Dussel to decide whether they want a retaining wall or rollback. Cody asked how wide the street is going to be. Cody measured all of the other streets coming into town and they are 20', except 281, but the grant paperwork states 24' for Douglas Rd. Virgil stated he needs to speak with the engineer first, nothing is definite. Cody expressed his concerns that if the road is too wide he won't be able to get into his garage. He asked for a zoning permit years ago to put a breezeway between his garage and house and was told no. He had to get a variance to put his garage where it is now and was told later that he's not on town property and didn't need the variance. Cody asked if the curbs are required. Virgil said they are or it eliminates the grant. The road width is not set in stone though. Cody suggested doing just blacktop since the storm sewer is not needed and the Village could only cost \$40,000-\$70,000. Cody spoke with Rutter & Dudley about curbs and sewer and he was told that curbs are only needed if the road is very busy or to detour water to the sewer and the water already goes out of town. He knows the road needs to be paved but doesn't see the need for curbs or storm sewers. Plus if it's rolled back, over the years, the dirt is going to collect in the curbs and storm sewers and going to have to be cleaned up. There has never been a water problem there in 20 years. He would like to see an estimate on reconstruction and paving the road at 20' first. Virgil stated the reason it has not been blacktopped yet is due to it not having a base underneath. He was questioned that if there's not money to pay \$70,000 to pave the road, where would the money for this project come from. It's coming from Storm Sewer Cap since they are putting curbs and storm sewers in. Storm Sewer Cap currently has \$200,000.

Mike also brought up the fact that if you've been getting grants for so many years and you snub your nose at one that you've already been awarded, you may have less of a chance of getting them in the future. Paving and reconstructing the road may be saving the Village now, but when one's needed in the future, they might not get it. Council is not against getting the quote for paving and reconstructing though.

Ron Roth made a motion to get an estimate on blacktop and reconstruction of Douglas Road. Shawn Hall 2nd.
Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

STREET COMMISSIONER - Chuck Ruble

Chuck received a price for the tree at Angie Eben's (Stahl St.) and one at Jim Smith's. The last storm took down 3 that need to be taken down completely. There are two at Dave's, one that barely missed the house when part of it fell and another one, and another one at Eben's. Hawk Tree Service's price on Smith's & Eben's (Stahl St.) is \$500 each to completely get rid of, including grinding out stumps, the 2 at Dave's are \$1,300 with leaving the stumps, and Eben's on Grove St is \$600 totaling are \$2,900. If all are done at the same time, the price is \$2,700. The owners have the option to keep the wood.

Linda Wildman made a motion to have all of the trees taken down ASAP. Ray Zaker 2nd.
Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

Chuck gave the Park employee a verbal warning. The Park is mowed, weed whacked and bathrooms are clean. Lori commented that downtown looks very nice!

Ron asked if Chuck has an extended chainsaw. He has 2 dead limbs hanging over the sidewalk. Chuck will take a look at it.

Lori asked who's doing the crossovers. Chuck said he's waiting for Zee Construction to see how their quote compares to Jennite's. Some catch basins also need to be changed in a few places when these crossovers are done.

POLICE PATROLMAN – John Eggleston

John introduced everyone to Nixle, which is Free, which notifies people that sign up for severe weather, road closures, etc. by email or text. He gave statistics of the recent Nixle notifications between texts and emails. Statistics show Nixle is being used more often. They are using iNWS (Interactive National Weather Service) to send out alerts through Nixle. It's set up to be sent to Bradner residents only if the emergency is in the Bradner area. It notifies the officers and the officers send out the alerts.

John also has stats on the website from 6/22-7/21. 628 total visits, 519 were new and 109 were returning. 49% are from the desktop and 51% from mobile devices. The most common pages were the homepage, pool and car show event.

The Police do house and business checks. They are very into this and residents can sign up online or fill a form out in the office. There is also a Take Me Home Program that is geared toward senior citizens, mentally disabled individuals or any person that cannot communicate well. If a person is lost, the officer will have a picture of that person in this system that gives a phone number to call to get that person home safe. This can be filled out and submitted online or at the office. They are also working with the Wood County Sheriff's Office to have them do this as well.

The Police had 2 successful search warrants that are pending investigation. John had 6 speed complaints by noon today. The complaints can be filled out online as well as calling in. They recognize the detour is causing an issue and Chief and Sergeant are working to control this. They are trying to control the trucks coming down Caldwell. The traffic is not following the detour.

John is working on the Police website and facebook page to post crime stats going back to 2014.

FIRE CHIEF - Jim Smith

Squad 626 is going to Van Wert in August or September for the installation of the electric cot rails. Jim also requested from Captain Bickford for the rust to be fixed and the crack in the interior at the same time. It will probably be down for a week. The last one cost \$2,100; this will probably be more for the extras. NW190 requested to use a squad for a day while theirs is repaired. One of the Village's men will drive the squad for them. Squad 626 will be used.

Linda Wildman made a motion to let NW190 use Squad 626 for one day. Ray Zaker 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

Jim said Captain Wildman had forwarded some changes for the Association to go to the Solicitor and wondered about the status. Virgil said Corey is reviewing it.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORD. 09-2016

ORDINANCE RENEWING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF VILLAGE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Linda Wildman made a motion to suspend the rules. Shawn Hall 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

Shawn Hall made a motion to pass the ordinance. Ron Roth 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR

Virgil asked if anyone is interested in going to the OMEA general membership meeting and election on August 12th. He probably won't go.

Promedica is having a golf outing if anyone is interested.

Virgil had the motor for the pool fixed, 2 bearings and 1 seal. It's about \$1,640. The other seal wasn't big enough. It's still sucking air though and he can't find where the leak is. Northwest Pool asked if Virgil pressure tested the line from the baby pool. He hasn't yet but he can.

Linda asked if Bradner could get a grant for the pool like Bowling Green did. Virgil said they did before, Poggemeyer did it. Linda suggested they ask Poggemeyer to check into a grant. Virgil said something needs to be done with the walls and the concrete is cracked on the west side and it's moving now, something must to be broke underneath.

Ron asked if the high dive pillar can be taken down. Virgil stated there will never be another high dive while he's Mayor unless they could put some padding underneath it. Also, the original grant for the pool had 2 pumps and someone removed the second pump from the grant when it was submitted and they couldn't get it after the fact.

Tammy asked if any improvements could be done at the park, if the Park Board has talked about doing anything. Linda mentioned she'd like to get 2 basketball hoops or more benches; just to add to the park. They just have to make sure the money is there after the bills are paid. Just because theirs is \$17,000 in the park fund right now doesn't mean that's what's actually available. The park levy money comes in twice a year. Kerstan will have to check on the amounts. The playground set from the school was brought up but the problem is that there is not a slide and a one cannot be found for this model of equipment since it was discontinued. Tammy added that the set was originally free from Little Tikes through Campbell's Soup Labels.

Virgil asked if they are going to close the pool for the remainder of the season. Council agreed yes that it would not be worth it for the short amount of time that it could possibly be open. Tammy asked if the water could be drained due to snakes, frogs and mosquitos. Virgil said the water cannot be drained until the problem with the pump is fixed. The water will at least be in there through the weekend. A resident mentioned that the responsibility of the pool should not just be on one person.

FISCAL OFFICER – Kerstan Kaminski

Kerstan has a proposal from Intech Solutions to renew the AVG antivirus for 2 years on 5 computers at \$245.

Shawn Hall made a motion to renew the antivirus protection. Linda Wildman 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

June financials are done.

CLAIM ORDINANCE 14-2016VC

Ron Roth made a motion to pay Claim Ordinance 14-2016VC. Linda Wildman 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Zoning Committee would like to recommend closing the alley between Conley's and Frankfather's. The alley goes East and West between Bell and East St. Both parties agreed to have the alley closed.

Ron Roth made a motion to close the alley. Ray Zaker 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mike said the band director for Elmwood asked about the pool. He will tell him the pool is closed for the season.

Linda asked why at the meeting last month did the sign at the church need to be approved by Council if it was already approved. Virgil said it was not the same sign, it was a bit different and they needed to be given a special use permit for it.

NEW BUSINESS

Virgil mentioned that the lifeguards did schooling so they could work for the Village and that we would reimburse those that paid for the certification to work at our pool. Danielle suggested paying them as if they were going to be working even though they are not. Kerstan said she's doesn't think that is possible to pay them when they aren't working. The Solicitor would probably need to be asked about this. Virgil said the lifeguards in the past were given bonuses when the pool had a good year. Nicole requested to maybe give the lifeguards a bonus or a bonus next year for coming back. It should also be stated in the ad next year that lifeguards will be reimbursed. Kerstan replied that it will be in the ad next year.

Ray Zaker made a motion to reimburse the lifeguards for schooling. Linda Wildman 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

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 10:16pm. Lori Johnston 2nd.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:16pm.

ATTEST: *Kerstan Kaminski*

Kerstan Kaminski, Fiscal Officer

SIGNED: *Virgil Shull*

Mayor: Virgil Shull

Approved: 8/4/2016

SIGNED: *Linda Wildman*

President: Linda Wildman