

# THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

## Record of Proceedings

October 7, 2021

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President, Josh Leber  
Council Member, Shawn Hall  
Council Member, Lori Johnston  
Council Member, Linda Wildman  
Council Member, Dan Vail  
Council Member, Ray Zaker

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 7th of October 2021 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tammy Krais and all in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance was taken with all present.

Lori Johnston made a motion for approval of Council Minutes with corrections for September 16, 2021, Josh Leber 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call:

Yes: Lori Johnston, Ray Zaker, Josh Leber, Linda Wildman, and Dan Vail

Abstain: Shawn Hall

Motion Carried.

### RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S)

Malinda Machefski-being sworn in as EMT  
Joe Delong

Fire Chief, Tom Wildman gave recognition to Malinda for being the first EMT only to be sworn into the Bradner Fire Department and receiving outstanding scores on her tests. He also praised her for being very active with the department.

Mayor Tammy Krais swore in Malinda Machefski. She, along with council thanked her for serving her community.

### RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) NOT ON AGENDA

None

### POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT -Chuck Broshious

Chuck reported that the monthly report will be given soon. Chuck read a letter of resignation from David Yetter. He is moving on to another police job out of state. Officer Colton Ball is off on COVID. Adam Widman is off on medical. The police department is currently seeking part-time officers. Chuck mentioned that our starting wage is once again too low at \$14.00 an hour. It has been two years since anyone has applied to our department. The last two that were brought on Chuck knew previously.

Mayor Kreais told council that she feels that we need to hire a fulltime officer to solidify at least 40 hours of police coverage. Councilwoman Linda Wildman commented that she doesn't know where we would get the money to do so. Fire Chief Tom Wildman asked if possible to get a grant; Chuck replied that there is for one cop but it could end at any time. Chuck stated that council needs to consider hiring fulltime now or face the department dissolving completely. Tammy said that she would not allow that to happen if she could help it.

Councilman Dan Vail asked what would happen if the police would dissolve and Chuck stated that we would have to contract with the Sheriff department. Dan asked what the cost would be roughly and he was advised about \$ 40,000.00 a year at least. Tammy informed council that we have to keep up with the times and change what has previously been done to adjust to our current needs. She told council that it literally takes 4 people to keep this village running efficiently in the offices. Fiscal Officer Angie Roth asked council if she could get her notary license. Council agreed that it would be a good idea.

### FIRE CHIEF -Tom Wildman

Safety Day was a great success with 25 kids experiencing the fire training and 5 adults. Tom is waiting to hear on grant for the new fire station, no new changes. A conference call was made for another possible grant (non-matching) for a new fire station and should be able to report more at the next council meeting. Tom reported that he and John Linkey are working on a new communication grant for 2022 this would replace all pagers and portable radios along with mobile radios in each fire dept. vehicle. Been meeting with vendors for the grant.

Our ambulance billing is way down and he feels that we need to be addressing the issue. Tammy told Tom that a resident on Crocker Street has been burning leaves constantly and several complaints have come in. He stated that residents can and will be sited for open burning.

Shawn asked Linda for a report on SE Ambulance district. She stated that there was nothing significant to report at this time.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ordinance 10-2021- An Ordinance establishing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund for the Village of Bradner, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Linda Wildman made a motion to suspend the rules declaring an emergency, Ray Zaker 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Roll Call:

Yes: Shawn Hall, Lori Johnston, Ray Zaker, Josh Leber, Linda Wildman, and Dan Vail.

Linda Wildman made a motion to pass Ordinance 10-2021, Josh Leber 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call:

Yes: Shawn Hall, Lori Johnston, Ray Zaker, Josh Leber, Linda Wildman, and Dan Vail.

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 11-2021 First Reading. Ordinance establishing water rates and charges for water supplied by the village to its inhabitants and the users located outside the village limits.
- c. Resolution 05-2021- Second Reading. A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget and commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

#### BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR-

The EMS contract is signed and completed by both parties for EMS presence to all home football games and two special events per school year with Lakota Local Schools.

The CARES ACT activity report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter has been completed and submitted by Tammy and Angie. \$ 16, 250.31 is left in the fund to be spent by Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Tammy stated that she would like to use the remaining balance to give to our police officers who faithfully worked and responded during all of COVID 19.

She also stated that the offices need deep cleaned.

Angie and Tammy completed their criminal justice security awareness training and were fingerprinted for level 2 security awareness.

An e-mail was sent to Ardent Technology asking for completion of all work that was started last year for COVID related upgrades to our buildings and communications. Ardent responded with a call back saying that they will be completed as requested by the end of October 2021.

The village received a proclamation from the Secretary of State 2020 census stating that the population of Bradner is 971 residents.

#### VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR-JOHN LINKEY –

Well report was presented to council.

Blackman Road surfacing is completed. The manholes will be completed soon. Several patch jobs were also done in the village. Douglas Road will be next year but needs to be decided on to secure the quote guarantee.

Shawn asked John when the new payment box will be installed. He informed Shawn that we will have to add a cement base first and we also have a few cement jobs that need done on Crocker Street. It is cheaper to buy in bulk for the concrete.

John is seeking prices for a new ramjet. This tool is used on the sewers and it is very old. Shawn asked how often used and John stated 3 to 4 weeks a year and that it helps to have for emergency situations.

Spring Street needs waterlines replaced before considering repaving. Recovery Funds could be used.

John reported the resident at Crocker St & Blackman Rd put up caution tape due to underground bees.

Prairie State-John reported that their goal is to reduce carbon emissions 50% by 2035 and 0 carbon emissions by 2045.

A couple of residents expressed a concern about their utility bill being higher. John explained that the kilowatt hour increased, market costs have been raised, capacity costs increased and these factors could cause the higher rates.

Community Development Block Grant- for water tower painting. Bids for this should start next Spring.

Fire hydrants will be tested on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9pm.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Corey Speweik

Not in Attendance

#### FISCAL OFFICER -Angie Roth

August's month is closed, reports presented to council.

E-mail was read to council from Brianna Lucius, Assistant Auditor, giving update on audit process.

The total cost so far is \$ 11,264.75.

Angie stated she will be working on an Amended Certificate of Resources to go along with the Amended Appropriations approved at council meeting 9/2/21.

Angie reported she completed Day 2 of Local Government Officials Conference and received Certificate. It was worth 6 credit hours. She also received a certificate from The Ohio Auditor of State's office for successfully completing Initial Education Requirements through 2024 term.

CLAIM ORDINANCE 19-2021VC

Motion to approve Claim Ordinance 19-2021 made by Lori Johnston, Shawn Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call:

Yes: Shawn Hall, Lori Johnston, Ray Zaker, Josh Leber, Linda Wildman and Dan Vail.

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES-

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS-

Mayor Kreais expressed to council that the offices are in real need of cleaning and some work done to walls and ceilings.

NEW BUSINESS –

The Bradner American Legion will be having a blood drive on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm by Lori Johnston, Dan Vail 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll call:

Yes: Shawn Hall, Lori Johnston, Ray Zaker, Josh Leber,  
Linda Wildman and Dan Vail.

Motion Carried.

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*  
Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED: *Tammy Kreais*  
Mayor: Tammy Kreais

Approved: 11/04/2021

SIGNED: *Josh Leber*  
Council President: Josh Leber

