

# THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

November 4, 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 Kreis and all in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance was taken with all present.

Josh Leber made a motion for approval of Council Minutes for October 07, 2021, Lori Johnston 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried.

\*\*Reminder no meeting occurred on October 21, 2021 due to lack of quorum.

## RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S)

None

## RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) NOT ON AGENDA

Mike Gudakunst and Terry James – newly elected council members

## POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT -Chuck Broshious

Chuck presented the police report for October 2021. He gave a short presentation to council regarding the ongoing problem of being short staffed within the department and stated that there have been no new applications for at least two years. He reminded council of his previous years work on starting the police website, twitter, face book page, policy and procedures being accredited by the state and put into place, drug take back box, and many more tasks that the department has done. He feels that if we do not attempt to get a fulltime police officer in place with a competitive starting wage and benefit package soon, the department may not be able to continue operating short staffed. His proposal would include incorporating the zoning department budget of \$7,000 and responsibilities to the police department. It also would include an increase of the police dept. budget from \$ 95,000 to \$ 105,000. He reminded council

that the first \$ 10,000 would be for the yearly police car payment with \$ 5,000 of that to go to the new police car fund. Council had a discussion in length and reviewed the proposal that he gave them in writing. Chuck answered questions from council, including whether we would still use part-time officers and keep the police chief position and Chuck said yes. Tom asked if we can still get the grant to pay fulltime police officers. Chuck said yes but it would be next September until we know whether we get it. It was decided to proceed with creating a new fulltime officer with benefits in order to retain our police department.

Linda Wildman made a motion to create a fulltime police officer position with benefits and a starting wage of \$ 18.50/hour. Dan Vail 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

Josh Leber made a motion to raise the police budget from \$ 95,000 to \$ 105,000. Shawn Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

Dan Vail made a motion to move the \$7,000 zoning budget and transfer all to the police dept budget permanently starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Josh Leber 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

Chuck announced that the police department will be participating in the Christmas Toy Drive again this year with new toys being dropped off at the townhall until mid-December 2021.

#### FIRE CHIEF -Tom Wildman

Tom addressed open burning complaints that were received for 2 residences within the village. He reminded council that there is no burning of leaves, construction materials or cardboard boxes. Only a 2x2 fire ring is allowed for logs only. The department will be having a comedy show in the spring as a fundraiser with the possibility of getting a permit to sell alcohol the night of the show. There have been issues with I AM Responding due to hospitals being on bypass. The issue is being worked on by the county. The gun raffle drawing will take place at the regular fire meeting at 7:30 pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November on face book live. The next safety committee meeting will be Wed. the 17<sup>th</sup> of November.

Tom was going through the costs of having equipment tested and certified each year and has decided in a way to cut costs, will be to go through equipment not being used and get ready for sale via GovDeal.

Malinda Machevski is certified to do CPR classes for the department. Nothing new to report on the new fire station grant. Hydrant flushing has been completed.

## ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ordinance 11-2021 Ordinance establishing water rates and charges for water supplied by the village to its inhabitants and the users located outside the village limits. Second Reading
- b. Resolution 05-2021- 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. Final Reading

Ray Zaker made a motion to pass Resolution 05-2021. Dan Vail 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

## BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR-

Tammy reminded council that we will be having a new magistrate for Mayor's Court starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 as our current one is retiring. Corey will be taking care of all the details.

The Wood County Park District grant was unable to be submitted this year due to not receiving the previous supplies/equipment in time to complete last year's grant project, and that the ordinance to participate in the program was overlooked. She apologized to council for this.

There is still \$ 16, 250.31 left in the CARES ACT fund that needs to be spent by Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. She proposed giving each of our police officers \$3,500 (4) that worked through the pandemic as first responders. Tom asked if the fire department would be able to receive some money as first responders and she said no because they are strictly volunteer. She also would like to use the remaining money to clean the offices and finish work on the transaction windows and bathroom. No decision was made.

All employees will be taking 3 – 30minute webinars on workplace violence, workplace diversity, and emergency preparedness safety classes. These are required to comply with federal laws. Each class is \$99.00 and covers all employees.

Our tax office is seeking new software. Angie informed council that during our recent audit, it was found that we did not have a software program in place. Quotes will be provided at the next meeting. There would also be a discount if a tax and utility program would be purchased together from Government Accounting Solutions in which the Utility Dept is looking into.

The Douglas Rd overlay from 281 to corporation sign quote that was given to John for a 2022 project at a price will need returned if council is interested in locking this price for next year. This can be discussed at next meeting.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR-JOHN LINKEY –

John presented the well report and utility clerk report to council. He presented the 2022 Circuit Rider agreement for approval. He is seeking a total of 192 hours at a cost of \$ 90.00 per hour which averages out to 2 - 8hour days a month.

Linda Wildman made a motion to approve the agreement. Ray Zaker 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

A request to purchase a high-pressure ramjet for the utility dept. that was previously discussed at recent council meetings was presented to council. The cost is \$71,500. This tool will be used to clean sewer storm tiles. This will come from the sanitary sewer capital.

Linda Wildman made a motion to purchase the ramjet. Ray Zaker 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

The utility dept needs to either renew the current CMI software that will soon expire, or go with a new program. A presentation from Government Accounting Solutions was recently given to John, Tammy, Jeannie, and Angie on their software program for the utility dept. The total cost will be \$7,350 that can be put on a no interest plan for 5 years that would be 20 quarterly payments of \$667.50 and \$1,500 for each additional year for support and licensing fees. They felt that it would be the best way to go. Jeannie expressed her disappointment with the quality of customer support from CMI.

Dan Vail made a motion to move forward with purchasing the program. Linda Wildman 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

Council had previously discussed a proposal from John to purchase a John Deere 2020 compact utility tractor at a cost of \$23,900, with additional costs of \$ 2,100 for a snow pusher, and \$1,000 for a counter ballast. This will be used as a multi-purpose piece of equipment and can be used by all entities including the park. After a small discussion a motion came forth.

Ray Zaker made a motion to purchase the tractor. Josh Leber 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

John requested that their current John Deere zero turn mower to be put on GovDeals as it is the oldest piece of equipment, along with other small items that are not in use.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Corey Speweik

Not in Attendance

FISCAL OFFICER -Angie Roth

September is still not closed as she is awaiting several documents that need to be included first before closing.

CLAIM ORDINANCE 20-2021VC

Motion to approve Claim Ordinance 20-2021 made by Josh Leber, Shawn Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

CLAIM ORDINANCE 21-2021VC

Motion to approve Claim Ordinance 21-2021 made by Josh Leber, Lori Johnston 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-

None

NEW BUSINESS –

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the light plant.

Linda gave the monthly SE Ambulance committee report. She informed council that she was not in agreement with a situation that had recently taken place. They had received a request from Wood County Hospital for a transfer of patient/s to an out of area hospital as they were on bypass due to being at capacity. She expressed to SE that they are not in the business of transporting patients rather they are a 911 service. Linda also made mention of a recent incident that involved Bradner not being dispatched to an accident scene that they instead called Pemberville and Fostoria. Tammy advised that it could have been a dispatching error by the county. This will need to be checked out. SE also discussed the possibility of using another Twp trustee instead of Jerry Houtz for next year on the board.

Tammy asked for a motion to go into executive session for personnel.

Josh Leber made a motion to go into executive session at 9:02 pm, Dan Vail 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried

A motion to come out of executive session at 9:13 pm by Linda Wildman, Lori Johnston 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Motion carried

Outcome of the executive session, no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 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: 11/18/2021

SIGNED: *Josh Leber*

Council President: Josh Leber