

# THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

## Record of Proceedings

February 2, 2023

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President, Dan Vail  
Council Member,  
Council Member, Linda Wildman  
Council Member, Ray Zaker  
Council Member, Terry James  
Council Member, Mike Gudakunst

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kreais and all in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken: present were: Linda Wildman, Ray Zaker, Mike Gudakunst, Dan Vail, and Terry James. Motion to excuse council member Lori Johnston's absence made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. Approval of minutes from January 19, 2023 regular council meeting with correction on last page was made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Abstain: Dan. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Cotton's Corner Carryout- Shane Edwards, Rob Sanford, Thomas Edwards, and Brock Sanford in attendance to announce the ribbon cutting grand opening of the store on Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Shane did ask if council could look into having signs posted for two parking spaces of a 30-minute parking limit. Solicitor will be contacted regarding this possibility.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS NOT ON THE AGENDA 5 MINUTE LIMIT-none in attendance

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT-Jeremy Salaz – Jeremy reported that he will have a police report next month.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT- Tom Wildman –Tom presented council with copies of the Fire and EMS Run Report for 2022 not including Perry Twp.: EMS-Montgomery Twp. SE 150 90, Village of Bradner 54, Montgomery Twp. 36. Fire-Bradner 8, Montgomery Twp. 9. Freedom Twp.: EMS 12, Fire 1. Scott Twp.- Fire 22, Fire 0, Injury Accidents 3. Totals: EMS 124 and Fire 21. Also, 12 drills conducted. An updated report to come. He is awaiting Corey's response for letters to send out for no responders currently on the roster. Fire reports are up to date with good comments from the Fire Marshall. The Governor of Ohio passed in the budget to pay for the service of MARCS for 3,000 departments which will save us roughly \$2,500 per year for two years. There was a Fire Marshall grant that was applied for but unfortunately the dept. did not receive it. At the Fire Chief's meeting, changes to come in Montgomery Twp. auto aide pages. The annual fee for Lexipol will be coming soon. Trying to keep spending down. Still trying to find an architect for the new fire station. Feedback has come in; majority regarding the budget per square footage. John will get info to the Safety Committee to look over. Currently awaiting the signed contract copy from Scott Twp. Tammy presented the invoice for EMSAR for maintenance of the cots and brackets and will be put with the bills as approved by Tom. Tammy also reported that we have lost the EMS State Collection and Recovery Services due to low volume of collections we have and the corrections Corey wished to have been made to the contract with the company was not acceptable to them. Ruby of Beacon Medical suggested the possibility of obtaining an attorney to handle the

process of collections; to be furthered discussed at the next safety meeting. Mike made some calls of how we could begin the process into the hospital transports for EMS seeing we have two squads and possibly of how to contract out. More discussion to come at the safety committee meeting.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS – Resolution 01-2023-RESOLUTION FOR CONTRACT TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, Second Reading**  
**Ordinance 01-2023-ORDINANCE APPROVING ADOPTING, AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2023 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FO THE MUNICIPALITY OF BRADNER, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ray made a motion to suspend the rules of emergency on Ordinance 01-2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. Terry made a motion to pass Ordinance 01-2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Linda Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 02-2023-ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO TO SET POLICE WAGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ray made a motion to suspend the rules of emergency on Ordinance 02-2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. Linda made a motion to pass Ordinance 02-2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Tammy Kreais –**Tammy reported that Eric was able to recover the tax program with a new hard drive. Eric will be giving recommendations on back up possibilities on Monday. Discussion on the need to upgrade certain computers within the offices. A motion to purchase a new computer for the Mayor's Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. Terry made a motion to purchase or upgrade any computers for the village as needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. Tammy met with Corey today to discuss police wages, utility rates, the fire on Bell St and the process to clean up the debris. The health dept has done a drive by as a start. Tammy contacted Amplex today regarding Kathy's phone system and also to have the Fire Dept calls to come to Fire Chief's phone. A hand crochet afghan that was made and donated by Marilyn Shephard was presented to Tom for the EMS dept. She wished for it to be raffled off and the proceeds to go to the department. She attached a card detailing her hours, stitching, thread used for the recipient to have. Marilyn also asked she be contacted after the raffle to see how much it was able to bring in. A thank you will be sent with initial donation of her work and again after the raffle. Terry was asking for an update on the survey company and date for Douglas Rd. and John will be contacting them. Hawk Tree Service has been contacted and he is aware of the approval for him to take down the trees on the new fire station lot. Regarding John's job positions: The Water and Wastewater Operator are approved by John to post and with review by council are ready to post. The Lineman position is ready for posting as well, discussion of pay scale and village administration duties were done as well. Mayor's Court Clerk to be posted, keep open for 60 days. Also, posting for part-time police officer. Currently we have Park Mower including janitorial duties posting open.

**BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – John Linkey –**Under John's report, Terry asked if we have heard from Amplex and a date for the fiber optics to be up and running. Amplex is hoping to have it up within 3 months, no exact date just yet. John presented the IXUM proposal for the maintenance agreement on Solar Bees. He suggests going with OPTION 2 with 1 maintenance stop per year at a 3-year lock in price of \$ 5,416.40. Terry made a motion to go with OPTION 2 for IXUM at \$5,416.40 for 3-years, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. The Well Reports, Electric, Sewer, and Water Consumption Reports for January 2023 along with the Summary of Cash Receipts were given to council. With what was discussed at the previous meeting on the Ohio Dept of

Development grant application in early 2021 for S East St, Edmunds St, Evans St; the narrative and cost estimates have been updated on the existing application as new applications are not being accepted. Last to talk about is water rates as to the Ordinance passed November 21' that had not been implemented with a \$50/water deposit for new service and 3% water rate increase to begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Talks have been made with Corey regarding this. With the Ordinance the water rate is to continue to raise 3% each January 1<sup>st</sup> after that. Questions were made to Corey at the beginning of the year in 2022 previously and were awaiting word back such as the \$50 deposit, where did this come section come from, is it a separate account; would it be refunded within 24 months when water service is suspended less than other charges are open. With the dissolving of the Board of Public Affairs, the tasks that were handled by the board now falls to council and administrator. It was found that it was misinterpreted when getting ready to go through the increase of rates for this year. Discussion on how to resolve this matter, suggestions from Corey and how to go forward to be further done. Corey has been asked to attend the next council meeting for further guidance.

At 8:28 pm, Terry made a motion to go into executive session to discuss water and police personnel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. At 8:55 pm, Terry made a motion to come out of executive session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. Outcome of the executive session is that no action taken on one of the water operation employees at this time. Also, the full-time police chief position being offered to Jeremy and council is awaiting his decision to accept it or not.

SOLITORS REPORT- Corey Speweik -Not in attendance.

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER- Angie Roth –Angie presented to council the closing statements for December with one set being signed for audit purposes. The W-2's have been successfully sent to the Social Security Administration and the State of Ohio. Also, the 1099's have been sent to the IRS for year end. She is continuing to work on permanent appropriations and the year end reports for the Hinkle System and UAN. All January transactions are entered into UAN, as she is keeping up with the daily transactions as well as working on the year end reports that are due. Dan inquired about all the funds that we have listed on our reports and how to possibly stream line the funds. With the previous fiscal officer, it had been discussed and at that time it was reported there were no options to streamline. Angie will present this to Brianna, the Auditor from the State of Ohio at the time of audit this year.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 03-2023 VC – Mike made a motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 3-2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES- None

OLD BUSINESS-Ryan and Tammy have been continuing to work on the website. He will finish up tomorrow and send an invoice. He does know he had gone over a little bit from his initial quote.

NEW BUSINESS- The American Legion has been in contact with Tammy regarding their interest in starting up the Day in the Park again. Tammy will contact Kelly Hansen to see her interest in this as well. Motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Linda, Ray, Dan, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*  
Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED: *Tammy Krais*  
Mayor: Tammy Krais

Approved: 2/16/2023

SIGNED: *Dan Vail*  
Council President: Dan Vail

