

# THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

## Record of Proceedings

May 18, 2023

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President, Dan Vail  
Council Member, Lori Johnston  
Council Member, Linda Wildman  
Council Member, Mike Gudakunst  
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The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 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: Lori Johnston, Linda Wildman, Dan Vail, and Mike Gudakunst. Motion to excuse Terry James' absence due to vacation made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried. Also, in attendance was Corey Speweik, Village Solicitor. Approval of minutes from May 4, 2023 regular council meeting was made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Chris Smalley, Director of the Wood County Park District was in attendance to present the grant check awarded to the village for the Ballfield Fence along with paperwork for the next round of grants available. The awarded grant was \$ 4,689.00.

Councilman Ray Zaker arrived at 7:03 pm.

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

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT-Jeremy Salaz –Jeremy reported that Paul Gray, zoning officer purchased two large magnets, "Code Enforcement Officer" for the zoning vehicle to display on the outside. He purchased these himself and donated them to the village. Nothing further to report for the police dept. Paul Gray thanked the Mayor and Council Members for appointing him to the office of Code Enforcement Officer. He proposed to council to help with cleaning up the village by having an Unlimited Trash Drop-Off Day the Saturday following Father's Day. This would be Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 20m at the park. There will be three dumpsters for trash and one for scrap materials. No used oil, paint cans, or batteries will be accepted. Residents must present their utility bill at the time of dumping. This day will be managed by the Police Dept. Costs to the residents are as follows: used tires \$15/tire; mattresses \$20/each; refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners are \$30/each. Some villages that have done this with great success are Grand Rapids, Weston, McClure, Luckey, and Napoleon. The dumpsters cost to the village Behrman Rolloffs LLC is \$ 1,990.00. Paul had contacted NAT Transportation but unfortunately, they were unavailable for that date due to lack of staffing. This cost will come from the general fund. If any scrap materials come in the money received from that will go back into the general fund. Motion to go ahead with a junk day as written up by Paul and fee coming from the general fund by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Roll Call: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried. A notice will go out with the upcoming utility bills. Dan reported he has received complaints regarding dogs barking and speeding down Crocker St and asked that the department look into this. No complaints have come in directly to

the dept. for the dogs barking but they have for the speeding. Continued action being taken on this matter.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT-** Tom Wildman-Tom reported that a bill will be coming through from Davidson's for \$500 for engine 621, the air dryer went out. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Virgil Shull. He came onto the fire department in 1972. More to come on this. Flags were placed out at the cemetery on Saturday. Car Show will be July 15<sup>th</sup> 8am to 11am is registration and trophies to be awarded at 2:30pm. Drills will be this Tuesday at American Warming and Ventilating. Some members will be attending the EMS dinner Wednesday evening at the Wood County Hospital. As a follow up from the last council meeting, Tom did contact Corey in regards to 130 S Bell St. Corey reported that it is currently in foreclosure and the estate does not have any money. The property is up for sale at a Sheriff's sale in June. Safe to say it could be the end of the summer for cleanup and whether or not it is cost to the village has yet to be determined. Dan asked Tom to contact Brandon Shull to obtain an updated quote on the cost of cleanup at the property. Cost could come from the General Fund, and the Village Appearance Fund with available funds of \$294.64. Continued discussion on the topic to be had. Tammy asked if Tom had spoken with the resident that had filed a complaint, Marilyn Shephard. He and Linda have spoken to her and presented her with a thank you card. A Special Meeting of the Village Council will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of May at 7pm for the architect to present the floor plan. Tammy asked what the budget is for the project. The Grant awarded is for \$1.26 million, \$300,000 from the Fire Fund, and approximately \$ 53,133.00 from the New Fire Station Fund with approximate costs of \$40,000 commission for Grant Writer, \$25,000 to \$30,000 Architect, and approximately \$1.5 mill building. More to know once a design builder comes aboard with pricing per square foot. It will be a requirement for USDA. Lori inquired how the fundraisers that the fire dept. has had and where the proceeds go. The car show proceeds come to and deposited into the New Fire Station Fund here. The bus trips and dinners proceeds go to the Auxiliary Fund as they are saving for the new kitchen.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –Ordinance 04-2023-ORDINANCE ENACTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE EXPENSE OF TRIMMING AND MAINTAINING TREES ALONG THE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER-First Reading.**

**Ordinance 05-2023-ORDINANCE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER BY LIGHTING AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST THEREOF ON ALL THE LOTS AND LANDS IN THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER First Reading.**

**Ordinance 06-2023-ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2023, ORDINANCE #03-2023 FOR THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the rules of emergency on Ordinance 06-2023 made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried. Motion to pass Ordinance 06-2023 made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 07-2023-ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WATER HOOKUP DEPOSIT FUND FOR THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the rules of emergency on Ordinance 07-2023 made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried. Motion to pass Ordinance 07-2023 made by Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 08-2023-ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION GRANT FUND FOR THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the rules of emergency on Ordinance 08-2023 made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and

Mike. Motion carried. Motion to pass Ordinance 08-2023 made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried.

Resolution 04-2023-RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER OF THE NECESSITY TO RENEW THE 5 YEAR .7 MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION WHICH WAS PASSED NOVEMBER 5, 2019 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE PARK LAND AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. Motion to suspend the rules of emergency on Resolution 04-2023 made by Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried. Motion to pass Resolution 04-2023 made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Tammy Krais –Tammy spoke with Kelly Stahl of Clean Claim MD; a recommendation from Ruby May of Beacon Medical for a billing service for the ambulance billing that uses the same system as herself. Kelly is taking on new clients. Tammy has some initial information to obtain for Kelly to see of the possibility of her taking on our account. There are a few other company names on Ruby's email that the council wishes for Tammy to contact. The bids for the Wood Piles and the Ram Jet to be opened tonight. The winning bids are as follows: wood pile #1-Rich Lamunyon \$111, wood pile #2-Howard Beck \$50, ram jet-Andy Sheldrick \$5,000. Motion to accept the bid from Rich LaMunyon for wood pile #1 at \$111 made by Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried. Motion to accept the bid from Howard Beck for wood pile #2 at \$50 made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried. Motion to accept the bid from Andy Sheldrick for Ram Jet at \$5,000 made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried. The money for the Ram Jet sale will go to the Sanitary Sewer Capital account according to State Auditor's office guidelines. A copy of ORD 04-2022 was given to council. This Ordinance was passed by council as of January 1, 2022 the zoning officer's payrate is \$12.36/hour versus the \$12.00/hour which was approved at the 4/20/2023 meeting. When Angie was setting up Paul's information into UAN, she recalled the wage had been set up previously and verified it. Council agreed to follow ORD 04-2022 and pay Paul at the \$12.36/hour.

BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – John Linkey –John had the annual testing done on the fogger for the mosquito spraying. Last year we had low flow and this year it is testing at a high flow. The price for to replace it last year was \$12,750. John spoke with Angie in going over the budget/appropriations and said to keep what has not been spent within the fund to keep it there to help add up the amount needed to replace the sprayer when needed to. This unit is 20 plus years old. John is working to find the necessary parts to fix the issue. The water line project we submitted for East St, Evans St, and Edmonds St is still in the loop with the Ohio Dept of Development. No word yet when the Ohio Water Revolving Loan Funds initial program management will be. The Asset Management Program Screening to be finished up for the May 30<sup>th</sup> zoom meeting with EPA reps. This is for the request for the Water Supply Revolving Loan Fund. The USDA Compliance Review and Security Inspection is due May 31<sup>st</sup>. This is for the existing village loan with the USDA.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT-Corey Speweik-Corey had nothing more to add from what had already been spoken about.

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER- Angie Roth –Angie presented council with funds summaries. With the passing of the Ordinance 07-2023 creating the fund for the Water Hookup Deposits, she will be able to close March and April for the next meeting. Rob Belgin of USI Insurance would like to give us a quote on our upcoming renewal of Property and Casualty Insurance. We are currently with Hylant. Angie will present council with the information once received. On May 9<sup>th</sup> I, along with Jeannie had a zoom meeting with Dante Rainone from Bridge Payment, a credit card payment processing company out of

Loveland, OH. The transition would be of no cost to the village; no set up fees including the website. Equipment is free of charge if we wish to have the card swipe machines. This company would have a 3.5% transaction fee versus the flat rate on a certain range of values as with the current company. Better for our residents. The company is fully integrated with Government Accounting Solutions that we use for our utility and tax departments, as well as the Baldwin Group for our Mayor's Court. Motion to go with Bridge Payment for the credit card processing made by Lori, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 10-2023 VC –Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 8-2023 made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES-*Zoning Committee*-Mike reported that during the meeting they spoke with Rich of American Publishing; he did not advise us to go with another village's manual. We are going to keep using ours with some changes to come. *Streets Committee*-Mike asked if an estimate has been received for the curb approach that is concrete at Amos'. John said not yet. The catch basins on Evans St was also discussed. *Park Committee*-Lori reported that they discussed about the drinking fountain that is being tabled at this time. Safety mulch is needed to refresh and place under the new equipment that has been installed. It has been noticed that more fishing is being done at the pond and looking to re-stock the fish. A couple suggestions for places to look into were given by council. The committee is looking to get an aerator for the pond; possibly a few trees or flowering bushes; maybe a gazebo from the Amish Country for the park as well. A project to look into is another shelter house. There are a few pine trees that will need to be taken down. Council suggested the committee start with getting quotes for re-stocking the fish and the aerator. *Finance Committee*- Lori reported that discussion was had on the cell phone plans and the need for new phone upgrades with Verizon. OLD BUSINESS-Tammy reported that with the cell phone upgrades for the plan we now have a business representative to get started with. On Monday at 1pm Brenda Ransom will be here to go over the records in storage. Dan would like to be contacted regarding the meeting with Brenda. NEW BUSINESS-John reported that LED street lights have been installed on 281; if too bright please let John know. Council set the date for Corey to attend the July 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm by Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Dan, and Mike. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*  
Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED: *Tammy Krais*  
Mayor: Tammy Krais

Approved: 06/01/2023

SIGNED: *Dan Vail*  
Council President: Dan Vail