

# THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

## Record of Proceedings

July 6, 2023

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President,  
Council Member, Lori Johnston  
Council Member, Linda Wildman  
Council Member,  
Council Member, Terry James  
Council Member, Ray Zaker

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 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, Ray Zaker, and Terry James. A motion to excuse the absences due to work of councilmen Dan Vail and Mike Gudakunst was made Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, and Terry. Motion carried. Approval of minutes from June 15, 2023 regular council meeting was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, and Terry. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Kristi O'Connell, the Youth Director at the Wayne Library was in attendance along with the new director, Molly to discuss putting a Story Book Trail out at the park. There will be 5 stations for the kids to read the story throughout the park. The stories will be changed out throughout the year by the library. The costs of the stations are \$200 each. A motion to proceed with the Wayne Public Library's Story Book Trail at the Bradner Park at an approximate cost of \$1,000 was made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, and Terry. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS NOT ON THE AGENDA 5 MINUTE LIMIT-Zane Barber, a boy scout here to observe the meeting to write a report for his Communication Merit Badge.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT-Jeremy Salaz –Jeremy provided council with the June police report. He is keeping a log sheet of traffic complaints that come in and where the officers are running radar on those streets. He reported that Officer Sommers has 2 more shadow days and then he will be patrolling on his own. The Attorney General's Office, Dave Yost put out training, "Shine a Light on Dumpers" that he and Paul Gray are signed up to attend on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Mary Jane Thurston Park. It is to get tips on investigating on open burning and open dumping. It is a 2-hour block and qualifying CPT. He is looking for new body cams for the officers including the code enforcement officer. Jeremy has applied and accepted a part-time position with the North Baltimore police dept. There were only 2 incidents of fireworks past 11pm on the specified days of being able to shoot off the fireworks. Tammy asked Jeremy to give a report on the Village "clean-up" day. There was a good turnout, with 2 dumpsters completely full and the scrap dumpster 1/3 of the way full. John came in and ran the back-hoe all day for the event. There has been good feedback from the community. John, Officer Miller and Zoning Enforcement Officer Paul were present for the duration of the event. Angie will get the amount of money the scrap and large items dumped at the next council meeting.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT-** Tom Wildman-Tom gave a reminder the Car Show is coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom asked if the police dept. could help and get all the cars removed from Crocker St. for the event. Tom asked council to think about limiting the Fireworks to only on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the future. The fire at 218 N Stahl St involved 2 juveniles. The State Fire Marshall's office will be here on Friday at 11am regarding the fire. Auto-aid with Freedom Twp. for a barn fire on 199 went really well all working together. He was also busy Friday and Saturday working with the police department.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –Resolution 05-2023-RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, THE QUESTION OF APPROVING A RENEWAL OF THE FIVE YEAR, .7 MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AUTHORIZED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019, FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE PARK LAND AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the emergency on Resolution 05-2023 was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, and Terry. Motion carried. Motion to pass Resolution 05-2023 was made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, and Terry. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Tammy Kreis –**We are currently going through our audit with the State for 2021 and 2022. Tammy reported she has been working on getting the client service agreement for Medicount signed, which is our new EMS billing company. Corey has approved the agreement and signed it. She has started the Medicare process as well. Copy of the CMS letter for the Ground Ambulance Data Collection System were given to council. It is required to be done if your EMS dept. is selected. Ruby and Jeff both had this letter previously. If it is not done there will be a 10% reduction of Medicare proceeds for one year that will be coming to the village. Tom will get with Jeff to get this done.

**BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – John Linkey –**John presented council with the well report as well as the utility clerk's reports. The Water Supply Revolving Loan Application for the waterline replacement of Edmonds, East, and Evans Streets, the date has been pushed back to late October even for the design portion. John spoke with Dennis of Poggemyer to verify. The timeline will need to be updated based upon that date, she said we will have to initiate contract in August for the design which was approved by council at the last meeting and submitted in September along with the loan application for the design portion at that point. John has given information to Corey for Verizon and he will follow up with Corey via the phone. Terry was wondering where we are at with the fire station and design builder information. The information has been to Corey and John will be getting with Scott to get dates set and put in the form then send it off to the USDA for approval. John does have someone that has volunteered to help with the interview process of potential builders.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT-**Corey Speweik-not in attendance.

**BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER- Angie Roth –**Angie reported she did confirm with Corey and he will be attending the next council meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> as requested previously by council. Audit began the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. Last week, she worked on the initial questionnaire for the audit for 2021 and 2022 years as well replying to the emails of requested documents by the Auditor's office. The auditor began his in-house audit on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Next week will begin testing with Kathy and the tax department.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 13-2023 VC –**Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 13-2023 made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, and Terry. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES-Zoning Committee met.** Terry reported that they talked with Paul to resolve small issues within his duties. Terry did suggest at the meeting for Paul to wear a body cam. A complaint is being addressed from a resident. Also, looking to get Paul a uniform shirt for zoning enforcement officer and he is to not have a police uniform on while out doing zoning. The old Cardinal

Building situation was also discussed, Terry shared with all of council his email to the Health Dept. Jeremy spoke to Corey before the council meeting and Corey advises to cite the owner for the falling roof, along with pictures. Terry suggested to include the hanging gate out front, block falling in, and paint issue within the citation.

OLD BUSINESS-Lori was wondering if it was ever decided of why not putting in a bathroom at the light plant and if we could look into this as the building is used for the Food Pantry each month and the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. It was asked if John could get some quotes for one. Tom asked what the situation of the property on S. Bell St. It was sold back to Huntington Bank.

NEW BUSINESS-Lori asked if at the light plant is it possible to get garage door openers for the electric side. It was asked that John gets a quote on them. Angie asked that if any council members received an email from Christopher Johnson of the State Auditor's office to please answer the fraud risk assessment questionnaire for our audit.

Motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, and Terry. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*  
Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED: *Tammy Kreis*  
Mayor: Tammy Kreis

Approved: 7/20/2023

SIGNED: *Dan Vail*  
Council President: Dan Vail

