

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

November 16, 2023

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 16th of November, 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, Lori Johnston, Ray Zaker, Mike Gudakunst, and Terry James. Absent: Dan Vail due to Covid. Motion to excuse Dan's absence made by Linda, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. Also, in attendance were village employees Jimmy Irwin and Brandon Donaldson. Before the approval of minutes roll call was taken, Linda asked that the conversation of the fireman's resignation and the mentioning of her name by the Mayor be put in there. Angie asked Linda to write down what it is she wants put in and she would make a copy of her notes at the end of the meeting which Linda agreed to do. Approval of minutes from November 2, 2023 regular council meeting with changes that Linda had mentioned was made by Mike, 2nd by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Reid Rothenbueller, Attorney was asked by the Mayor to attend the council meeting and for the possibility of becoming the village's solicitor. His boss is Mike Marsh, who was the attorney for Bowling Green as well as Grand Rapids for 40+ years and has much experience. Reid is the solicitor for Jerry City and now Edgerton's.

Scott Heacock, Criteria Architect presented his recommendation letter and explanation/breakdowns of pricing and timelines by the three potential Design-Build firms that had submitted for the new fire station construction. His recommendation is Midwest Contracting, Inc. An executive session will be done later in the meeting to discuss more of the recommendation.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS NOT ON THE AGENDA 5 MINUTE LIMIT-Resident, Judy Roth to observe the meeting.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT-Jeremy Salaz – Jeremy was not in attendance as he was on duty working a case.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT- Tom Wildman- Tom forwarded an email from Doug and the county to Tammy which she forwarded to Corey to look over. Regarding the ambulance, Tom spent 4 hours on the phone as nothing more has been done on it. The company is trying to work with a tech from an International

dealership. The SCBAs that were mentioned at last week's Safety Meeting, he believes are in good shape until he and John can work with Donna on the grant to be filled out that would come in next year. The new computer is up and running. Donna would like to set up a meeting to discuss her company's part in the project once we announce who we are going with. Tom received an application and will set up an interview with the Safety Committee. Scott Twp. will be sending us a contract as it is due. Perry Twp. contract is also up as well.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –ORDINANCE 10-2023-ORDINANCE SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2024 FOR THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion to suspend the rules of emergency on Ordinance 10-2023 made by Mike, 2nd by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. Motion to pass Ordinance 10-2023 made by Mike, 2nd by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION 09-2023-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2023 NPP POWER POOL PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. ("AMP"), First Reading

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Tammy-Tammy asked councils' thoughts on the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest for this year. All agreed to have it again and enough donations were agreed upon to cover the prize of \$50 for the top 3 residents and top business within the village. Christmas Tree Lighting is December 3rd. There will be cookies and hot chocolate available, along with a special guest or two. Tammy spoke with Corey at Mayor's Court regarding taxes and residents who don't have a file or are behind on their taxes. We need to be issuing letters to them, giving them a time line to pay or face being cited in court. Her and John met with Laura Puckett who applied on Indeed and toured the well fields. Laura has both licenses for Water and Wastewater. The jobs have been updated on Indeed with no interests as of yet. The USDA sent another list of information needed once we choose a company for the new fire station project.

BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – John Linkey-We have upgraded our billing software this year as far as the computers are concerned but the software and the handheld unit we use to do the meter reading from Neptune that still needs to be figured out. At the time last year, a software was approved to go with by the council but with further looking into John found it did not to the electric readings. There is a 360 AMR that is coming out the first quarter 2024 and John will know more once he has a meeting with them on Tuesday. The cost information that he has received so far is \$ 11,250 for the annual subscription; initial setup and integration; onsite training; belt clip transceiver purchase as our existing unit is not blue tooth capable. John received the quote from Fremont Fence for chain link galvanized for around the generator of \$ 2,050. Lori asked if the time/day can be changed. It is currently set for 8am Monday morning while John is doing readings at the wells. Terry will check with the neighbors to see if setting the time different will be sufficient versus getting the fence. John presented and had emailed to all of council the 2024 Lagoon Bioaugmentation Program's proposal/agreement at a cost of \$17,685.43. The current one doesn't expire until March 31, 2023. With further discussion it was agreed to revisit this in January. The 2024 Water Rates and Utility Rates were presented and will be sent out with the upcoming utility bills.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT-Corey Speweik-not in attendance

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER- Angie Roth- Angie presented line reallocations within a fund for the month ending October 31, 2023 and asked for a motion to approve the reallocations. Motion of approval of line reallocations within a fund for the month ending 10/31/2023 made by Terry, 2nd by Linda. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 22-2023 VC –Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 22-2023 made by Mike, 2nd by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

Motion to go into executive session for solicitor wages and miscellaneous matters at 7:58 pm made by Terry, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:30 pm made by Terry, 2nd by Mike. Motion carried.

Outcome of the executive session was the solicitor position, and the builder company to go forward with negotiations for the new fire station.

Motion to hire Reid Rothenbueller as of December 1, 2023 at the hourly rate of \$95 per hour made by Terry, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

Motion to go into negotiations with Midwest for building of the new fire station made by Terry, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES –*Street Committee*-previously covered during the meeting.

Zoning Committee-several addresses are now going through the courts that have written citations, Bell St is done, and the Brown Building is up for sale. The Police Chief, Jeremy went to the address today at the five corners where the new shed was just dropped today. No one came to the door.

Safety Committee-open bids were discussed and the ambulance was discussed and previously covered during the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS- None to report.

NEW BUSINESS- Tammy read Corey's letter of resignation as the village solicitor effective 12/31/2023.

Motion to accept Corey's letter of resignation made by Terry, 2nd by Linda. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried. Shane Edwards, Cotton's Corner Carryout is looking to do some Christmas activities uptown, and he may try to coordinate with the Christmas Tree Lighting Day.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm made by Lori, 2nd by Linda. Roll Call: Yes: Lori, Linda, Ray, Mike, and Terry. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*

Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED: *Tammy Kreais*

Mayor: Tammy Kreais

Approved: 12/7/2023

SIGNED: Absent from the meeting in which these were approved.
Council President: Dan Vail

