

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

March 21, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President, Terry James
Council Member, Linda Wildman
Council Member, Lori Johnston
Council Member, Mike Gudakunst
Council Member, Shawn Hall
Council Member, Christina Adams

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 21st of March ,2024 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tammy Kreais and all in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken present were Mike Gudakunst, Christina Adams, Lori Johnston, Shawn Hall, Linda Wildman, and Terry James. Also, in attendance were village employees, Brandon Donaldson and Jimmy Irwin. Motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2024, council meeting was made by Mike, 2nd by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Lori, Linda, Terry, and Shawn. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Dan and Judy Roth, Brandon Donaldson and Jimmy Irwin (employees)

Dan and Judy stated that they had concerns about the lack of parking available in the downtown area, specifically around the post office and at the carryout. They have heard several residents complaining about having to park further down for a quick visit to the carryout. Lori expressed that she believes that they really do need a couple of 15-minute parking spots. Cotton Corner's owners have previously been to a couple of council meetings and the council had not given them a solid answer. Judy stated that it is supposed to be a convenient store but it's not convenient if you must walk far to go in. She also stated that when there are special events at Speedways, it's even worse. She feels that Cotton Corners have done a lot for the village, especially during holidays, and they have put a lot of effort into the village and want to continue to bring in more businesses. Another problem she feels is that the residents parking in front of the handicap spot at the post office causing the people that need it to have to back into the handicapped spot. Tammy mentioned that part of the problem is that at one time, the village allowed the empty storefronts that were zoned commercial, to become apartments. She said that one way to solve it is to contact the landlord and ask him if his tenants could park behind the apartments. It would at least help the situation. Lori stated that the beauty shop would also like a 1–2-hour parking as there is no room for her customers to park at times. Terry asked Lori who was going to enforce it. A small discussion was had during the discussion about parking regarding the lack of officers in the village. Linda said that we could designate certain parking spots for businesses. Resident Brent Birkemeir asked about other abandon properties that could also be used for parking. Terry explained that the village cannot afford to buy property to use for that purpose. He then asked about the hours for dropping off brush. John explained that in the summer hours we keep it closed as people have been misusing it to drop off

things that do not belong out there. Residents can call the town hall and make an appointment or ask for someone to open it. The council agreed that we can talk more about this and try to find a solution. Terry stated that he and Mike can get with the owner of Cottons Corner as well to further discuss solutions. The council thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS NOT ON THE AGENDA 5 MINUTE LIMIT-Bayley and Tracy Stahl, Brent Birkmeier, Joyce Smith, and Becky Repasz -Guests were there to support the issue of parking in the downtown area.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT-Not in attendance

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT- Tom Wildman- Tom reported that he had 8 people that attended Penta County for fire school. The tanker was also up there on Sunday for training. He also informed the council that the state will take back expired foam for free as part of the take back program, but we do have to replace what we give back. Regarding the collapsed roof at the old grocery store, he intends to fly a drone above it to make sure that there isn't any structural damage that could further impact public safety. Terry expressed his concern about the structure falling into the roadway. Tammy reported that the Health Department came to inspect it and gave the owner a 30 day notice to address this. They also instructed the village to put up roadblocks to close off the right of way. The Health Department stated that he spoke to the owner and the buyer, and they both knew of the incident and stated that the sell was still going through. Tammy reported that the owner of that building is due back in Mayor's Court in April. Resident Joyce Smith asked the Chief when they were going to start on the new fire station, and he told her that we do not have a specific date set yet.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –

ORDINANCE 09-2024 ORDINANCE ENACTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE EXPENSE OF TRIMMING AND MAINTAINING TREES ALONG THE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER. (first reading)

ORDINANCE 10-2024 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)

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Kreais-Tammy reported that the village received \$4,135.95 for the annual refund from the OMEGA JV5 Refund Account. This will be deposited into the electric fund and will be recorded as operating revenue for that fund. She is continuing to work with the USDA on paperwork for the new fire station. A bond council has been obtained as reported at the last meeting. This was a request from the USDA. The purpose of this is to seek advice as to what the village can pay back if it would have to obtain a USDA loan to complete the building process of the new station. She reported to the council that she received a phone call from Andy Gross in Wayne requesting a meeting to discuss police protection and the lack of officers. She will meet with them towards the end of April. Tammy also asked the council to accept the dates of June 13th-16th for village garage sale dates. Shawn made a motion, 2nd by Mike to set these dates for garage sales.

Roll Call: Yes: Shawn, Lori, Mike, Terry, Linda, and Christina. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – John Linkey- Tammy and John went to the CDIS meeting at the courthouse with the planning commission. They gave them information and lists of different projects that were important to the village. One project was the possibility of getting a direct sidewalk to the park from the village. Currently, the kids are using streets designated as a truck route without sidewalks. Participating in this meeting allowed us to be considered for a Community Development Block Grant. Only three other entities were at the meeting, so this also increased our chances of receiving money. John stated that we would have to have a sit-down with an engineer to determine the best path that we could go on and get an estimate of costs. Terry made a motion, 2nd by Linda, to get with an engineer and discuss the possibility of getting this done. Roll Call: Yes: Christina, Mike, Shawn, Terry, Lori, and Linda. Motion Carried. John reported that the bathroom project at the town hall is supposed to be started on Monday. He also reported that we should be all set for the East Street/Edmonds project as well. Terry asked if we were still good with the rest of Lightner and East Park Lane when the weather breaks. Tammy stated that she had sent the bid acceptance letter back to Morlock. Jimmy presented copies of a quote from Kleem, Inc. to purchase more street signs at a cost of \$2959.50. Terry made a motion, 2nd by Mike to purchase the signs. Roll Call: Yes: Christina, Shawn, Mike, Lori, Linda, and Terry. Motion carried. Linda asked why two signs (Children at Play) were put on Plin Street. Tammy informed her that that street is a designated truck route and residents asked if we could address this issue. John reported that we had the Sanitary Survey for the wastewater system, and they had one recommendation to purchase a second buffer which is used when he does the pH testing. Tammy complimented John on having such a good report otherwise. John will check into the purchasing of a new buffer. Tammy reported that she got a visit from part-time employee, Chris McCarron inquiring why he has so little hours with the village each month. He stated that he believes that his license requires him to have up to date knowledge of the villages procedures and he feels that he is not being allowed the extra hours to keep up with his license. He also gave her his current operating license for John to display, along with safety rules that back up his concerns. Tammy asked John why Jimmy and Brandon are doing reads and John responded that they are working on obtaining hours towards the 2000 needed to become an operator of record.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT-Reid Rothenbueller-not in attendance. Tammy reported that she felt that there was really no need for Reid to be present unless we have a particular issue that needs addressed. She feels that he is doing a fine job of keeping up and responding with the Village’s needs.

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER- Angie Roth- Not Present due to a previous commitment.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 06-2024 VC –Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 06-2024 made by Mike, 2nd by Terry. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Lori, Shawn, Linda, and Terry. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES – None

OLD BUSINESS-none

NEW BUSINESS- none

Motion was made to go into executive session at 8:08 p.m. for personnel/employee wages made by Terry 2nd by Mike.

Roll Call: Yes: Christina, Mike, Shawn, Lori, Linda, and Terry. Motion Carried. Prior to going into executive session, village employee, Brandon Donaldson reported that the restrooms at the park need some structural repair. The gutters need replaced and fascia as well. There is also some wood that needs to be replaced on the outer shell. He also reported that the lawnmowers were serviced.

Council came out of executive session at 8:44p.m

Linda made a motion to hire Nick Hannon as Police Chief 2nd by Mike but with the approval of the mayor first. Roll Call: Yes: Christina, Mike, Shawn, Lori, Linda, and Terry. Motion Carried. Tammy stated that she has not yet interviewed Nick but will reach out to get a time set,

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm made by Linda, 2nd by Lori. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Lori, Shawn, Linda, and Terry. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*
Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED: *Tammy Kreais*
Mayor: Tammy Kreais

Approved: 4/4/2024

SIGNED: *Terry James*
Council President: Terry James