

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

July 18, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President,
Council Member, Shawn Hall
Council Member, Mike Gudakunst
Council Member, Christina Adams
Council Member, Ray Zaker
Council Member, Cody Roth

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 18th of July, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry James and all in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken present were Mike Gudakunst, Christina Adams, Ray Zaker, Shawn Hall, and Cody Roth. Motion to excuse Linda Wildman's absence made by Mike, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Also, in attendance was village employee Brandon Donaldson. Motion to approve the minutes from June 20, 2024 council meeting was made by Mike, 2nd by Cody. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Brandon reported he just got back from his 1st week of his 2nd year AMP training. Aug 11th is the start of the 2nd week of the 2nd year training. Cody appreciates all the work he has done at the park and the streets.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT-Terry reported that he and Corey have been in contact. He will be in tomorrow to do his SSF400. Jeremy has completed his SSF400 and will be able to begin patrolling. Hoping to get a few more on board to patrol.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT-Tom Wildman-Revisiting on the open burning in town, Tom reported that 3 residents will be receiving letters for open burning. The fire department received no calls for fireworks this year. Car show is coming up this weekend. He asked that the streets need closed off Saturday morning. If anyone sees trash being burned within the village please call Tom directly and they will be cited.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS NOT ON THE AGENDA 5 MINUTE LIMIT- Residents Judy Roth and Norma DeLeon arrived after the police chief's report time. Judy Roth regarding the parking spaces downtown and the fact that there has been lack of support as Mike tried to make a motion for the parking spaces and no 2nd. Terry reported that Cody and Mike have not dropped the idea and working on a plan. They will be continuing to talking to the business owners regarding time limits for certain spaces and possibility of adding handicap spaces. Mike said he and Cody can do all the leg work and present it to council but if council does not have the votes for it, the project can't go forward. Secondly, Judy wanted

to report on behalf of her neighbor Pat Plummer, that there is a pole leaning behind her house. John will look into it on Friday. Norma DeLeon inquired about the zoning officer and the need around town. Terry reported Paul is back on Monday. She asked that a residence on Evans St be a priority. Terry has addressed the situation regarding the RV parked there and has issued a warning on it being inoperable and expired plates.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –

ORDINANCE 12-2024 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY SERVICE RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER AMBULANCE, Emergency Declared. Motion to suspend the emergency rule for Ord 12-2024 made by Mike, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Motion to pass Ord 12-2024 made by Shawn, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 13-2024 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH MIDWEST CONTRACTING, INC. FOR PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INCLUDING FINAL DESIGN OF THE NEW FIRE STATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, Emergency Declared. Motion to suspend the emergency rule for Ord 13-2024 made by Ray, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Motion to pass Ord 13-2024 made by Ray, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 06-2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN AND APPLICATION FOR LOCAL PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM, First Reading

RESOLUTION 07-2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OF BRADNER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, First Reading

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Mayor James-Terry read to council the letter of resignation of Jimmy Irwin. His last day is July 24th as he has taken a job elsewhere. Motion to accept the letter of resignation of Jimmy Irwin was made by Mike, 2nd by Christina. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Terry and John agreed on the job description to use to advertise the position on Indeed, village website, and Facebook. With discussion amongst council, the starting rate will be \$23.45/hour an increase with certification/licenses obtained. Council does wish to contact Reid and have something drafted that the employee must stay employed for a period of at least 3 years with the village if such employee attends class, taken test, and/or cost of license paid by the village. Terry contacted American Legal Publishing regarding the codified ordinances. The village has paid 40% of quoted project. He was advised to start with the 2024 Ordinances and Resolutions scanning in and go backwards. Terry's goal is to have 2024, 2023, and 2022 by January. Tonight, was the first reading on the Resolution to participate in the Park Grant program with the county. Looking at a fountain for in the pond for the up to \$5,000 project; possibly a gazebo for the \$5,000 to \$10,000 project; a pickle ball court for \$10,000 and up project as ideas to go with. It was suggested of the possibility of painting the slab of cement currently out at the park for a pickle ball court to see what interest we may have; John and Terry will look into it. Christina was able to get some information that she has given to Terry on pickle ball courts, surprisingly the cost for one court would be \$65,000 and two for \$110,000 from the company that had put in the ones in Pemberville. Terry's research he was finding a cost of around \$20,000 for a new court and that is why he was thinking of putting it on the grant application for the higher cost project. Terry passed

around to council the splash pad quote that the park committee had met and agreed to look into. Terry had presented three quotes from different companies at the park committee meeting. As it has been asked by residents from time to time as to what the pool levy funds are being used for. Ray had the idea of a splash pad where the pool had been located. Terry verified with the village solicitor and the funds can be used for it. The 1,000 square foot pad would accommodate up to 38 kids at a cost of \$146,812.50. The company is based out of Ohio. This is a fresh water system with minimal that the village would have to do in the building process just the drain and water line to it. Next, we will contact the insurance company to see the cost/liability measures to come with a splash pad. No water rates for the residents will be increased as we own the water. Also, we can set the hours of operation daily. This is a motion activated system for the water to come on and minimal maintenance of 1 to 2 hours per week and the winterizing. The pool house at this time will not be used. We will wait to see the interest at the splash pad, then possibly visit the option of refurbishing it. Cody did go around town and spoke to with a few families, those with kids did show an interest in the splash pad. Motion to go forward with the splash pad at the park project made by Ray, 2nd by Christina. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Brandon suggested of reaching out to 3 on 3 basketball league and offering the use of our court at the park. The one that is going on at Pemberville is getting a large amount of participation there. Terry has been looking into this as well for the park. Update on the computer and security system upgrade, Terry spoke with Eric today, he hopes to get here within a week to get started on this. At the appearance committee meeting at 6pm tonight, discussion was made on how to get seed money on the start. Ray said there was a Rehabilitation Acct set prior to 2000. We will try to find out more on this by going through the ordinances. Also, talk with Reid on possibly drafting a new ordinance or just funding the current fund. Terry asked that we can possibly get working on the expanded Handicap Parking spot at the Post Office and the proper signage and painting of the Handicap Parking spot here at the town hall. Terry has been in contact with Tom Amos regarding the CIC and as to where it is going forward. Information will be brought to council as it comes in, may have to set a meeting possibly mid to late September. Lastly, discussion on giving Paul a raise as zoning officer. He has been with the village for over a year now. Motion to raise Paul's hourly wage to \$15.50 was made by Ray, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried.

BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR-John Linkey-John presented council with the monthly well reports, and the utility clerk's consumption, billing, and cash receipt reports. Habitat for Humanity is looking to try to build 2 homes at Maple & Lightner Streets. More information to come, there will be some utility work to be done and re-zoning for the lots. With the Evans/Edmonds/East project, all pipe is pulled in and connections made at James and East St and Crocker and East St. Pressure tested and bacteria samples taken. Once all bacteria samples come back, tapping in the residents will begin. Moving forward with the design loan on Timmons Road; looking at doing the application for Issue 1 grant funding to help with this project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT-Reid Rothenbueller-not in attendance. Terry just wanted to let everyone know how helpful, and prompt Reid has been with all that we have presented him thus far. It's very appreciated.

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER- Angie Roth- Angie presented council with the closing reports for the month of May, one set to sign for audit purposes, along with current fund status report as of today's meeting. The 2025 Estimate of Revenues needed to be approved by council was also presented. Motion

to submit the 2025 Estimate of Revenues as presented made by Mike, 2nd by Cody. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Required Fraud Reporting and Training from the Ohio Auditor of State was given to all council members, John, and Terry. The same information will be disbursed to all other village employees as well. This is a new training program from the OAS that is to be done, and re-visited every 4 years.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 12-2024 VC –Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 12-2024 made by Mike, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES –Mike reported for the *Park Committee* which met on Wednesday. In addition to what was previously covered in tonight’s meeting, the committee is still working to get someone out to look at the pond at the park and advise on re-stocking. For the remainder of the summer, Terry announced the committees will meet as needed only.

OLD BUSINESS-Regarding police dept. for the guests that missed the earlier report, the village is hoping to have a 2nd officer lined up to have patrolling in addition to Jeremy within the next 3 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS- Cody thanked Brandon again for all the work he has done on the street curbs, the park, and downtown weeds. Cody asked that work to be done upstairs with all that is being stored there. He will contact Howard Beck to see who to contact with the Boys Scouts of America since there are no longer scouts within Bradner.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm made by Mike, 2nd by Christina. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*
Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED: *Terry James*
Mayor: Terry James

Approved: 08/07/2024