

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

February 6, 2025

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 6th of February, 2025 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. Absent: Linda Wildman. Motion to excuse Linda's absence made by Ray, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2025 council meeting was made by Mike, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, and Shawn. Abstain: Cody. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: On Agenda-Matt Oestreich from the Wood County Auditor's office in attendance to discuss the loss of local government funding for the village. Matt is one of three on the panel for the Wood County Budget Commission. The formula the Budget Commission used to determine the distribution of the local government funding amongst the municipalities, and townships was that of population. The law has changed stating that the distribution breakdowns will be looked at every 5 years. The key to our funding will be the participation in the census of 2029/2030. Matt went over the published funding chart giving the amounts to be received for the village. For this current year 2025, no change in the amount of \$ 51,603.76 being received. In 2026, the decreasing begins with the amount of \$ 36,446.02 being received; in 2027, 2028, and 2029 the amount will be \$ 20,726.74 each year. The net result for those three years is a loss of \$ 30,877.02 annually.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS NOT ON THE AGENDA 5 MINUTE LIMIT: Resident, Judy Roth along with Maggie Maddox was in attendance. Brain storming ideas on an Elvis Day including an Elvis impersonator and a sock hop to coincide with the evening of the Fire Dept's annual car show, Garage Sale days, or possibly the grand opening of the Splash Pad out at the park. More to come on this idea.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT- Police Chief Cory Fairbanks has nothing new to report.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT-Tom Wildman- Chief Wildman reported that with this meeting's bills there is one for the repairs on Unit 621 for \$5,927.45 from United Fire Apparatus. The SCBA's will be delivered Friday to the light plant. Drilling was done for the new fire station this week. Terry reported that Reid is

working on the alley closures. Tom wanted to thank council for the flowers he received for his mom's passing this week.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS – no new legislations to report.

Council went into executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss personnel, motion made by Shawn, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Council returned from executive session at 7:45 pm, motion made by Mike, 2nd by Christina. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Mike reported no action to be taken at this time regarding personnel matters.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Mayor James-Terry opened the one bid received for Wood Pile #1 and it was for \$100 submitted by Kyle Davidson. Motion to accept the bid made by Shawn, 2nd by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. We will get a Notice to Bidders for Wood Pile #2 posted and to be opened at the March 6th regular council meeting. Terry received confirmation that we are okay to move forward in looking to replace the windows in the town hall. Next step is to look into how we will pay and advertise for these. More discussion to come. With the loss of Local Government Funds, Terry has been in contact with Jami of the Wood Co Auditor's office regarding a levy of 1 mill would generate \$16,211 annually, a 1.86 mill would generate approximately \$30,000 for the village through property taxes for residents for the general operating fund. That would be an equivalent of approximately \$35 per \$100,000 valued household. With further discussion, council's wish is to proceed with the process of a levy for 3 mills in November's elections. Motion to proceed with the resolutions for a levy of 3 mills in November for 5 years made by Mike, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. This will be for the resolution of necessity and the resolution to proceed with the Board of Elections. Kleinfelder is who we go through for professional services and with rising costs, the council agrees to possibly do an RFQ for professional services and Terry will have Reid draw this up if necessary.

BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR-John Linkey-John presented council with the monthly well report as well as the utility clerk reports for January. John obtained two quotes for the purchase of electric poles from Koppers and Westco-Anixter. The quote he would like approval by council was for 32 poles at a total cost of \$ 16,388 through Koppers. Motion to proceed with the purchase made by Ray, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried. Verizon has reached out to John, they are inquiring if they need to get a zoning permit as they wish to do an upgrade to their existing antenna on the village's water tower. John will get more information from them, to see the diagrams of the upgrades. At the light plant where the paint was peeling in the older section of the building is getting ready to prep and paint. It is believed to be last painted in 1990. Shawn inquired about a bathroom at the light plant. John will look into information for this and get back with council.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT-Reid Rothenbueller-not in attendance.

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER- Presented to the council was a current Fund Balance report as she is continuing to work on the year end process. Angie reported that in January the village received

\$2,440.68 from EMS Grant Proceeds and \$2,632 from Law Enforcement Continuing Professional Training Funds Q4-2024, as well as 4 Food Truck permits turned in.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 03-2025 VC –Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 03-2025 made by Mike, 2nd by Christina. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES –*Park, Utilities, and Public Safety committees* met tonight prior to the meeting. Park committee discussed looking at flag poles at the park and staining, also wrapping in cedar the poles of the pavilions. Utilities committee are reviewing the utility rates to make sure we are where we need to be. Public Safety committee will be speaking to Cory on the continued speeding within the village.

Cody would like to schedule a Village Appearance committee meeting, one is set for Feb. 18th at 6:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS-John is continuing to look into the costs of replacing the old dump truck.

NEW BUSINESS- Cody offered to look into possible funding to get lighted signs of what speed you are going such as found in Wayne and Pemberville as cars are coming into town on various streets. Mike gave a report regarding the township meeting for the Union Carbide and Dow’s donation of land and the construction of a new building on Graham Road.

Motion to adjourn at 8:19 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: 02/20/2025

SIGNED: *Linda Wildman*
Council President: Linda Wildman

