

# THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

Special Meeting

October 27, 2025

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President, Linda Wildman

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 special session on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the meeting room of the Fire Station. 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, Linda Wildman, and Cody Roth. Also in attendance were Village Administrator, John Linkey, Fire Chief, Tom Wildman, along with six community members.

Wood County Auditor, Matt Oesterich was in attendance to discuss the loss of local government funding from the county and the effect on local communities. He presented a three-page handout for those present to look over as he discussed the loss of government funds for the general (operations) fund that will be affecting the village in the next five years. The last time any form of evaluation of how local government funds are distributed within the county was in 1988. The Wood County Budget Commission decided with this reduction in the amount of funding the county is receiving that the distribution would be done by residency per municipality, townships, etc. The phase down of the amount of local government funding received for the General Fund will begin in 2026 and figures being given for the annual amount through 2029. The key to the amount being received of local government funds is through resident participation with the next census. This can be seen here on the handouts (condensed in size to fit), with the bottom portion showing a cost estimator on the proposed 3 mill levy. A home owner can go onto Wood County Auditor's website and do the proposed levy estimator on their property to know how much in fact their real estate taxes would increase. If the levy passes, it would begin in 2026. The levy would generate approximately \$16,000 per mill giving \$48,000 for the 3 mill per year for the General Fund. The village will be losing \$30,877.02 per year in funding for the General Fund when the full reduction comes into play 2027, 2028, and 2029. The main department funding through the general fund is the police department, as well as mosquito spraying. The levy terms are for five years. Per Matt, the Local Government Funding will be revaluated after the five-year window and when any census figures come in it will be looked at then as well. The floor was open to questions and discussion from all throughout Matt's presentation. The audience did share that the information not being shared sooner will probably show in the voter outcome on the levy. The less funds that the village is relying on from outside sources the better and was agreed upon by all. The mayor and all of council encouraged more to come to the two council meetings per month.

### LGF \$ per Resident (2025–2029)

Year	Bradner (971)	Grand Rapids (925)	Luckey (1009)	Wayne (841)	Pemberville (1326)
2025	\$53.14	\$28.94	\$7.60	\$20.51	\$12.32
2026	\$37.53	\$25.43	\$14.76	\$21.21	\$17.12
2027	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$21.35
2028	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$21.35
2029	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$21.35

### Estimated LGF Funds by Municipality

Year	Bradner (971)	Grand Rapids (925)	Luckey (1009)	Wayne (841)	Pemberville (1326)
2025	\$51,603.76	\$26,768.14	\$7,665.34	\$17,245.14	\$16,340.47
2026	\$36,446.02	\$23,523.95	\$14,893.36	\$17,841.64	\$22,705.89
2027	\$20,726.74	\$19,744.83	\$21,537.88	\$17,951.79	\$28,304.49
2028	\$20,726.74	\$19,744.83	\$21,537.88	\$17,951.79	\$28,304.49
2029	\$20,726.74	\$19,744.83	\$21,537.88	\$17,951.79	\$28,304.49

**Additional taxes on a \$100,000 Home  
= \$105 per year**



### Proposed Levy Estimator

L47-412-120104002000

Authority: VILLAGE OF BRADNER  
Use: CURRENT EXPENSE  
Levy Type: ADDITIONAL  
Proposed Mills: 3

Election Date: 11/4/2025  
Beginning Tax Year: 2025  
Number of Years: 5

Current Taxes:  
\$0.00

New Taxes:  
\$116.76

Difference:  
\$116.76

Authority: MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP  
Use: ROAD IMP  
Levy Type: RENEWAL  
Proposed Mills: 1

Election Date: 11/4/2025  
Beginning Tax Year: 2026  
Number of Years: 3

Current Taxes:  
\$18.12

New Taxes:  
\$18.12

Difference:  
\$0.00

Motion to adjourn at 7:02 pm made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Roll Call: Yes: Mike, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*  
Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED:  
Mayor: Terry James

Approved: 11/06/2025

SIGNED: *Linda Wildman*  
Council President: Linda Wildman

