

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

January 22, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President, Linda Wildman
Council Member, Shawn Hall
Council Member,
Council Member, Ray Zaker
Council Member,
Council Member, Cody Roth

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 22nd of January, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Mike Gudakunst and all in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken present were Ray Zaker, Shawn Hall, Linda Wildman, and Cody Roth. Motion to approve Christina Adams' absence made by Linda, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody.

Council member appointment of Matt Herrig made by Linda, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

Oath of Offices was conducted by the mayor, being sworn in were Matt Herrig, Ray Zaker, and Cody Roth.

Rules of Council for 2026 were presented to council. Motion to accept was made by Shawn, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

The Ohio Ethics Law was also presented to the council. Mayor Gudakunst asked that all review it and be sure to submit the signed acknowledgement statement to Angie by the next council meeting.

Motion to approve council minutes from December 18, 2025 meeting made by Cody, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Abstain: Matt. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: none to report.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS NOT ON THE AGENDA 5 MINUTE LIMIT: none to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT- Chief Fairbanks- Chief Fairbanks is working on the follow up for zoning, he will get with Mimi Yoon, the prosecutor in BG about having the zoning officer by able to issue the citations. Zoning Officer, Kim Garner was in attendance giving an update on zoning and council gave concerns on a few addresses. Mike will contact the one landlord and see about possibly getting a variance in order to be able to put a storage shed in place for the tenants. Fire Chief Wildman asked Kim if the resident at Evans and Caldwell been rezoned as a business. It has not and further investigation will need to be done. An area for concern of resident on S. Main St and the number of trailers there. A zoning committee meeting will be done soon to further discuss matters.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT-Tom Wildman- Chief reported that an ISO audit will be in March for the insurance industry. One area that will be an issue will be that the fire dept is unable to do safety fire inspections. Tom asked council if it would be possible for a vote to allow them to do so. Mike will ask Reid if an ordinance will need to be drawn up for this. He is continuing to work with the Fire Marshall and a grant for \$15,000 jointly with Wayne and Risingsun. A CSUtest.com (Cleveland State University) quote was

presented to all of council for \$755 which includes a 1 Year Online Con Ed Student for \$480 up to 24 students and Deluxe Plus Administrator with ISO and Award Credit for \$ 275. Motion for Tom to accept the quote made by Ray, 2nd by Matt. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Also, presented to council was the MES quote for bags and straps for the new SCBAs at \$1,300 that Tom will be using the donation the dept received from the American Legion. He will get a thank you card sent out to them for their donation. There is another EMS district interested in the ambulance with an offer of \$60,000, Tom will be asking \$70,000 for it. Mike will have to check with Reid to see if it will need to go out for bid or not seeing it is from one municipality to another. Tom reported the suspected arson fire on Rte 6, our fire dept had to go out several times. There were a lot of resources utilized there at the location. The Fire Marshall's office brought in a dog and accelerants were present. The new president of the Fire Association is Bob Dean as of their last meeting. The continuing education bill with tonight's invoices was at \$120 versus the \$80 since it was for CPR certifications. There will be two new firemen to be sworn in Feb. 6th as their year is up. With the first board fundraiser they made \$1,200 on it, and there is second one out for the Super Bowl.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –

ORDINANCE 01-2026-ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL TO ADD SECTION 3.15 THE VILLAGE SOLICITOR AS VILLAGE EMPLOYEE. First Reading

With discussion amongst council a motion to repeal Resolution 06-2025 and wait to work on this for the General Election was made by Shawn, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. No final reading was done on Resolution 07-2025.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Gudakunst reminded nominations for council president will be need to be done at the next council meeting. Council committees for 2026 were presented to all of council. The turf bid for the park surrounding the splash pad did have an increase of \$1,840 from the approved quote at the last council meeting. That quote was made back in September and was submitted as one of the possible projects for the Wood Co park grant. After a brief discussion, motion to approve the Maumee Bay turf quote was made by Cody, and by Matt. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Shawn, and Cody. No: Ray and Linda. Motion carried. Today, Mike had a rubber stamp made up for Shawn with S Hall on it for him to use in signing the bills and Claim Ordinance form for the finance committee. He asked council if they would approve Shawn to use this as his signature. Motion to so made by Linda, 2nd by Cody. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Linda, and Cody. Abstain: Shawn. Motion carried. TMACOG has a caucus meeting on Friday, January 30th at a cost of \$65 that he wishes to attend. Motion for him to do so made by Shawn, 2nd by Cody. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR-John Linkey-The well report and the utility clerk's monthly consumption and billing reports were presented to council. John reported that there was a water main break on Timmons Rd today, he did receive help from Jaime and two other guys. The Ohio Tire bill was for the water dept truck, it also has been serviced by Amos'. The Circuit Rider contract for 192 hours has been sent in for the year. Habitat for Humanity zoning has been taken care of and now working on the utilities side of their project. John will send the information to Reid on the easements to see if we need to have a resolution passed. Kleinfelder reached out and would like to meet on possible grant funding opportunities for the village. With a follow up with Reid regarding the new fire station project paperwork, a legal description needs to be added to the papers to be recorded at the county office.

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

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER-Angie presented October's month end reports with one being signed by council for audit purposes. She is continuing to work on the year end processing, W-2s, and yearly reports for the Hinkle System.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 01-2026 VC –Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 01-2026 made by Cody, 2nd by Matt. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES –This year is 150 years for the village as well as 130 years for the fire dept., at this week's meeting Tom reported the fire dept was discussing the formation of a committee for activities as this will be done as the same day as the car show Saturday, July 18th. Information will go out with this month's utility bills for a meeting on Monday, Feb. 16th at 7pm at the town hall and all are welcome. Look for volunteers from the community to join in. Zoning committee set a meeting for Mon. Jan 26th at 7pm. Mike will advertise for a community member to sit on the zoning committee via the Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS-Cody will go through council minutes of last year to see of any projects that need to be looked at. Regarding the upstairs, hoping by April or May to bring in a dumpster to get more cleaned up. Mike will get ahold of Eric on the status of the new cameras and system.

NEW BUSINESS- After discussion regarding the street commissioner position and the pay scale, council agreed to increase the wage over the next three years. The wages could be allocated with the utility funds as well to help with the increased pay scale and to learn as much from John on the utility side including licenses that he could obtain. A motion was made for John to contact the applicant and negotiate a pay that had the best qualifications including supervisory skills by Linda, 2nd by Cody. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

This weekend, Jaime will be doing the reads on Saturday and Sunday. Chris McCarron offered to help with snow removal and electrical, John will reach out to him.

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

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*
Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED: *Michael Gudakunst*
Mayor: Michael Gudakunst

Approved: 2/5/26

SIGNED: *Linda Wildman*
Council President: Linda Wildman

