

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

February 5, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council President, Linda Wildman
Council Member, Shawn Hall
Council Member, Matt Herrig
Council Member, Ray Zaker
Council Member, Christina Adams
Council Member, Cody Roth

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 5th of February, 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 Matt Herrig, Christina Adams, Ray Zaker, Shawn Hall, Linda Wildman, and Cody Roth.

Oath of Office was conducted by the mayor, being sworn in was council member, Christina Adams.

Motion to approve council minutes from January 22, 2026 meeting made by Linda, 2nd by Cody. Roll

Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Abstain: Christina. 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 reported that three of the officers did get full time jobs. Officer Drake Sturdevant was in attendance and the Oath of Office was conducted by the mayor for him.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT-Tom Wildman- Being sworn in by the mayor were two new firefighters, Peyton Harden and Greg Acuff. Today, at the new fire station meeting they went over the drawings and had some changes such as to some doors, and windows; they chose the color of the building as tan with a red roof, red doors and red trim. Tom is hoping they will be able to have another meeting in two weeks to go over the changes. Tom reported he is working on a grant for the exhaust system for the new fire station. Chief reported that the ISO audit will be April 24th.

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. Second Reading

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR -- Mayor Gudakunst provided all with a copy of the 2025 Southeast 150 report. He reported that Alfred Ruble is taking over for Jerry at S150. There is a 3-hour course for the Sunshine Laws and advised all council members to do it as it should be done with each term. Mike will send the Attorney General's website link to all. A training plan is in the works for cyber security as well. More to come on that in the near future.

BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR-John Linkey-The well report and the utility clerk's monthly consumption and billing reports were presented to council. Next, John presented the 2026 Lagoon Bioaugmentation Program quote from Kleinfelder. This year's cost will be \$21,283.58. Approval for John

to move forward with the program was made by Christina, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Via email to all, John sent multiple emails from AMP as well as one from EITRI on solar project. The ones from AMP, John Courtney is reviewing them currently. A hard copy of the information was provided to Shawn. John suggested to council to check out the website for EITRI Foundry and their work with communities. Mike and John will have a conversation with EITRI on this behind the meter project possibility. Revisiting the street commissioner's job and recommended candidate Adam; with further discussion council would like to offer him \$26/hour with a 50cent increase per 6 months over the next 3 years. He is interested in learning and getting water licensing therefore part of his salary would be able to be funded by water and sanitary sewer dept. funds. He would be shadowing John as well as the street commissioner duties. Motion to hire Adam at that pay scale was made by Ray, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. SOLICITOR'S REPORT-Reid Rothenbueller-not in attendance and hoping to be in attendance at the next meeting.

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER-Angie presented the fund balance status report as of today as well as the November's month end reports with one being signed by council for audit purposes. She is unable to close out December's until she completes the year-end processing, and yearly reports for the Hinkle System. Matt inquired whom the village has property insurance through. It is currently through Hylant. He suggested contacting PEP (Public Entities Pool of Ohio). Mike will contact them and see if they would be willing to send someone to attend a meeting. Even though council minutes had been approved, Christina wanted to inquire about where 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. Kim stated at the last meeting that the resident had not contacted the village for it be rezoned as far as she knew and that she would look into it further to verify. Minutes approved as is.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 02-2026 VC –Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 02-2026 made by Ray, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES –*Zoning committee* met on Monday, Jan 26th, different areas the committee is going to begin working on is the ordinance on junk vehicles and those of villages in comparison, the zoning book as a whole and policies that could be updated, as well as the variations on days of notifications on the zoning ordinances.

OLD BUSINESS-Cody is continuing to go through all the council minutes, looking for any items left yet to be completed from last year.

NEW BUSINESS- Reminder of the committee meeting open to the public on Monday, Feb. 16th at 7pm here at the town hall. With discussion of council president nominations for this year, a motion to appoint Linda was made by Shawn, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Abstain: Linda. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm made by Matt, 2nd by Linda. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Angie Roth*
Fiscal Officer: Angie Roth

SIGNED: *Michael Gudakunst*
Mayor: Michael Gudakunst

Approved: 02/19/26

SIGNED: *Linda Wildman*
Council President: Linda Wildman