

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

May 7, 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 7th of May, 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.

Motion to approve council minutes from April 16, 2026 meeting made by Linda, 2nd by Matt. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Linda. Abstain: Cody. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Chris Smalley, Executive Director at Wood Co. Park District was in attendance to present the village with the \$2,241 awarded grant check for the new trash cans out at the park along with a plaque to post as well. He thanked the village for their continued support and participation in the grant program for the Wood Co. Parks. He also brought along the 2027 application.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS NOT ON THE AGENDA 5 MINUTE LIMIT: In attendance were Levi Shull and Ben Nagy, recently interviewed candidates for the streets department and as assistant to the village administrator. Motion made to hire pending the background check and physical results made by Linda, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

Motion to go into executive session at 7:10 pm to discuss personnel matters made by Shawn, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

Motion to come back in from executive session at 7:22 pm made by Matt, 2nd by Christina. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

Linda reported the outcome of the executive session to discuss salaries as follows: new hires, Levi at \$24/hour, and Ben at \$26/hour, Fire Chief Tom Wildman at \$350/month, Ron, seasonal mower at \$17/hour. Mike further explained that Tom was the lowest paying Chief in the surrounding area and council wanted to offer a more comparable rate. Motion to set wages for the new hires made by Ray, 2nd by Linda. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Motion to set Ron's wage made by Linda, 2nd by Matt. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Motion to set Fire Chief Tom Wildman's monthly salary made by Matt, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Abstain: Linda. Motion carried. Also, a result from the executive session was for the renewal of the contract between Jaime, and Environmental Relief Operations LLC and the Village of Bradner for water and wastewater. Motion to do so made by Ray, 2nd by Matt. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT- Chief Fairbanks- Chief Fairbanks was not in attendance as he was out of town.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT-Tom Wildman-Chief Wildman was not in attendance. John reported that the new fire station committee has a meeting at 5pm on Tues the 12th with Drew of Midwest Contracting. May 31st at 2pm is the tentative date for the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the new fire station.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –

ORDINANCE 03-2026-ORDINANCE ENACTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE EXPENSE OF TRIMMING AND MAINTAINING TREES ALONG THE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, Final Reading

Motion to pass made by Linda, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 04-2026-ORDINANCE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER BY LIGHTING AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST THEREOF ON ALL THE LOTS AND LANDS IN THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, Final Reading

Motion to pass made by Linda, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 05-2026-ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CUSTODIAL FIRE ESCROW FUND. Emergency Reading

Move to suspend the rules of emergency reading made by Ray, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Move to pass Ord. 05-2026 made by Shawn, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Gudakunst-Mike wanted to revisit the increase of Comp Time for the full-time employees to be able to accumulate 80 hours in a year and use them during that current year from the 32 hours currently set. Motion to do so made by Matt, 2nd by Christina. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, and Linda. Abstain: Cody. Motion carried. Mike reported that Eric Willman will no longer be our IT Tech support but has agreed to work with John Pugsley of Pugsley Tech Solutions who will be taking over. John has a vast knowledge of the HB96 and will provide us with the training tools necessary to be in compliance. Aqua Doc was out and was able to start treatments out at the park's pond. Randy from the Bradner American Legion offered to have a few volunteers to help out with the beer tent for the village's celebration days. He wanted the village to know that line-up is at 9:30 am, parade starts at 10 am on Memorial Day. Mike and John are working with the resident at 201 N Main St to rectify the large low spot in the alley way. A thank you letter was passed around for all to sign for the \$500 donation received from Cindy Hendricks for the Hometown Heroes Banners program.

BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR-John Linkey-John went over the quote presented to all, received from Holman Drilling to pull and reset the pump at the village's well for \$7,400 to come from the water operating fund. Motion to accept the quote was made by Linda, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Next quote presented to all was from Environmental Relief Operations LLC for concrete work to be done for the park water yard hydrants for \$1,489 to come from the water operating fund and the townhall sidewalk repair for \$800 to come from the general fund for a total cost of \$ 2,289. Motion to accept the quote was made by Ray, 2nd by Matt. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Regarding the new fire station, Construction Cost from Midwest is \$1,987,248. John also presented council with a 2026 Proposed Budget for the New Fire Station for all to review.

2026 Proposed Budget For New Fire Station

Funds	Midwest Budget	Expenses	Balance
Congressional Award	\$ 1,260,000.00		\$ 1,260,000.00
Cap. Contribution From Fire Fund	\$ 395,000.00		\$ 395,000.00
Cap. Contribution From New Fire Station	\$ 132,868.89	\$ 130,646.83	\$ 2,222.06
Cap. Contribution From Fire Cap. Impr.	\$ 7,750.00		\$ 7,750.00
borrowed money from USDA?	\$ 500,000.00		\$ 500,000.00
Total Available revenue	\$ 2,295,618.89		\$ 2,164,972.06

Loan Payment (\$28,043.81)
3.75%/30 yr

Expenses			
Gatchell Grant Resources	\$ 45,100.00	\$ -	\$ 45,100.00
Scott Heacock, Criteria Arch. and Proj. Insp.	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 11,107.68	\$ 13,392.32
Preconstruction Costs	\$ 107,000.00	\$ 90,385.40	\$ 16,614.60
Estimated Soft costs	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 10,846.25
Bowser - Morner		\$ 8,237.00	
Hawk Tree Services		\$ 2,800.00	
Gatchell Grant Resources (initial app)		\$ 2,400.00	
Attorney		\$ 3,074.04	
Wood County Recorder		\$ 30.00	
AIM media Midwest		\$ 719.57	
Blade		\$ 1,181.04	
Form swift RFP		\$ 69.00	
Bond Council		\$ 6,500.00	
Peer Review by A&A Engineering		\$ 1,500.00	
Hylant Bonds		\$ 1,131.00	
Postage		\$ 12.10	
Professional Appraisal Services		\$ 1,500.00	
Total Expended to date		\$ 130,646.83	Remaining Balance

\$ 216,600 \$ 85,953.17

Estimated Building sq. Footage	7000	\$ 7,000.00
Estimated Costs per Sq. Footage	\$329	\$ 310.37
Estimated Construction cost	\$1,987,248	\$1,987,248
Contingency	\$99,362	\$99,362
Total Construction costs	\$2,301,210	\$ 2,172,563.57

Total Revenue - Total Costs \$ (7,591.51)

The Gatchell cost for the grant work of \$45,000 set to be paid back at \$5,000/month for 9 months is to come from the fire operational fund #2902 along with the \$350,000 contribution from the fund towards the project. Approval to do this and utilize the fire operational fund to pay Gatchell was made by Linda, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Motion to approve the budget as it appears for the new fire station made by Linda, 2nd by Ray. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Also, provided to all of council was the month's well reports as well as the utility clerk's reports.

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

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER-Angie presented council were Line Reallocations within a fund for council's approval as well as a current Fund Status report. Motion to do the line reallocations as presented made by Linda, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 08-2026 VC –Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 08-2026 made by Shawn, 2nd by Cody. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Christina, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES –*Streets committee* covered earlier in the meeting. *Zoning committee*, Mike reported that there have been zoning letters have been sent out and some properties have been complying to them. Linda asked if it would be possible to get a report as to the properties being worked on, that way if any of council would get calls on a property, they would be able to verify if it is being looked into. Mike said that it has been discussed and a report can be generated. Reminder that the Spring Clean Up Day is this Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS-none to report.

NEW BUSINESS- none to report.

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm made by Linda, 2nd by Matt. 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: 05/21/2026

SIGNED: *Linda Wildman*
Council President: Linda Wildman