

THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER COUNCIL

Record of Proceedings

July 23, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

The Village Council of Bradner, Wood County, Ohio met in regular session on the 23rd of July, 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, Ray Zaker, Shawn Hall, Linda Wildman, and Cody Roth. Motion to excuse Christina's absence made Matt, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried. Motion to approve council minutes from June 18, 2026 meeting made by Matt, 2nd by Cody. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. 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-Officer Senyo was in attendance. The mayor and all of the council thanked the department for all their help and police coverage during the village's celebration days.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT-Tom Wildman-Chief Wildman reported that the festival went really well. The Lakota High School football team helped out a lot with set up. The new fire station building project is progressing well. August 5th there will be a meeting with USDA and Didi from Gatchell Grant Resources, LLC. An automatic transfer switch for \$4,000.00 will need to be purchased before the grant money comes for in for the generator. The cost for the gear lockers in the gear room has come in at \$ 13,000.00 that will be covered by the Fire Association and no cost to the village. The ambulance had to be towed to Class 8 Friday night. That invoice is in tonight's bills for Class 8 repairs. The tow company bill has yet to come in. Pump Testing to be done in Wayne in late August. Next Saturday, officers' meeting regarding the future of the EMS to work and then he would like to the safety committee meet. Mayor acknowledged how well the went with no issues. Matt heard a lot of comments on it was a small town of America good time event and hoping that something would be coming next year. Linda also thanked all the help the committee received and accomplished in such a short time frame of the planning for the

event. The five churches coming together and creating the kids' area was also greatly appreciated by those in attendance. Lori's history display and her giveaways were a huge hit as well.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS –

ORDINANCE 07-2026-ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 32-90, 12-2018, AND 04-2019 OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT WAGES, Final Reading

Motion to pass Ordinance 07-2026 was made by Shawn, 2nd by Cody. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, and Cody. Abstain: Linda. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 08-2026-ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF BRADNER TO ACCEPT THE ATTACHED EASEMENTS FROM DL BARNDT 15, LLC, AND ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND DECLARE SAID PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, First Reading.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Gudakunst-Mike brought in the framed Resolution Honoring the Village of Bradner on its Sesquicentennial adopted by the Ohio House of Representatives on May 13, 2026. This was presented to Mike after the parade by Representative Haraaz Ghanbari. It will be hung in the council chambers. It is time for the park committee to come up with project ideas for the Wood County Parks District grant program. Council members brought forth ideas to look into such as restocking the pond, a fountain in the pond, a water bottle filling station and drinking fountain, the split rail fence whether or not to replace or remove, and metal roofs for the pavilions. Mike reported that he and Angie had attended the Lake Erie West's 2026 Summer General Assembly on Monday. During the Village Caucus session, came back with a lot of good avenues to post our job openings. As well possible funding opportunities. Marissa Bechstein of Lake Erie West is willing to come meet with us if we have some projects that we would like to find funding for. Also, in attendance at the event were engineering firms that also help to find funding for possible projects. More information to come in from the contacts made at the event. On Wed. July 29th the Habitat for Humanity is having the home dedication from 5:30pm to 6:30pm for the house on Caldwell. As we have been working on getting insurance quotes for the village, Mike reported he, John, and Angie met with representatives from USI on PEP Insurance coverage. With their quote coming in at \$4,000.00 higher than our current quote from Hylant, we will stick with Hylant for this upcoming renewal. Another one of the companies simply emailed us and stated that they have no idea how Hylant can come back with such a good price for us as their underwriters could not come close. Our new IT expert, John Pugsley was in on July 3rd to do an assessment. As of Oct. 1st, the tax administrator and the zoning officer's computers will no longer be working. He did offer quotes of \$1,500 each for the new computers. Angie will look over the budget and get back on this. Mike also has spoken with other villages in regards to fireworks. Many have modified the ORC to where no debris fall to the ground in the fireworks being used within their villages; something for the council to consider.

BUSINESS OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR-John Linkey-Cody thanked John for all he did for the celebration days, barricades up for the car show as well as the parade. John was grateful for all the help the police dept. gave him with the parade route. John presented all with the Well Report. Wells 5 & 6 back up for the full month of June. The monthly utility clerk reports were also presented to all. So far for July, John has noticed slower traffic at the Splash Pad. Kleinfelder updated the Engineers Opinion of Probable Construction Costs for the Timmons Road WL Improvement project of \$53,000.00. John provided all with a copy of this. The bid process began today for the project. The spider boxes purchased for the celebration days worked out well uptown. He will be working on getting the veteran banners hung up.

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

BUSINESS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER-Angie presented to the council a current Fund Status report as well as May's month end closing statements. One set was passed around for the council to sign for audit purposes. Angie asked the council for a motion to submit the 2027 Estimate of Revenues as Presented to the Wood County Budget Commission. Motion to do so made by Linda, 2nd by Cody. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIM ORDINANCE 12-2026 VC –Motion of approval of Claim Ordinance 12-2026 made by Cody, 2nd by Shawn. Roll Call: Yes: Matt, Ray, Shawn, Linda, and Cody. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES –none to report on. Zoning and Park committees to meet @ 6pm on the 3rd Thurs. of August.

OLD BUSINESS-Cody inquired about the old police cruiser and if it had been posted on GOVDEALS. Mike has a virtual meeting with GOVDEALS on the 31st of this month to finish the set-up process. John asked Tom if he had a chance to speak to Didi regarding the SCBAs' grant. Tom said he would get in touch with Didi and let Angie know what information is needed to finish the process to receive the funds. Ray inquired about the electronic speed limit signs that had previously been discussed. Cody and Mike are still looking into options and gathering information on ones that could produce a data report of the traffic.

NEW BUSINESS- none to report on.

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm made by Matt, 2nd by Shawn. 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: 08/20/2026

SIGNED: *Linda Wildman*
Council President: Linda Wildman