

**Town of Bradford**  
**Town Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Bradford Townhall**  
**Minutes**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm. Present: Dave Moyer, Loren Bobolz, Dan Huisheere, Jill Bier, Marlina Jackson. Not present: Ben Wellnitz, Sharon Douglas

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda (Loren Bobolz/Dan Huisheere). Motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.

4. Approval of the Minutes to the August 19th, 2025 meeting and August 26th Special Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes to the August 19th meeting (Loren Bobolz/Dan Huisheere). Motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote. A motion to approve the August 26th special meeting minutes (Dan Huisheere/Loren Bobolz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

5. New Business

A. Discussion and action on Joint Municipal Court

Chief states there has not been any calls for service. Dave says that after next week things should start to fire up. Dave states the tags have been removed from a unit in the Shady Hill park and Char Martin will be going to the park. Chief offers to attend with her. Dave states he will accompany her to the unit. Board thanks Chief for attending.

B. Discussion and Action on report by Fire District Representative

Ryan Wellnitz present. He states a copy was sent over with info for 5 year, 7 year, and 10 year amortization schedule of the \$500000 loan. Assistant Chief Farley also involved and wants the dollar amount approved and will have a final number afterwards. The 10 year amount is included. No increases as of now in operational budget. Included the 3% wage increase. Capital expenditures decreased. Reseal parking lot, garage door, hose seals needed. End of day they are looking for an increase of \$17,251.14. Dave states he thinks they did their due diligence. Dave asks about the population for each of them....Village is at 2262, Bradford is 1002, and Town of Clinton is 883. Dave asks how the costs are determined? Ryan explains the assessed value and population. Marlina shares the formula with Dave. Dave states the concern is that the taxed value is not in consideration? Ag land value is lower and the amount of funds received by the Townships is diminished. The value of the towns is not the same as the village. Dan says they have a higher tax return. Ryan states it is not based off of calls. Dave states its one sided and that they have more calls of service than we do. Agreement is up in 2027. Dan asks Ryan what the fire department is looking for? Ryan says the fire district board is asking for a loan of \$500000 for payment. The feds meet to discuss interest rates later this week and they need the municipalities input and interest. Dave asks if they have looked in to the BCPL loan? Ryan states he wants to have a local loan. Loren states that 7 years ago the fire district was in trouble but has significantly turned around and to be proud

of the work they have done. Ryan states hes looked at the tax revenue at its highest in 2020 and it was just shy of \$400000. In 2026 the reforecast is an additional \$67000 increase. A lot has been given back and they are doing more with less. Ryan states he has grown up in Bradford and has lived in the village and Township during his lifetime. Its a no brainer–money is spent on schools and safety. States the new engine will be a positive solution for the next 12 years. Dave asks when the engine would arrive? Ryan states its still in the works, the 2004 engine is still in Vancouver. It will be DOT inspected and when the engine arrives will meet local inspection to make sure its good to go. Ryan states the number is in the \$500000 and a trade in is at \$40000 and requires \$30000 in outfits. Dave states he sees in the last 4 years a lot of budget indiscrepancies. The budget is meant to be for a year but the fire dept is constantly revising the budget. Ryan responds that it is time sensitive and wants to get back to the agency and needs the township approval. Loren states that dealing with the 3 municipalities is alot of work and the budgets need to be done in October. A motion to approve the fire district approval to pursue the 2020 fire truck in the amount of \$500000. (Loren Bobolz/Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

C. Discussion and Action on Invenergy Road Assessment

Dave states there was a meeting with Invenergy...Dan Hill and Marlina were there as well. A breakdown of the road offers were distributed. Marlina shared them out to the supervisors for review. Dave states he is concerned about the lay down rock that was already provided. That was provided to everyone, we hauled it and stating it is provided as part of the road payment is not going to be acceptable. One of the roads was not originally assessed. Creek road was assessed. Stating that Invenergy will cover 5% of the roads is saying for every 100 vehicles, that 5 were solar. That is not what we were seeing for usage. Dan responds that the logic for the figures is that these roads have a natural life span. This road in 2024 was rated at a 4. Solar accelerated the damage and it was not a new road. It would have deteriorated from natural occurrences and light traffic. \$15000 was offered for 2400 foot of road use. Stone from the laydown yard went there and does not include a dollar value on the rock used on Odling. The 5% is in discussion. Dave states he wants to see it at 10% across the board. Dan says that each road was not the same quality and uses are different as well as length. Dave responds that Odling was not that rough prior to them using the road. Dan Huisheere responds that we are 2 years behind on our constituent road repairs. Our repairs would not have been like that if it were not for their intense road use. 98% of our traffic would not have been that damage. The breakdown is that the solar shouldnt be responsible for 2% use and 98% of resident use. Dave says go on the roads and at best it is not reflective of the conditions it was prior to solar. We did not know that going in to it that they would deteriorate so much. Dave states we cannot go in to the construction of these roads with that offer. The offer would not be even enough to cover O'Riley south. Dave says their planning was not complete to haul the extra loads of gravel in and now that is additional stress

on the roads. Midwest, Silah, other contractors received rock for nothing. Dave states he wants enough money to get our roads resurfaced. It is out of our pocket and we should not have to foot all of it. Dan Hill responds that intention was putting the roads into a useable condition, not new condition. Dave asks Ryan Rudinski if Class A equipment on Class B roads, Creek road has all to of wear on the surface. Loren says he gets asked by citizens why walworth is getting new roads but Bradford is not? Dan responds that their meeting with Darien has a similar offer. Offers of 2%-10%. Loren says in the initial offer they swore up and down that they would not haul semis on our roads. That was not the case. Dan Hill offers to increase the offer for Odling from 5% to 8%. Dave counter offers at \$199000. Dan responds to meet in the middle at \$174688. A motion to accept \$174688 for the Local Operating Contract from Invenergy for road use (Dan Huisheere/Loren Bobolz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote. Dan states he will prepare the paperwork and release of payment. A lump sum will be sent and normal maintenance clause. Should receive the funds by the end of the year, hopefully by Thanksgiving.

- D. Discussion and action on Schultz Communities/Shady Hill Mobile Home Park Shady Hill's septic tank design has been approved. Dave states he talked to Adam at the health dept. Dave talked to Blake Collins and he states the design has been approved but they have not given him the bid yet. He is supposed to advise Dave if they want other bids. Blake indicated that the work is scheduled in October to work on the mounds. Current tanks are obsolete. Septic hills were failing, Pumping system on 1 tank was not working. Dave reiterates the red tag being removed from the unit. No action.
- E. Discussion and Action on limited/closed culverts
- F. Discussion and Action on POWT's Health Department Payment for 2025  
Jill states the POWT's fees will be in recurring cycle. The county suggests we pay it in October to finish up the year. The county made a mistake of \$105 reimbursement and we need to send the check back. Dave ask on our Tax Assessments if there is a \$5 for each year? 2026 will be caught up with all residents at \$5.00.
- G. Discussion and action on Zoning Officer Report  
Chars report has been shared out. Complete Power permit issued for lot 61 at Shady Hill. Loren asks about Ed Inman permit? Marlina responds that it is not on the schedule yet. No action.
- H. Discussion and action on Supervisors' evaluation of their sections of roads  
Creek road E of Trailer park by the red house needs a pot hole filled. Some roads have been recently filled. Our new Bradford Road guy is Christen C. Dan asks about Huber road? Dave states they were working on it earlier today but it was not the county so may be a subcontractor. Jill asks about blacktopping on Emerald Grove north of 14? Patches are done and it started at Herb Renners. Work looked good (work order 25-5).

- I. Discussion and action on roadwork, including but not limited to tree trimming, culvert repair and replacement, crack filling, ditching, shouldering, maintenance including replacement of signs and posts, paver repair, pot hole filling  
South O Riley Rd could that be considered for upcoming LRIP? The LRIP application is due at the end of October. Dan Huisheere asks if the ORiley bridge will be in by 2027? Dave responds that the hold up is minnows and snakes and has resulted in a change in the timeline. Loren asks if theres a better chance of the town receiving LRIP if we work with another municipality? Ryan Rudinski responds that a split is more likely to be accepted. Areas with safety concerns and heavy truck traffic or ag traffic. Carvers Rock to BC Townline road is in rough shape. Loren says that Avalon Road is a good one with the grain traffic and I-90 and it is not wide enough for truck traffic. Ryan asks about the stretch of Townhall to Trescher. Class A would be helpful to make the loop. Loren says its been solid semis with chopping. Dave suggests BC Townline road. We need to get Clinton on board and start to widen the roads. 2.5 miles from intersection. Loren asks if it is a reconstruction? Ryan responds that at minimum it would be a recondition and widen a bit. The length of road is 2.5 miles. Dave says he can get Theresa, Clinton Chairperson, to sign on it but we would be the lead. The fee to Battermans for the application would be \$1900. Ryan states Clinton may want to work on west to Northrup after all the additional construction traffic. ARIP program is 90%. LRIP is 70%/30%. Discretionary is 50/50. If Clinton is not on board Tarrant shared with LaPrairie may be an option. Jill asks about Scharine road as an option. Dan says if we are going to apply we need Clinton or LaPrairie to increase our likeness of receiving it. Ryan states that 2 townships could technically apply but they don't have to accept. Dave is going to contact Theresa in Clinton. If they say no, contact LaPrairie. The fee is the same. A motion to have Battermans draw up the LRIP application for \$1900 fee (Dan Huisheere/Loren Bobolz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote. Ryan asks about the start of the ARIP project? Dave responds that in 2027. Ayres engineering had the ORiley Bridge postponed 2 years. Culverts will start last week of September. Culverts are ordered and as they are coming in they are being placed. Dave says BC townline culvert is ordered \$12000 for the culvert and \$2000 for the ends and the township can not get it replaced for that. Dave states there are 2 crews, 1 removes and the other installs. Trescher and Carvers Rock are first on the list. Dairy is done with chopping in Bradford. As soon as work is done in Johnstown Township they will be working in Bradford. 140 is on track to be done around same time. Creek Road to 14 is hard packed. No action.  
Tree trimming and speed limits need to be discussed. When there is no speed limit posted people don't follow the suggested speed. With the curves and narrowness of our roads, 45mph signs is something to consider.
- J. Discussion and action on Town Hall & Building 2 Repair Committee Report  
Cameras have arrived. Dave states he will install them on Friday. Dan is available to help.

- K. Discussion and action on approval of Driveway Permit Applications  
None
- L. Discussion and action on Utility Permit Application  
None
- M. Discussion of 2025 Budget proposal  
Jill asks if we need to have the loan in place for ARIP? Loren says the fire department had no problem getting an operating note, so we shouldn't either. Budget explained to board, Jill and Marlina advise they look it over and bring back suggestions for next month. Jill states estimate to end the year with \$235478.44. Need to consider firetruck, ARIP holding funds, patching and culverts. A motion to table til October (Loren Bobolz/Dan Huisheere). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

#### 6. Citizen Participation

No decisions may be made by the board

#### 7. Announcements and Reports

A. The September Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall

#### B. Rock County Sheriff's Report

Officer Hamilton and Officer Walsh present. Asks for any concerns? Loren states the traffic on Emerald Grove to Larson and Creek is heavy and drivers are going too fast. Maple Lane is a blind curve. Loren states he has seen some vehicles stopped so knows they are patrolling the area. Dave reminds the officers to watch for trucks that are cheating out of the Minkey Road pit and some are crossing the roads with closed culverts. Dave wants to see trucks tagged that are not following the rules.

C. WTA Rock County Unit Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18th at 7:00pm at Harmony Townhall

#### 8. Treasurer's Report

Jill shares treasurer report with the board. A motion to approve the treasures report (Dan Huisheere/Loren Bobolz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

#### 9. Bills for Approval

Marlina shares the bills with the board. The county bill had an error and we are awaiting an updated one to be sent. A motion to approve the September bills (Loren Bobolz/Dan Huisheere) Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote.

#### 10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn (Dan Huisheere/Loren Bobolz). Motion carries by voice vote with no negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm