

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, April 18, 2022.

President Barry Gravitt called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Barry Gravitt, President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Sandy Swartz, Kristin von Maur, Clerk Sheri Kesterke, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: None.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*, PWS Dave Kunde and several audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Jack Davis to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 04, 2022.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 04, 2022, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the Council Workshop held April 13, 2022.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Jack Davis to approve the minutes of the Council Workshop held April 13, 2022, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair President Barry Gravitt

***Chair /President Barry Gravitt** gave a synopsis of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held April 06, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk, seconded by Kristin von Maur, to pay the bills in the amount of \$97,743.89. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent would like approval to invite Marshall McFarland back for summer part time work for the Public Works Department/Shamrock Park.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve bringing Marshall McFarland back for summer part time work for the Public Works Department/Shamrock Park. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Hire Micah McFarland for summer part time work for the Public Works Department/Shamrock Park.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to hire Micah McFarland for summer part time work for the Public Works Department/Shamrock Park. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the agreement with Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency to participate in their Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program as per their regulations.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the agreement with Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency to participate in their Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program as per their regulations. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Sheila Snyder to use the remaining \$176,126.64 from the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to replace lead water lines to resident's homes within the village. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve appointing Council Trustee Zach Fedoruk to the Public Utilities Committee and the Social Media Committee.

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve appointing Council Trustee Zach Fedoruk to the Public Utilities Committee and the Social Media Committee. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

***Chair** Kristin von Maur gave a synopsis of the regular committee meeting held April 06, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

***The Code Enforcement Report** was included in the council packets.

Hometown Heroes.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the Community Coordinator's work on pursuing the Hometown Heroes Banner project. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Cars & Coffee event as requested by Jason Ramtahal.

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the Cars & Coffee event as requested by Jason Ramtahal. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

FIRE – Village President Pro-Tem Jack Davis and Trustee Lonna Johnson are the Village Representatives.

***Future Fire Board Meeting dates in 2022 are:** May 25, July 27, September 28 and November 16, 2022, at 5:00 P.M..

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair Sandy Swartz

***Chair** Sandy Swartz gave a synopsis of the regular committee meeting held Wednesday, April 06, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

***A special committee meeting** was held at 5:45 p.m. today, April 18, 2022.

Approve the quote for the 2023 International HV607 cab and chassis.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the quote for the 2023 International HV607 cab and chassis in the amount of \$97,444.44 to be paid for in the 2022-2023 budget year. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve quote for the Chassis 2023 S/A International HV 607 Plow Truck equipment.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve the quote from Truck and Trailer Specialties for listed equipment for the Chassis 2023 S/A International HV 607 in the amount of \$49,900.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote from Dornbos for sign replacement faces in the amount of \$935.15.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur, seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the quote from Dornbos for sign replacement faces in the amount of \$935.15. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote from Clean Earth to clean the grit channel and lift stations.

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the quote from Clean Earth to clean the grit channel and lift stations at a cost of \$5,964.29 for the Spring cleaning, holding to last fall's price. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Quote for patching on Rosehill.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the quote from Chorba Asphalt to mill and pave the corner of Rosehill and South Harrison in the amount of \$4,335.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Quote for pavement marking from the Berrien County Road Department to paint the center lines throughout the Village.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Jack Davis to approve the quote for pavement marking from the Berrien County Road Department to paint the center lines for Village owned streets in the amount of \$1,886.27. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Quote from Chorba Asphalt to repair water service dig site on Bluffview.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the quote from Chorba Asphalt to repair a dig-site of a water service leak at 8780 West Bluffview in the amount of \$1,265.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Sandy Swartz, Chair

*Chair Sandy Swartz gave a synopsis of the regular committee meeting held Wednesday, April 06, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

*The March Revenue/Expense report was included in the council packets.

Approve the estimate from Keiser Excavating to install a catch basin and drywell cast grate at the Shamrock Park Work Barn.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz, seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the estimate from Keiser Excavating to install a catch basin and drywell cast grate at the Shamrock Park Work Barn in the amount of \$2,500.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote from Rollflex Metas LLC for materials for a carport.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve the quote from Rollflex Metals LLC for materials for a carport in the amount of \$3,841.00 plus shipping \$150.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote from Ziolkowski Construction, Inc. for commercial painting of the northern bathroom exterior at Shamrock Park.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the quote from Ziolkowski Construction, Inc. to power wash, commercial paint, and apply sealant to the northern bathroom exterior CMU Walls at Shamrock Park in the amount of \$8,850.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote from Thayer, Inc. for new outdoor metal trash containers.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the quote from Thayer, Inc. for four 35-gallon outdoor metal trash containers (\$1,062.84 each) for a total cost of \$4,251.36. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD – Sandy Swartz

Nothing new to report.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Sheri Kesterke

*The next Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2022.

RECREATION BOARD – Jack Davis

*A Recreation Authority Meeting was held Wednesday, April 06, 2022.

*Soccer and Little League has begun.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Barry Gravitt is the Village Representative

*Future Police Board Meetings are scheduled for: April 28, July 28, and October 27, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE: Chair Sheila Snyder

*The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Berrien County Historical Association.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair Kelly Ewalt/Sheila Snyder

*Committee member Sheila Snyder gave a synopsis of the regular committee meeting held Wednesday, April 06, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Reminder: A Public Hearing immediately followed by a Special Council Meeting have been scheduled to set the 2022 Village of Berrien Springs Tax Millage on Monday, May 23, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
2. Reminder: A Council Workshop has been scheduled for immediately following the Special Council Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The Workshop has been called for a session on council members understanding the Village's Budget and Finances.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

Audience Comments: None.

ADJOURNMENT

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Sheila Snyder to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Sheri Kesterke MiPMC/MMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President