

## VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, February 07, 2022.

President Jesse Hibler called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: *The Journal Era*.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AGENDA APPROVAL:

**\*Moved** by Barry Gravitt seconded by Sheila Snyder 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 January 17, 2022.**

**\*Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Jack Davis to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 17, 2022, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice was received that the State of MI will hold a pre-hearing on February 09, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. by Video/Teleconferencing RE: MI Gas Utilities request for approval of a gas cost recovery plan and authorization of gas cost recovery factors for the 12-month period April 2022-March 2023.
2. The February *Central County Senior Center* Newsletter was received.

**Audience Comments:** None.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL** – President Jesse Hibler, Chair.

\*The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Pay the bills.**

**\*Moved** by Barry Gravitt seconded by Kristin von Maur to pay the bills in the amount of \$93,235.20. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

#### **Financial Report/Audit for the Village of Berrien Springs Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.**

Per Britni McDole CPA with Plante Moran, the Village received a ‘clean’ audit opinion and they did not have any deficiencies to report to the board.

**\*Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Barry Gravitt to accept the Financial Report/Audit for the Village of Berrien Springs Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**The annual Michigan Department of Treasury Pension Report (as per Public Act 202 of 2017; and 530 of 2016); and the Health Care (OPEB) Report** for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, was received by the council as prepared by Deputy Clerk/Accounting Clerk Rachael Kuzda.

**PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE** – President Jesse Hibler, Chair

\*The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Approve the request from Milt S. Sluder, Commander of the E.J. Stover- A. D. Wagner Post #85 of the American Legion to again hold the Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2022.**

**\*Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the request from Milt S. Sluder, Commander of the E.J. Stover- A. D. Wagner Post #85 of the American Legion to again hold the Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**FIRE** – President Jesse Hibler and Trustee Jack Davis: Village Representatives

\*Future Fire Board Meeting dates in 2022 are: March 23, May 25, July 27, September 28 and November 16, 2022, at 5:00 P.M..

\*A synopsis was given by Jack Davis regarding the Fire Board Meeting held Wednesday, January 26, 2022. The Berrien Springs Oronoko Fire Department Proposed Levy to go to the voters this August: *“Shall the Charter Township of Oronoko be authorized to levy up to forty-four dollars (\$44.00) on each parcel of real property subject to taxation within The Oronoko Charter Township for each of the ten (10) years, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 and 2031 for the purpose of the capital acquisition of one or more fire trucks, including the apparatus to fully equip said trucks, for the Berrien Springs Oronoko Fire Department. This levy, if levied, is estimated to provide revenues for said purpose to The Berrien Springs Oronoko Fire Department of \$147,840 in its first year of 2022.”*

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair Sandy Swartz

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**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE** – Sandy Swartz, Chair

\*The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Sandy Swartz

Nothing to report at this time.

**MEDIC 1** – Clerk Sheri Kesterke

Clerk Sheri Kesterke gave a synopsis of the Medic 1 Board Meeting held January 27, 2022.

\*The council received the MEDIC 1 2022-2023 Budget Highlights.

**Approve the 2022-2023 subsidy increase to MEDIC 1.**

\***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Jack Davis to approve the 2022-2023 subsidy increase from \$11,309.00 to \$11,756.00 annual payment to MEDIC 1. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**RECREATION BOARD** – Jack Davis

\*The GBSRD Board Meeting was held Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the BSMS Computer Lab.

**POLICE COMMITTEE** – President Jesse Hibler

\*The Police Board Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2022, was cancelled.

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

Chair Sheila Snyder announced that Historic District Committee Meetings have been scheduled for February 28, 2022, and March 28, 2022, at the Berrien County History Center Courthouse at 6:00 p.m.

**SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE:** Chair Kelly Ewalt/Update by Committee Member Jesse Hibler

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**ONGOING BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**Audience Comments:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

\***Moved** by Barry Gravitt seconded by Sandy Swartz to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.