

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, January 17, 2022.

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

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

Absent: President Pro-Tem Barry Gravitt.

Also Present: *The Journal Era* and Jason Ramtahal.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

(The January 03, 2022, Council Meeting was cancelled.)

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 20, 2021.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 20, 2021, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

*Notice was received that Governor Gretchen Whitmer will issue the 2022 State of the State address on Wednesday, January 26th in virtual format and broadcast live.

Audience Comments: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – President Jesse Hibler, Chair.

*Village President/Chair Jesse Hibler gave a synopsis of the regular committee meeting held Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. held virtually.

Pay Bills.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Lonna Johnson to pay the bills in the amount of \$233,769.25. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the invoice from the County of Berrien Community Development regarding the Berrien County Water/Sewage Improvements No. 31 USDA Bond.

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve Invoice #57635364/57635366 from County of Berrien Community Development regarding the Berrien County Water/Sewage Improvements No. 31 USDA Bond in the amount of \$6,732.73 for the Village's portion. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Village Clerk Sheri Kesterke's advance notice of retirement.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve Sheri's advance notice of retirement with regret (last day of employment will be January 02, 2023). Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the purchase of a Large Outdoor Message Center for Village Postings.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the Large Outdoor Message Center for Village Postings at the Village Hall in the amount of \$1,263.95. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – President Jesse Hibler, Chair

*Village President/Chair Jesse Hibler gave a synopsis of the regular committee meeting held Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. held virtually.

Approve quote from Abonmarche to survey several village owned properties as stated.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the quote from Abonmarche for a boundary stake survey with location of improvements on village owned parcels as listed in the amount of \$2,400.00. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

2022 Scrap Tire Grant with Van Buren Conservation.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the Village of Berrien Springs to apply for the 2022 Scrap Tire Grant with Van Buren Conservation in which the Village will host a one-day scrap tire drop off at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on June 13, 2022, for residents only, includes Berrien and Oronoko Township. Aye, 6; Nay, 0. Motion carried.

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

*Fire Board Meeting dates in 2022 are: January 26, March 23, May 25, July 27, September 28 and November 16, 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair Sandy Swartz

*Chair Sandy Swartz reported that the regular committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. was cancelled.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Sandy Swartz, Chair

*Chair Sandy Swartz reported that the regular committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. was cancelled.

*The December 2021 Revenue/Expenses Report was received.

LIBRARY BOARD – Sandy Swartz

*Minutes were received from the November 18, 2021, Library Board Meeting.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Sheri Kesterke

The next Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2022.

RECREATION BOARD – Jack Davis

*The next GBSRD Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the BSMS Computer Lab.

POLICE COMMITTEE – President Jesse Hibler

*Police Board Meeting dates in 2022 are January 27, April 28, July 28 and October 27, 2022.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE: Chair Sheila Snyder

Nothing to report at this time.

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

*The regular committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. was cancelled due to COVID.

ONGOING BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

July 4th Pickle Festival and Parade request.

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the Village’s participation in the July 4th Pickle Festival and Parade as per request. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Audience Comments: None.

ADJOURNMENT

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Sandy Swartz to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Sheri Kesterke MiPMC/MMC
Village Clerk

Jesse Hibler
Village President