

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Council Workshop held on Monday, June 13, 2022.
President Barry Gravitt called the council workshop to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: President Barry Gravitt, President Pro-Tem Jack Davis; Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Sandy Swartz, Clerk Sheri Kesterke and “Clerk in Training” Rachael Kuzda.

Absent: Trustee Kristin von Maur.

Also Present: Code Enforcement Officer Shane Daniel and resident Ryan Marschke.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

This Council Workshop was held for Code Enforcement Officer Shane Daniel to explain the process he uses for notifying residents of noncompliant areas.

Code Enforcement Officer Shane Daniel addressed the council. Handouts were provided to the council and served as the outline for the presentation and discussions.

The council was reminded that those with complaints can contact Shane directly. He is willing to work things out and give extensions where needed.

Regarding blight inside fences, the Village Attorney has advised to not force mow or do other clean up inside a fenced area. Regarding violations against fence lines it is difficult to determine who the owner is as not all property fences have used the same setbacks when installing them. Therefore, we don't give violations for these areas.

Officer Daniel uses a body cam for his police job and feels it would also be helpful in his Code Enforcement position so he would have proof that he does not treat the residents the way some portray him.

There are some addresses that receive warnings after warnings throughout the mowing season. Office Daniel would like the council to consider automatic mows for repeat violations.

ADJOURNMENT

*Moved by Shelia Snyder seconded by Jack Davis to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Ayes, 6, Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Sheri Kesterke, MMC/MiPC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President