

# VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 02, 2022.

President Barry Gravitt called the council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: President Barry Gravitt, President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Kristin von Maur, “Clerk in training” Rachael Kuzda and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: Trustee Sandy Swartz.

Also Present: *The Journal Era* and several audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## AGENDA APPROVAL:

**\*Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the agenda with additions under Ongoing Business: Cars and Coffee to change the event date from Saturday, May 28 to Sunday, May 29 and use the parking lot across from Harding’s and under New Business: Place a Portable Toilet at Memorial Park. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

**Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 18, 2022.**

**\*Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 18, 2022, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A pre-hearing will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. through video/teleconferencing regarding Indiana Michigan Power company’s request for a power supply cost recovery reconciliation proceeding for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2021.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS** – None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL** – Chair President Barry Gravitt

**\*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Pay the bills.**

**\*Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Lonna Johnson to pay the bills in the amount of \$86,099.38. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**\*The Quarterly Report of Investments was in the council packets.**

**PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE** – Chair: Kristin von Maur

**\*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

**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

**\*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled from Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

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

**\*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting has been rescheduled from Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., to Wednesday, May 04, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Sandy Swartz

Nothing new to report.

**MEDIC 1** – Clerk Sheri Kesterke

**\*The next Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2022.**

**RECREATION BOARD – Jack Davis.**

\*Girls’ softball and soccer have started.

**POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Barry Gravitt is the Village Representative**

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

\*The Police Committee Meeting for April 28, 2022 was cancelled.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE: Chair Sheila Snyder**

\*Chair Sheila Snyder gave a synopsis of the meeting held April 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair Kelly Ewalt/Sheila Snyder**

\*The next Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 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.

**Cars and Coffee to change the event date from Saturday, May 28 to Sunday, May 29 and use the parking lot across from Harding’s.**

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve Cars and Coffee to change the event date from Saturday, May 28 to Sunday, May 29 and use the village owned parking lot across from Harding’s. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A Council workshop has been scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Code Enforcement Officer Shane Daniel will explain the process he uses for notifying residents of non-compliant areas. This workshop is to give the council a better understanding of this position only.

**Recreation Authority**

\*Discussion held. The cost is \$30,000 from each entity. Council to look over and vote next council meeting.

**Place a Portable Toilet at Memorial Park.**

\*Discussion held. Trustee Zach Fedoruk is getting amounts.

**Audience Comments:**

Bruce Stover stated that he fought fires 3 times in portable toilets.

Jason Ramtahal of 113 E. Madison thanked the council for the opportunity to host the Cars and Coffee.

Joel Bennett of 315 E. Washington has seen police on North Mechanic and Main, people fly through there and cut through from Andrews. President Barry Gravitt stated it is a police issue and that he will contact Chief Paul Toliver to up patrols and take a look at it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

\***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Lonna Johnson to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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Rachael Kuzda MiPMC  
Deputy Clerk/ “Clerk in Training”

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Barry Gravitt  
Village President