

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 06, 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: Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Sandy Swartz, Kristin von Maur, Zach Fedoruk, Village Clerk Sheri Kesterke, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: None.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Zach Fedoruk 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 August 22, 2022.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 22, 2022, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the Council Workshop held August 24, 2022.

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the minutes of the Council Workshop held August 24, 2022, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Audience Comments: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

*The *Central County September 2022* newsletter was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair/Village President Barry Gravitt

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Kristin von Maur to pay the bills in the amount of \$39,061.91. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the draft “Restated/Updated Residential Garbage, Refuse And Recycling Collection Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Berrien Springs and Oronoko Charter Township”.

* **Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the draft “Restated/Updated Residential Garbage, Refuse And Recycling Collection Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Berrien Springs and Oronoko Charter Township”. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve sending the Community Coordinator to the MML Convention in October.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve sending the Community Coordinator to the MML Convention in October as per the Travel and Education Request Form. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Draft Berrien Springs Parks Survey as part of the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve the draft Berrien Springs Parks Survey as part of the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Draft Focus Group Questions: Trails & Nonmotorized Focus Group and Senior Citizens Focus Group.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the draft Focus Group Questions: Trails & Nonmotorized Focus Group and Senior Citizens Focus Group, with the additional two questions added per Kristin von Maur. 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: September 28 and November 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair Sandy Swartz

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE –Sandy Swartz, Chair

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Shamrock Park.

LIBRARY BOARD– Sandy Swartz

*The minutes were received from the July 28, 2022, Library Board Meeting.

*The audit for the Berrien Springs Community Library, Year ended March 31, 2022, was received.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Sheri Kesterke

*Clerk Kesterke gave a synopsis of the Medic 1 Board Meeting held August 25, 2022.

*The Audit for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2022, was received. There were no objections to Clerk Kesterke voting to approve the audit at the September 22, 2022, MEDIC I Board Meeting.

RECREATION BOARD – Jack Davis

Village Representative/President Pro-Tem Jack Davis gave a brief update.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Barry Gravitt is the Village Representative

*The final Police Board Meeting for 2022 is scheduled for October 27, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE: Chair Sheila Snyder

*Chair Sheila Snyder announced that Kelli Reppart has joined the committee.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair Kelly Ewalt/Sheila Snyder & Zach Fedoruk

*The next Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR COMMITTEE: Chair Jack Davis

*He has received an update from Community Coordinator Kelly Ewalt, and will report on it at the next council meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. REMINDER: A Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. for residents to ask any questions regarding the Rental Registration procedure. Fire Chief Myers and Rental Inspector Justin Turner will also be in attendance. To be held in the community room at the Public Safety Building.

NEW BUSINESS

Legion Post 85 would like to host a Halloween Sidewalk Parade on October 31st.

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve American Legion Post #85 request to hold a Halloween Parade on October 31, 2022, as per memo. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Homecoming Decorating Contest. Spreading Shamrock Pride!!

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the Homecoming Decorating Contest. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve a designated computer and BS&A program access to the Rental program as needed and recommended by Fire Chief Myers.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve purchasing a designated computer and BS&A program access to the Rental program as recommended by Fire Chief Myers. Estimated cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 with the rental inspection fees covering the costs as they are received. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Grove Park –

President Pro-Tem Jack Davis asked permission to go forward and obtain quotes for installing a basketball court with hoop(s) and two volleyball poles (no sand) at Grove Park. In addition, obtain what it would cost to install a basketball hoop at the Memorial Park paved parking lot. President Gravitt stated for Jack Davis to go forward with getting prices.

It is official that the 2020 Census shows the Village’s population increased from 1,800 to 1,910! Revenue Sharing has increased slightly accordingly.

Audience Comments: None.

ADJOURNMENT

***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Kristin von Maur to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Sheri Kesterke, MMC/MiPMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President