

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, February 03, 2025. President Sheila Snyder called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Sheila Snyder, President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Kristin von Maur, Mark VandeVere, Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda, and Attorney DeFrancesco. Christopher Perez was seated at the council table after he was sworn in near the beginning of the meeting.

Absent: None.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*, *The Herald Palladium*, Bruce Stover, and Chris Perez.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 20, 2025.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 20, 2025, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* received the February 2025 newsletter.
2. Invitation from Berrien Springs Public Schools to the State of the District address on February 04, 2025, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Sheila Snyder

*President Sheila Snyder gave a synopsis of the Special Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Council Trustee Position.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Lonna Johnson to appoint Christopher Perez to fill the open Council Trustee seat. Roll call vote: Mark VandeVere/Aye; Lonna Johnson/Aye; Jack Davis/Aye; Kristin von Maur/Aye; Zach Fedoruk/Nay; President Sheila Snyder/Aye. Motion carried.

At that time, Mr. Christopher Perez was sworn into the office of Council Trustee by Clerk Rachael Kuzda, who then took his seat at the council table.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Kristin von Maur to pay the bills in the amount of \$92,634.57. 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 Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

FIRE –Village President Pro-Tem Jack Davis and Trustee Lonna Johnson are the Village Representatives.

*The next Fire Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Mark VandeVere

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Council received the Berrien Springs Community Library’s Minutes of the Board Meetings held on November 21, 2024, and December 19, 2024.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*Medic 1 Board Meeting was held on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

*Clerk Rachael Kuzda informed the Council of two upcoming Medic 1 Presentations that the public and public officials are encouraged to attend: one on February 13th at 4:00 p.m. at Oronoko Charter Township Hall and one on February 27 at 4:00 p.m. at the Berrien County Health Department Conference Room.

RECREATION AUTHORITY – Jack Davis

*Trustee Jack Davis gave a synopsis.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Sheila Snyder is the Village Representative

*President Sheila Snyder gave a synopsis of the Police Committee Meeting held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*Nothing new to report.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: FERAL/STRAY CATS: Chair: Lonna Johnson

Approve to appoint Trustee Lonna Johnson to the Ad Hoc Feral/Stray Cats Committee and make her chair of the Committee, replacing President Sheila Snyder.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to appoint Trustee Lonna Johnson to the Ad Hoc Feral/Stray Cats Committee and make her chair of the Committee, replacing President Sheila Snyder.
Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.
Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Sheila Snyder
Village President