

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2023.
President Pro Tem Jack Davis called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Mark Vandevere, Acting Village Clerk Sheri Kesterke, Deputy Clerk/Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Michelle Smith, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: President Barry Gravitt, Trustee Kristin von Maur.

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark Vandevere to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 15, 2023.

***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 15, 2023, as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held May 22, 2023.

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held May 22, 2023 as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held May 22, 2023.

***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held May 22, 2023 as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* June 2023 Newsletter received.
2. Notice from Comcast regarding Broadcast TV (BTV) fee decrease.
3. Notice from the State of Michigan regarding a Pre-Hearing regarding a request from Indiana Michigan Power Company to approve the revised depreciation rates and other related matters. To be held via: Video/Teleconferencing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.
4. Notice from the State of Michigan regarding a Pre-Hearing regarding a request from Indiana Michigan Power Company to approve several Solar Project Renewable Energy Purchase Agreements on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. to be held via: Video/Teleconferencing.

Audience Comments:

Derek Werner of 627 N Main Street addressed the council regarding Code Enforcement citations, Mr. Werner feels that he is being harassed.

Mickey Crenshaw-Curry of 624 N Cass Street also addressed the council regarding Code Enforcement citations. Mr. Crenshaw-Curry also feels that he is being harassed.

The Public Properties & Ordinance committee is in the process of reviewing the Code Enforcement protocol.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – President Barry Gravitt, Chair

*The next Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Mark Vandevere to pay the bills in the amount of \$195,154.12. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Kristin von Maur, Chair

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June, 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve participating in the MI Fire Equipment Grant which is \$10,000 per municipality, the Village will pay their \$10,000 share as billed through the Fire Department invoice and then will be reimbursed through the grant. Roll Call vote: Zach Fedoruk/Aye; Sheila Snyder/Aye; Mark Vandevere/Aye; Lonna Johnson/Aye; President Pro Tem Jack Davis/Aye. Absent: President Barry Gravitt, Trustee Kristin von Maur. Motion carried.

*The next Fire Board Meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair Lonna Johnson

*Chair Lonna Johnson gave a synopsis of the Public Utilities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. The regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, June 14, 2023 may be cancelled.

Approve the emergency purchase of a new pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Enyart Electric Motor Repair in the amount of \$15,360.82.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark Vandevere to approve the emergency purchase of a new pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Enyart Electric Motor Repair in the amount of \$15,360.82. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the increase in cost of the plow truck that was ordered two years ago, a 2024 International HV607 was delivered with a cost difference of \$6,045.55 from the original quote of a 2023 plow truck.

***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the increase in cost of the plow truck that was ordered two years ago, a 2024 International HV607 was delivered with a cost difference of \$6,045.55 from the original quote of a 2023 plow truck. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote from Watson's Tree Service in the amount of \$5,800.00.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the quote from Watson's Tree Service in the amount of \$5,800.00. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Shamrock Park.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Nothing new to report.

MEDIC 1 – (Clerk Rachael Kuzda is on maternity leave.)

*The next Medic 1 Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023.

RECREATION BOARD – Jack Davis

*Softball and Baseball tournaments are going on.

*Sign-up for Rocket Football will be starting soon.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Barry Gravitt is the Village Representative

*The next Police Board Meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT 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 June 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: FERAL/STRAY CATS: Chair Sheila Snyder

*Stray cats and kittens are being captured, tested, spayed, or neutered and released.

ONGOING BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reminder: The July Council Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month due to the holiday, (July 10th and 24th); with Council Committee Meetings being held July 19, 2023.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0.
Motion carried.

Michelle Smith
Deputy Clerk

Jack Davis
President Pro Tem