

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, March 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, Christopher Perez, Kristin von Maur, Mark VandeVere, Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: None.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*, Bruce Stover, and Teri Jenks.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson 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 on February 17, 2025.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 17, 2025, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* March 2025 newsletter received.
2. Received Comcast Programming Advisory regarding changes to Xfinity TV services, 2 channels currently carried on the Xfinity lineup are ceasing operations and will no longer be available to viewers.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Sheila Snyder

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

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to pay the bills for \$80,837.62. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve amendments to Village of Berrien Springs Sick Leave Policy/Michigan's Earned Sick Time Act due to changes in the law.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve amendments to Village of Berrien Springs Sick Leave Policy/Michigan's Earned Sick Time Act due to changes in the law. 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, March 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, March 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

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

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Council received the minutes of the Berrien Springs Community Library Board Meeting held on January 23, 2025.

*The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2025, with a Budget Hearing at 12:45 p.m. followed by the board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*Clerk Rachael Kuzda gave a synopsis of the Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

*Council received a copy of the Medic 1 Board January 23, 2025, meeting minutes.

*Council received the invitation flyer for upcoming Medic 1 workshops on operational changes and potential merger.

Approve Resolution Adopting The Restated Articles Of Incorporation Of Community Emergency Service.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Jack Davis to approve Resolution Adopting The Restated Articles Of Incorporation Of Community Emergency Service. Roll call vote: Kristin von Maur/Aye; Lonna Johnson/Aye; Jack Davis/Aye; Mark VandeVere/Aye; Christopher Perez/Aye; Zach Fedoruk/Aye; President Sheila Snyder/Aye. Motion carried.

RECREATION AUTHORITY – Jack Davis

*Trustee Jack Davis gave an update on the Recreation Authority.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Sheila Snyder is the Village Representative

*The next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*We have received a draft report from the consultants. We are waiting on a map and then the committee will review it.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

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

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

*Chair Lonna Johnson reported Gretchen Brown has caught about 80 cats since the beginning of February. We need to order a few more cages, which are within the budget for this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*Teri Jenks asked the Council what we do with the stray cats. Trustee Lonna Johnson responded that we are doing a TNR program, where the cats are trapped, neutered, and released back to where they were trapped. Some have been rehomed instead of being returned to where they were found.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.
Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Sheila Snyder
Village President