

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, August 05, 2024. President Barry Gravitt called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Barry Gravitt, Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Mark VandeVere, Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: Trustee Kristin von Maur.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*, *The Herald Palladium*, Bruce Stover, and Albert Mais.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Lonna Johnson 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 July 22, 2024.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 22, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Comcast Programming Advisory regarding changes to Xfinity TV services received.
2. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation requests Michigan Public Service's approval for a gas cost recovery reconciliation proceeding for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2024. To be held Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Jonathan F. Thoits by video/teleconferencing.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Albert Mais introduced himself to the Council, he is running for 5th District Court Judge in the November Election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Barry Gravitt

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (before the regular Council Meeting)

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Jack Davis to pay the bills in the amount of \$58,628.86. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2024, immediately following the regular Council Meeting.

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

*Council received the minutes of the Regular Fire Board Meeting held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Lonna Johnson

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 07, 2024, immediately following the Shamrock Park Committee Meeting.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 07, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Council received a copy of the Berrien Springs Community Library Minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 27, 2024.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*Clean audit for Medic 1 Fiscal Year February 28, 2023 – February 29, 2024.

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2024.

RECREATION AUTHORITY – Jack Davis

*Jack Davis gave an update on the Recreation Authority.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Barry Gravitt is the Village Representative

*The Police Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*A kickoff meeting will be scheduled soon with Preservation Forward LLC and Athena Research Consultants LLC.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

*Chair Sheila Snyder reported the cats are under control in her area of the Village, Council member Lonna Johnson will reach out to Gretchen Brown regarding cats she has seen in other areas of the Village.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve the request from the Community Coordinator to attend the MFAE Annual Conference on October 31, 2024, to November 02, 2024, in the amount of \$1,140.46.

*Moved by Jack Davis seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the request from the Community Coordinator to attend the MFAE Annual Conference on October 31, 2024, to November 02, 2024, in the amount of \$1,140.46. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

*Moved by Sheila Snyder seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President