

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 06, 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, Kristin von Maur, Mark VandeVere, Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: None.

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the agenda with addition under Finance and Personnel: Part-Time Seasonal Shamrock Park worker Zeb Bodtke's hourly wage. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 15, 2024.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 15, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the Council Workshop held on April 23, 2024.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the minutes of the Council Workshop held on April 23, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 23, 2024.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 23, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Indiana Michigan Power Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission for approval for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-21261) for the twelve months ending December 31, 2023. To be held Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Lesley C. Fairrow by video/teleconferencing.
2. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation requests Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of the reconciliation of its Energy Waste Reduction costs and revenues for the period ended December 31, 2023. To be held Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Jonathan F. Thoits by video/teleconferencing.
3. *Central County Senior Center* May 2024 newsletter received.
4. Invitation for local officials to the Region IV Area Agency on Aging's 26th Annual Senior Expo on Friday, May 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College.
5. Comcast Programming Advisory regarding channel changes.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Barry Gravitt

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to pay the bills in the amount of \$130,334.66. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Part-Time Seasonal Shamrock Park worker Zeb Bodtke's hourly wage.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Jack Davis to approve Part-Time Seasonal Shamrock Park worker Zeb Bodtke's hourly wage at \$13.50 per hour. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*Chair Kristin von Maur gave a synopsis of the Special Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 01, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 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, May 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Lonna Johnson

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The Shamrock Park Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. has been canceled.

Ice.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve Lakeshore Ice as the ice provider for Shamrock Park. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Council received the Berrien Springs Community Library Board Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2024, and March 28, 2024.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*The Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting was held on Thursday, April 25, 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 next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*The Historic District Study Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 08, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. has been canceled.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

*Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approve the draft resolution “Village Of Berrien Springs Amended Resolution To Appoint And Revise The Names Of Those Individuals Serving On The Historic District Study Committee To Conduct A Study Of Those Areas Shown On The Attached Zoning Map And To Determine The Historic Significance Of The Buildings Within Those Areas.”

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the draft resolution “Village Of Berrien Springs Amended Resolution To Appoint And Revise The Names Of Those Individuals Serving On The Historic District Study Committee To Conduct A Study Of Those Areas Shown On The Attached Zoning Map And To Determine The Historic Significance Of The Buildings Within Those Areas.” Roll call vote: Mark VandeVere/Aye; Kristin von Maur/Aye; Sheila Snyder/Aye; Lonna Johnson/Aye; Zach Fedoruk/Aye; Jack Davis/Aye; President Barry Gravitt/Aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Berrien County Foster Adoption Network Resource Fair to be located at Grove Park again this year, with permission to erect four tents.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve Berrien County Foster Adoption Network Resource Fair to be located at Grove Park again this year, with permission to erect four tents. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President