

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 20, 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 several audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Jack Davis 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 May 06, 2024.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 06, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*Shelly Weich, Berrien County Treasurer, came to introduce herself to the Council and she is running for re-election on the August 6th ballot.

*George McManus introduced himself to the Council and he is running for Drain Commissioner on the August 6th ballot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Barry Gravitt

*President Barry Gravitt gave a synopsis of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to pay the bills in the amount of \$68,016.20. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*Chair Kristin von Maur gave a synopsis of the Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on 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

*Chair Lonna Johnson gave a synopsis of the Public Utilities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Approve the proposal for preliminary engineering on North Mechanic from Wightman at a cost of \$11,400.00.

*Moved by Mark VandeVere seconded by Jack Davis to approve the proposal for preliminary engineering on North Mechanic from Wightman at a cost of \$11,400.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote for road painting from Berrien County Road Department to paint the road lines for an estimated cost of \$1,800.00.

*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve the quote for road painting from Berrien County Road Department to paint the road lines for an estimated cost of \$1,800.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Watson's Tree Service to remove 1 large dead hard maple tree and stump at 601 North Mechanic for a total cost of \$4,500.00.

*Moved by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve Watson's Tree Service to remove 1 large dead hard maple tree and stump at 601 North Mechanic for a total cost of \$4,500.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote from Dig-it Excavating to replace the media in the Bio filter, with the possibility of the stone base needing replaced, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the quote from Dig-it Excavating to replace the media in the Bio filter, with the possibility of the stone base needing replaced, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote from Tri State Air to replace the SBR-1 blower at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$10,528.00.

*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve the quote from Tri State Air to replace the SBR-1 blower at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$10,528.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the quote from Enyart for a not to exceed price of \$8,065.40 to rebuild the equalization tank blower motor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

*Moved by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the quote from Enyart for a not to exceed price of \$8,065.40 to rebuild the equalization tank blower motor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

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

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Nothing new to report.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 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

*Nothing new to report.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*Chair Sheila Snyder gave a synopsis of the Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

*Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reminder: The Village Hall will be closed Monday May 27, 2024, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

*A Public Hearing followed by a Special Council Meeting was set for Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.
Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President