

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, October 07, 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 (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), 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 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 September 16, 2024.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Jack Davis to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 16, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* October 2024 newsletter received.
2. Comcast Program Advisory received regarding changes to the channel lineup on Xfinity TV services.
3. Received meeting invitation from FEMA to review the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Berrien County on Tuesday, October 10, 2024, by Zoom from 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Trustee Sheila Snyder arrived at the Council Meeting at this time.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Barry Gravitt

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Mark VandeVere to pay the bills in the amount of \$164,749.39. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Berrien County Water/Sewage Improvements No. 29 Invoice for interest due in the amount of \$14,045.25.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve Berrien County Water/Sewage Improvements No. 29 Invoice for interest due in the amount of \$14,045.25. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve paying Treasurer Barbara Clem for the collection of the 2024 Village Property Taxes.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Shelia Snyder to approve paying Treasurer Barbara Clem for the collection of the 2024 Village Property Taxes in the amount of \$12,889.91. 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, October 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Lonna Johnson

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Nothing new to report.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 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 final Police Committee Meeting for 2024 is scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*Synopsis of the Historic District Study Committee meeting held on Friday, September 20, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Approve reworking the Historic District Map for the district to be from Bluff Street to Harrison Street, and Pitt Street to Mars Street and to mark the outlier buildings for landmark status.

*A resolution will be presented to the Council to approve regarding the new Historic District Map once a draft of the reworked map is available.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

*Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

115 E. Pitt Street.

*Discussion held. It was the consensus of the Council to put any unpaid demolition costs of 115 E. Pitt on the winter taxes and do our own lien.

NEW BUSINESS:

*The Auditors are scheduled to do the Village of Berrien Springs audit the weeks of October 14th and 21st, 2024.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.
Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President