

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2024.
President Pro-Tem Jack Davis called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: President Barry Gravitt and Trustee Kristin von Maur

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was previously stated at the beginning of the Public Hearing held before this meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 03, 2024.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 03, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 11, 2024.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 11, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Comcast Programming Advisory received regarding changes to Xfinity TV services.
2. Notice to Berrien County Municipalities from the Berrien County Parks Department: Applications are being accepted for all appointments to the new Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee. This committee will help the tri-county area (Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren) create and implement a comprehensive and sustainable materials management system for waste in the region. Members of this Committee include an elected official of a Township and an elected official of a city or village in the planning area.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Barry Gravitt

***Council** received the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to pay the bills in the amount of \$201,085.39. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the Draft 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year Amended Budget.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the Draft 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year Amended Budget. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the Draft Budget for the Fiscal Year July 01, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the Draft Budget for the Fiscal Year July 01, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve reappointing Board of Ethics Committee member Sheila Snyder, whose current term expires 06/30/2024, to a new 3-year term expiring 06/30/2027.

*Moved by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve reappointing Board of Ethics Committee member Sheila Snyder, whose current term expires 06/30/2024, to a new 3-year term expiring 06/30/2027. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the invoice from Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool for the Village's Renewal Insurance Premium in the amount of \$42,394.00.

*Moved by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the invoice from Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool for the Village's Renewal Insurance Premium in the amount of \$42,394.00. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*Committee Member Sheila Synder gave a synopsis of the Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Approve the American Legion Post 85 request to hold their annual street dance on July 27, 2024, from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., which includes closing one lane of the 100 block of North Bluff Street.

*Moved by Lonna Johnson seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the American Legion Post 85 request to hold their annual street dance on July 27, 2024, from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., which includes closing one lane of the 100 block of North Bluff Street. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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

*The next Fire Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Lonna Johnson

*Committee Member Zach Fedoruk gave a synopsis of the Public Utilities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*Chair Jack Davis gave a synopsis of the Shamrock Park Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

*Council received the Revenue/Expense Report for April 2024.

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Approve purchase of new shower fixtures and valves for the old bathrooms at Shamrock Park from R.W. LaPine for \$2,917.00.

*Moved by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve purchase of new shower fixtures and valves for the old bathrooms at Shamrock Park from R.W. LaPine for \$2,917.00. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve purchase of new plugs for the Wi-Fi filters from Beaudoin Electrical Construction for a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

*Moved by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve purchase of new plugs for the Wi-Fi filters from Beaudoin Electrical Construction for a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Council received a copy of the Berrien Springs Community Library Minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 25, 2024.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 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

*We are working diligently on getting additional quotes.

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, June 12, 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 Thursday, July 4, 2024, in honor of Independence Day.
2. Reminder: The July Council Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month due to the holiday, (July 08th and 22nd); with Council Committee Meetings being held July 17th.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

*Moved by Mark VandeVere seconded by Lonna Johnson to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0.
Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Jack Davis
Village President Pro-Tem