**VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2023.

President Pro Tem Jack Davis called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Mark Vandevere, Acting Village Clerk Sheri Kesterke, Deputy Clerk/Payroll/Utility Billing Clerk Michelle Smith, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: President Barry Gravitt, Trustee Kristin von Maur.

Also Present: *The Journal Era* and several audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark Vandevere 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 May 15, 2023.**

\***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Regular Council

Meeting held May 15, 2023, as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held May 22, 2023.**

**\*Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held

May 22, 2023 as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held May 22, 2023.**

**\*Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the minutes of the Special Council

Meeting held May 22, 2023 as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. *Central County Senior Center* June 2023 Newsletter received.

2. Notice from Comcast regarding Broadcast TV (BTV) fee decrease.

3. Notice from the State of Michigan regarding a Pre-Hearing regarding a request from Indiana

Michigan Power Company to approve the revised depreciation rates and other related matters. To be

held via: Video/Teleconferencing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

4. Notice from the State of Michigan regarding a Pre-Hearing regarding a request from Indiana

Michigan Power Company to approve several Solar Project Renewable Energy Purchase

Agreements on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. to be held via: Video/Teleconferencing.

**Audience Comments:**

Derek Werner of 627 N Main Street addressed the council regarding Code Enforcement citations, Mr. Werner feels that he is being harassed.

Mickey Crenshaw-Curry of 624 N Cass Street also addressed the council regarding Code Enforcement citations. Mr. Crenshaw-Curry also feels that he is being harassed.

The Public Properties & Ordinance committee is in the process of reviewing the Code Enforcement protocol.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL** – President Barry Gravitt, Chair  
\*The next Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at

6:30 p.m.

**Pay the bills.**

**\*Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Mark Vandevere to pay the bills in the amount of $195,154.12.

Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE** – Kristin von Maur, Chair

\*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June, 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

**\*Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve participating in the MI Fire

Equipment Grant which is $10,000 per municipality, the Village will pay their $10,000 share as billed

through the Fire Department invoice and then will be reimbursed through the grant. Roll Call vote:

Zach Fedoruk/Aye; Sheila Snyder/Aye; Mark Vandevere/Aye; Lonna Johnson/Aye; President Pro Tem

Jack Davis/Aye. Absent: President Barry Gravitt, Trustee Kristin von Maur. Motion carried.

\*The next Fire Board Meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2023, 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 31, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. The regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, June 14, 2023 may be

cancelled.

**Approve the emergency purchase of a new pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from**

**Enyart Electric Motor Repair in the amount of $15,360.82.**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark Vandevere to approve the emergency purchase of a new

pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Enyart Electric Motor Repair in the amount of

$15,360.82. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the increase in cost of the plow truck that was ordered two years ago, a 2024**

**International HV607 was delivered with a cost difference of $6,045.55 from the original quote of**

**a 2023 plow truck.**

**\*Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the increase in cost of the plow

truck that was ordered two years ago, a 2024 International HV607 was delivered with a cost difference

of $6,045.55 from the original quote of a 2023 plow truck. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the quote from Watson’s Tree Service in the amount of $5,800.00.**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the quote from Watson’s Tree

Service in the amount of $5,800.00. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE –** Chair Jack Davis

\*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

at Shamrock Park.

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Lonna Johnson

\*Nothing new to report.

**MEDIC 1 – (**Clerk Rachael Kuzda is on maternity leave.)

\*The next Medic 1 Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023.

**RECREATION BOARD –** Jack Davis

\*Softball and Baseball tournaments are going on.

\*Sign-up for Rocket Football will be starting soon.

**POLICE COMMITTEE** – Village President Barry Gravitt is the Village Representative

\*The next Police Board Meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE:** Chair Sheila Snyder   
\*Nothing new to report.

**COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE**: Chair Sheila Snyder   
\*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

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

\*Stray cats and kittens are being captured, tested, spayed, or neutered and released.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Reminder: The July Council Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month due to the

holiday, (July 10th and 24th); with Council Committee Meetings being held July 19, 2023.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**:

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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Michelle Smith Jack Davis

Deputy Clerk President Pro Tem