**VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, October 24, 2022.

President Barry Gravitt called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Barry Gravitt, President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Sandy Swartz, Kristin von Maur, Village Clerk Sheri Kesterke, Deputy Clerk/Clerk in Training Rachael Kuzda and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: None.

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Sandy Swartz 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 October 03, 2022.**

\***Moved** by Sandy Swartz seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the minutes of the Regular  
 Council Meeting held October 03, 2022, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. *Central County Senior Center* October 2022 Newsletter received.

**Audience Comments:**None.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL** – President Barry Gravitt, Chair  
\*Chair President Barry Gravitt gave a synopsis of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

**Pay the bills.**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to pay the bills in the amount of

$158,656.86. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve Berrien County Water/Sewage Improvements No. 29 Invoice #57615362 for interest due in the amount of $17,339.25.**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve Berrien County Water/Sewage

Improvements No. 29 Invoice #57615362 for interest due in the amount of $17,339.25.Ayes, 7;

Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve paying the Rental Inspector $35.00 per inspection hour.**

**\*Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve paying the Rental Inspector

$35.00 per inspection hour. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve drug testing but disregard THC as part of thepre-employment requirements for part-time employees only.**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve drug testing but disregard

THC as part of the pre-employment requirements for part-time employees only. Ayes, 7; Nays,

0. Motion carried.

**Approve installing stop signs at various intersections.**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve installing stop signs at

various intersections. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve quote from Dornbos Sign Inc. for stop signs in the amount of $2,157.20.**

**\*Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the quote from Dornbos Sign

Inc. for stop signs in the amount of $2,157.20. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve ordering two computers and two monitors for the new lobby counter in an amount not to exceed $2,000.00.**

**\*Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve ordering two computers and

two monitors for the new lobby counter in an amount not to exceed $2,000.00. Ayes, 7; Nays,

0. Motion carried.

**Approve the request from Deputy Clerk/Clerk in Training Rachael Kuzda to attend the MAMC Master’s Academy on November 29, 2022 to December 01, 2022 in the amount of $1,028.92.**

**\*Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the request from Deputy

Clerk/Clerk in Training Rachael Kuzda to attend the MAMC Master’s Academy on November

29, 2022 to December 01, 2022 in the amount of $1,028.92. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the Annual Holiday Compensation for employees based on $20.00 per year worked.**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the Annual Holiday

Compensation for employees based on $20.00 per year worked. 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, October 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

\*Council received a copy of the Code Enforcement Report dated 10/12/2022.

\*Council received a copy of the Community Engagement Report received as part of the Parks

and Recreation 5 Year Plan.

**FIRE** –Village President Pro-Tem Jack Davis and Trustee Lonna Johnson are the Village Representatives.  
\*The next Fire Board Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

\*Village President Pro-Tem Jack Davis gave a synopsis of the Fire Board Meeting held on

October 19, 2022.   
  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair Sandy Swartz

\*The Public Utilities Committee Meeting scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. was

cancelled.

**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE –**Sandy Swartz, Chair  
\*Chair Sandy Swartz gave a synopsis of the Shamrock Park Committee Meeting held Tuesday,

October 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

\*Council received the September 2022 Revenue/Expense Report.

**LIBRARY BOARD**– Sandy Swartz  
Nothing to report.

**MEDIC 1 –** Clerk Sheri Kesterke

\*The next Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2022.

**RECREATION BOARD –** Jack Davis  
\*There have been improvements in all current sports.

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

\*The final Police Board Meeting for 2022 is scheduled for October 27, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE:** Chair Sheila Snyder  
\*The Berrien County Historical Society has a copy of the proposed property list and is working

on filling in more details.

**SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE**: Chair Kelly Ewalt/Sheila Snyder & Zach Fedoruk  
\*The Social Media Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

was cancelled.

**COMMUNITY COORDINATOR COMMITTEE:** Chair Jack Davis

\*Chair Jack Davis gave a synopsis of the Community Coordinator Committee Meeting held on

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

**Approve the Shamrock Spruce-Up event scheduled for November 13, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the Shamrock Spruce-Up

event scheduled for November 13, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion

carried.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

None.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

\*Mark Vandevere of 617 N. Main Street: stated that the residents that live here will be less upset

over stop signs than those that just drive by too fast.

**ADJOURNMENT**:

**\*Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Ayes, 7;  
 Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC Barry Gravitt  
Deputy Clerk/Clerk in Training Village President