

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, March 06, 2023.
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, Kristin von Maur, Mark Vandevere, Village Clerk 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 Mark Vandevere to approve the agenda with addition under Finance & Personnel: 1) To pay the Treasurer for collection of 2022 delinquent taxes and 2) Approve the request from Stan Banish to attend the Michigan Rural Water Association S3 and S4 Review on April 25, 2023, to April 26, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$700.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 20, 2023.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 20, 2023, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice from Comcast regarding a Programming Advisory to inform customers about channel changes to Xfinity TV services.
2. Notice from Comcast regarding a Programming Advisory to inform customers effective March 31, 2023, Band International will cease operations.
3. *Central County Senior Center* March 2023 Newsletter received.

Audience Comments: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair President Barry Gravitt

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. is rescheduled to Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

*Chair President Barry Gravitt gave a synopsis of the Special Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held Friday, February 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Lonna Johnson to pay the bills in the amount of \$110,641.88. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve hiring Lori Wesaw to the position of Public Works part-time help, primarily at Shamrock Park starting at \$12.00 an hour; pending the results of the required pre-employment physical which includes drug testing.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve hiring Lori Wesaw to the position of Public Works part-time help, primarily at Shamrock Park starting at \$12.00 an hour; pending the results of the required pre-employment physical which includes drug testing. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Fleis & Vandenbrink Invoice #64963 in the amount of \$5,407.81 for Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Plan. This is part of the Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Grant that was awarded to the Village in the amount of \$215,000 as a 100% Grant (approved at the Council Meeting on July 19, 2021).

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve Fleis & Vandenbrink Invoice #64963 in the amount of \$5,407.81 for Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Plan. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the USDA RD Water & Sewer Infrastructure Improvements Bond Interest due in the total amount of \$22,144.30.

*Moved by Mark Vandevere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the USDA RD Water & Sewer Infrastructure Improvements Bond Interest due in the total amount of \$22,144.30. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve payment to the Treasurer for collection of 2022 delinquent taxes. Council received a copy of the Treasurers Report September 15, 2022 – February 28, 2023.

*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve payment to the Treasurer for collection of 2022 delinquent taxes. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the request from Stan Banish to attend the Michigan Rural Water Association S3 and S4 Review on April 25, 2023, to April 26, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$700.00.

*Moved by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the request from Stan Banish to attend the Michigan Rural Water Association S3 and S4 Review on April 25, 2023, to April 26, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$700.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair Kristin von Maur

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. is rescheduled to Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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 March 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair Lonna Johnson

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Council received the Berrien Springs Community Library Board Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2023.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*Clerk Rachael Kuzda gave a synopsis of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

*The council received the MEDIC 1 2023-2024 Adopted Budget Memo.

Approve the 2023-2024 subsidy increase from \$11,756.00 to \$13,102.60 annual payment to MEDIC 1.

*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the 2023-2024 subsidy increase from \$11,756.00 to \$13,102.60 annual payment to MEDIC 1. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

RECREATION BOARD – Jack Davis

*Jack Davis reported to the Council a rundown of the total program numbers for 2022-2023.

Invoice #5490 from the Greater Berrien Springs Recreation Department for the 2023 contribution in the amount of \$10,000.00.

*Moved by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve Invoice #5490 from the Greater Berrien Springs Recreation Department for the 2023 contribution in the amount of \$10,000.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Barry Gravitt is the Village Representative

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

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE: Chair Sheila Snyder

*Chair Sheila Snyder reported the Committee is still working on the report.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. is rescheduled to Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Scheduling Council Workshop regarding Code Enforcement.

*A Council Workshop regarding Code Enforcement has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

611 North Mechanic update.

*Discussion held, will reach out to Realtor Howard McLauchlin regarding listing property for sale.

***The Regular Council Meeting has been rescheduled** from Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. due to Spring Break.

Audience Comments:

Jon Hinkelman, the Berrien County Commissioner for District 2 introduced himself to the council and distributed to the Council his business card.

Jason Ramtahal informed the Council he has submitted the dates for Cars and Coffee. His request will go before the Public Properties and Ordinance Committee and then Council for approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President