

## VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, March 04, 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, 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 Sheila Snyder seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the agenda with an addition under Finance & Personnel to pay the Treasurer for the collection of 2023 delinquent taxes. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

**Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 19, 2024.**

\***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Jack Davis to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 19, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* March 2024 newsletter received.

**Audience Comments:** None.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL** – President Barry Gravitt, Chair

\*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

\*Council received the Treasurer's Report for the collection of delinquent property taxes from September 15, 2023, to February 29, 2024.

### Pay the bills.

\***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Mark VandeVere to pay the bills in the amount of \$98,454.24. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

### Approve payment to the Treasurer for collection of 2023 delinquent taxes.

\***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve payment to the Treasurer for the collection of 2023 delinquent taxes. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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

\*Chair Kristin von Maur gave a synopsis of the Special Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

\*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

**Approve not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 towards the demolition and asbestos removal of 115 E. Pitt Street based on Ryan Keough's recommendations.**

\*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 towards the demolition and asbestos removal of 115 E. Pitt Street based on Ryan Keough's recommendations. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the request from the American Legion to hold the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

\*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve the request from the American Legion to hold the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the request from the Community Coordinator to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade per memo.**

\*Moved by Lonna Johnson seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the request from the Community Coordinator to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade per memo. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the adjusted "Village of Berrien Springs Situation Form" and the "Village of Berrien Springs Code Enforcement Process" document.**

\*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the adjusted "Village of Berrien Springs Situation Form" and the "Village of Berrien Springs Code Enforcement Process" document. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Set Public Hearing for Applying for a Trust Fund Grant for a new Wolf's Prairie Playground.**

\*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to set the Public Hearing for Applying for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant, through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, for a new Wolf's Prairie Playground to be held on March 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Regular Council Meeting. Ayes, 7; 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, March 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair Lonna Johnson

\*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE** – Chair Jack Davis

\*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Lonna Johnson

\*Nothing new to report.

**MEDIC 1** – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

\*Clerk Rachael Kuzda gave a synopsis of the Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

**RECREATION AUTHORITY** – Jack Davis

\*Representative Jack Davis gave a synopsis of the Recreation Authority meeting held today at 4:00 p.m.

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

\*The next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE:** Chair Sheila Snyder

\*The Historic District Committee will be meeting soon to review the information that has been gathered by the Community Coordinator.

**COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE:** Chair Sheila Snyder

\*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

\*Nothing new to report.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve the ‘Shamrock Spring Spruce-Up’ event for April 07, 2024, starting at 11:00 a.m.**

\***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the ‘Shamrock Spring Spruce-Up’ event for April 07, 2024, starting at 11:00 a.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

\***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC  
Village Clerk

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Barry Gravitt  
Village President