

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, December 02, 2024.
President Sheila Snyder called the council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Village President Sheila Snyder; Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Kristin von Maur, Deputy Clerk Michelle Smith, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: President Pro-Tem, Jack Davis; Trustee: Mark VandeVere.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*, Bruce Stover, and Village Resident Chris Perez.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the agenda with Village President correction to Sheila Snyder. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 18, 2024.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 18, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Received notice from Comcast regarding Legal Entity Adjustment.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*Village resident Chris Perez introduced himself and shared that he wants to see how the Village Council operates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: Village President Sheila Snyder

*The next Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to pay the bill in the amount of \$62,633.60. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Committee Appointments:

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the annual appointment of President Pro-Tem, Jack Davis by Village President Sheila Snyder. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve committee appointments by Village President Sheila Snyder. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Zach Fedoruk to appoint Mark VandeVere Chair of Public Utilities Committee. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Zach Fedoruk to appoint President Sheila Snyder as Chair of Finance and Personnel Committee and to appoint Council Trustee Zach Fedoruk to the Finance and Personnel Committee. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to appoint Village President, Sheila Snyder as the Village Representative to the BSOT Police Committee. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to appoint Kristin von Maur to complete a 3 Year Term ending December 31, 2027, on the Joint Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to appoint Mark VandeVere to the Board of Ethics with a term ending June 30, 2025. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve to remove previous Village President, Barry Gravitt, from the Village's banking accounts at United Federal Credit Union and Honor Credit Union and adding the new Village President Sheila Snyder to the signature cards. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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

*Lonna Johnson gave a synopsis of the Fire Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Lonna Johnson

*The next Public Utilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Nothing new to report.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2024.

RECREATION AUTHORITY – Jack Davis

*Jack Davis absent.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Sheila Snyder will now be the Village Representative.

*Nothing new to report.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE – Chair: Sheila Snyder

*Sheila Snyder reported that the consultants have taken the necessary photos and are continuing research.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE – Chair: Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. has been cancelled.

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

*Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*None.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Join the fun – The Annual *Kindle Your Christmas Spirit Festival in Downtown Berrien Springs* is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*None.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Ayes, 4; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Michelle Smith
Deputy Clerk

Sheila Snyder
Village President

