

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, January 08, 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* and Naomi Reese.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Mark Vandevere 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 on December 19, 2023.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 19, 2023, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* January 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, January 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Jack Davis to pay the bills in the amount of \$145,087.35. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Kristin von Maur, Chair

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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

*The 2024 Fire Board Meeting dates are the following Wednesday's at 5:00 p.m.: January 24, March 27, May 22, July 24, September 25, and November 20 (at 4:00 p.m. due to Thanksgiving).

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair Lonna Johnson

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 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, January 25, 2024.

RECREATION AUTHORITY – Jack Davis

*Council received the Greater Berrien Springs Recreation Authority Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2023.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Barry Gravitt is the Village Representative

*The 2024 Police board Meeting dates are the following Thursday's at 3:30 p.m.: January 25, April 25, July 25 and October 31.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE: Chair Sheila Snyder

*Continuing to work on report with the Community Coordinator, will get an update.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

*Chair Sheila Snyder gave a synopsis of the Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. before the Council Meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The annual Michigan Department of Treasury Pension Report (as per Public Act 202 of 2017; and 530 of 2016); and the Health Care (OPEB) Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, was received by the council as prepared by Accounting Clerk Cami Bacon.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Naomi Reese of 304 S. Harrison addressed the council with concerns of the kids walking to school in the dark and that there is no streetlight on her block of S. Harrison. The Public Utilities Committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Kristin von Maur to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President