

## VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, July 10, 2023. President Pro Tem Jack Davis called the council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: President Barry Gravitt, President Pro-Tem Jack Davis; Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Mark Vandever, Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: Trustee Kristin von Maur.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was previously stated at the beginning of the Public Hearing directly before this meeting.

### AGENDA APPROVAL:

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark Vandever to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

**Approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 19, 2023.**

\***Moved** by Mark Vandever seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 19, 2023, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 19, 2023.**

\***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Mark Vandever to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 19, 2023, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* July 2023 Newsletter received.

**Audience Comments:** None.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

\*The next Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**Pay the bills.**

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Sheila Snyder to pay the bills in the amount of \$94,555.54. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve Invoice 57635364/57635366 for payment of the Berrien County Water /Sewage Improvements No. 31 Bond, the Village's share is \$15,017.58.**

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark Vandever to approve Invoice 57635364/57635366 for payment of the Berrien County Water /Sewage Improvements No. 31 Bond, the Village's share is \$15,017.58. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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

\*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

**Approve “An Ordinance to Add A New Subsection H Under Appendix B Entitled “Zoning”, Article XI Of The Village Code Entitled “C-2 Central Business District” Section 11.03 Entitled “Uses Permitted By Special Use Permit”.**

**\*Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Mark Vandevere to approve “An Ordinance to Add A New Subsection H Under Appendix B Entitled “Zoning”, Article XI Of The Village Code Entitled “C-2 Central Business District” Section 11.03 Entitled “Uses Permitted By Special Use Permit”. Roll call vote: Lonna Johnson/Aye; Jack Davis/Aye; Mark Vandevere/Aye; Sheila Snyder/Aye; Zach Fedoruk/Aye; President Barry Gravitt/Aye. Absent: Kristin von Maur. Motion carried.

**In addition, the Council is considering “An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 248 Under Chapter 10, Entitled “Animals,” Article II entitled “Dogs” And To Add to Article II New Section 10-39 Entitled, “Daycare Kennels”.**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark Vandevere to approve “An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 248 Under Chapter 10, Entitled “Animals,” Article II entitled “Dogs” And To Add to Article II New Section 10-39 Entitled, “Daycare Kennels”. Roll call vote: Zach Fedoruk/Aye; Sheila Snyder/Aye; Mark Vandevere/Aye; Jack Davis/Aye; Lonna Johnson/Aye; President Barry Gravitt/Aye. Absent: Kristin von Maur. 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 July 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair Lonna Johnson

\*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE** – Chair Jack Davis

\*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Lonna Johnson

\*Nothing new to report.

**MEDIC 1** – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

\*The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2023.

**RECREATION BOARD** – Jack Davis

\*Wrapped up softball and baseball activities.

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

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

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE:** Chair Sheila Snyder

\*Nothing new to report.

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

\*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

\*A big shout out to The Pickle Festival Committee Members, Community Coordinator Kelly Ewalt, Public Works Superintendent Dave Kunde, and all the volunteers for the Pickle Festival. We couldn't host this event without them!

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

\*Nothing new to report.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Jason Ramtahal gave kudos to the Police Department for cutting down on speeding in the Village and their increased presence in town.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

\***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Lonna Johnson to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0.  
Motion carried.

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Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC  
Village Clerk

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Barry Gravitt  
Village President