

# VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, November 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*, and Bruce Stover.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## AGENDA APPROVAL:

**\*Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the agenda with addition under New Business: Joint Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Committee Member Appointment. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

**Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 21, 2024.**

**\*Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 21, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Indiana Michigan Power Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval of the application of Indiana Michigan Power Company for approval of a Power Supply Cost Recovery Plan and factors (2025). To be held Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Christopher S. Saunders by video/teleconferencing.
2. *Central County Senior Center* November 2024 newsletter received.
3. An Open House to celebrate the retirement of Oronoko Charter Township Clerk Suzanne Renton will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Oronoko Charter Township Hall Meeting Room.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

**Pay the bills.**

**\*Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to pay the bills in the amount of \$47,664.37. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Accept the resignation of Community Coordinator Kelly Ewalt.**

**\*Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Jack Davis to accept the resignation of Community Coordinator Kelly Ewalt. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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

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

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

\*The final Fire Board Meeting for 2024 is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair: Lonna Johnson

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

**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE** – Chair: Jack Davis

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

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Lonna Johnson

\*Council received the Berrien Springs Community Library’s Minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 22, 2024. The September meeting was cancelled.

**MEDIC 1** – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

\*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024.

**RECREATION AUTHORITY** – Jack Davis

\*Jack Davis gave an update on the Recreation Authority.

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

\*The final Police Committee Meeting for 2024 was held on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY 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, November 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

\*Nothing new to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Don’t forget to vote tomorrow, Tuesday, November 5, 2024, if you haven’t already.
2. The Village Hall will be closed Monday, November 11, 2024, in honor of Veteran’s Day.

**Joint Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Committee Member Appointment.**

\*Discussion held.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

\***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Mark VandeVere to adjourn at 6:19 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