

# VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, June 03, 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, Mark VandeVere, Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: Trustee Kristin von Maur.

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## AGENDA APPROVAL:

\***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

**Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 20, 2024.**

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 06, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 29, 2024.**

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 29, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 29, 2024.**

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 29, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* June 2024 newsletter received.
2. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Indiana Michigan Power Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval for reconciliation of its 2023 Energy Waste Reduction plan year costs and revenues and revised Energy Waste Reduction surcharge factors. To be held Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Katherine E. Talbot by video/teleconferencing.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

\* The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 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 \$122,908.22. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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

\*Trustee Sheila Snyder gave a synopsis of the Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Workshop held on Wednesday, May 28, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

\*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**Discuss the proposed changes to Ordinance #316 Section 15.12 and Section 15.13.**

\*Discussion held.

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

\*Village Representative Jack Davis gave a synopsis of the Fire Board Meeting held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair: Lonna Johnson

\*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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

\*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 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, June 27, 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 next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE:** Chair: Sheila Snyder

\*Continuing to work on getting some more quotes.

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

\*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

\*Nothing new to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Donate funds to the Pickle Festival to purchase ice cream. The price this year is \$36.36 per case of 108 cups.**

\*Attorney Frank DeFrancesco's office will donate the funds to purchase ice cream for the Pickle Festival.

**Approve rescheduling the Monday, June 17, 2024, Council Meeting to Monday, June 24, 2024, due to Clerk Rachael Kuzda being at the Annual MAMC Summer Conference.**

\*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve rescheduling the Monday June 17, 2024, Council Meeting to Monday, June 24, 2024, due to Clerk Rachael Kuzda attending the Annual MAMC Summer Conference. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve setting the Public Hearing regarding approval of the Amended Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year and approval of the Draft Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.**

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve setting the Public Hearing regarding approval of the Amended Budget for the 2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year and approval of the Draft Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, for June 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. before the regular Council Meeting. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

\*Jason Ramtahal addressed the Council that the police presence has increased but it doesn't solve all the issues and police officers can't be everywhere.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

\***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Sheila Snyder to adjourn at 6:40 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