

# VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, October 02, 2023. President Barry Gravitt called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## AGENDA APPROVAL:

\***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur 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 September 18, 2023.**

\***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 18, 2023, 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 for authority to increase its rates for the sale of electric energy and other related matters. To be held Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Katherine Talbot by video/teleconferencing.
2. Comcast Programming Advisory regarding price changes to Xfinity TV services.
3. *Central County Senior Center* October 2023 newsletter received.
4. Indiana Michigan Power News Release regarding their *Powering Our Future* Program.

**Audience Comments:** None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

\*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Pay the bills.**

\***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Zach Fedoruk to pay the bills in the amount of \$98,932.79. 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, October 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

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

\*Council received a copy of the Fire Board Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair Lonna Johnson

\*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE** – Chair Jack Davis

\*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is re-scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Lonna Johnson

\*Nothing new to report.

**MEDIC 1** – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

\*Clerk Rachael Kuzda gave a synopsis of the Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting held on Thursday, September 28, 2023.

**RECREATION BOARD** – Jack Davis

\*Discussion held on The Recreation Authority.

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

\*The final Police Board Meeting for 2023 is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE:** Chair Sheila Snyder

\*Chair Sheila Snyder is working on the report with help from the Community Coordinator.

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

\*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

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

\*Chair Sheila Snyder reported to the council the updated numbers on the TNR program.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\*The Auditors are scheduled to do the Village of Berrien Springs audit the weeks of October 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Approve the request from the Community Coordinator to attend the MFA Annual Conference on November 02, 2023, to November 05, 2023, in the amount of \$1,044.30.**

\***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Jack Davis to approve the request from the Community Coordinator to attend the MFA Annual Conference on November 02, 2023, to November 05, 2023, in the amount of \$1,044.30. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve Legion Post 85's request to host a Halloween Sidewalk Parade on October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

\***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve Legion Post 85's request to host a Halloween Sidewalk Parade on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

\***Moved** by Shelia Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to adjourn at 6:31 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