

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 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, Kristin von Maur, Mark VandeVere, Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda, and Attorney DeFrancesco.
Absent: None.

Also Present: *The Journal Era* and *The Herald Palladium*.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Lonna Johnson 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 August 19, 2024.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 19, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* September 2024 newsletter received.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Barry Gravitt

*Council received the minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Mark VandeVere to pay the bills in the amount of \$157,929.36. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the invoice from the Michigan Finance Authority regarding Project Number 5168-01 (Wastewater Treatment Plan 2006) in the amount of \$33,543.57 for interest.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the invoice from the Michigan Finance Authority regarding Project Number 5168-01 (Wastewater Treatment Plan 2006) in the amount of \$33,543.57 for interest. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*Synopsis of the Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Monday, August 19, 2024, immediately following the Regular Council Meeting.

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

115 E. Pitt Street.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve billing the owner of 115 E. Pitt Street \$32,800.00 for house demolition costs. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Swing Set at Memorial Park.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Sheila Snyder to rescind the motion adopted at the July 22, 2024, meeting regarding the purchase of a new swing set in Memorial Park. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. 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 Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Lonna Johnson

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Council received a copy of the Berrien Springs Community Library Minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 25, 2024.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 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 is scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*The Historic District Study Committee consultant kickoff meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 05, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. must be rescheduled, rescheduled date to come.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*Synopsis of the Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. must be rescheduled, rescheduled date to come.

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

*Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Discussion held on a request for a letter of support from the St. Joseph Conservation District, who is apply for a grant. Consensus of the Council was to pass on sending a letter.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Mark VendeVere seconded by Lonna Johnson to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.
Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President