

## VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, September 18, 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 Vandevere, 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 Kristin von Maur seconded by Mark Vandevere 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 05, 2023.**

\***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Mark Vandevere to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 05, 2023, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Comcast Programming Advisory regarding channel changes.
2. *Central County Senior Center* September 2023 newsletter received.

### **Audience Comments:**

Rochelle Reppart of 421 W. Ferry addressed the council to thank the Village for considering her variance application and for hearing her regarding her comments at the last Council Meeting regarding code enforcement.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

\*The Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. was cancelled.

### **Pay the bills.**

\***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to pay the bills in the amount of \$69,338.20. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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

\*Chair Kristin von Maur gave a synopsis of the Special Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

\*Chair Kristin von Maur gave a synopsis of the Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

**Approve the Grove Park Planning and Grant Application Proposal from Wightman.**

\*Moved by Mark Vandevere seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the Grove Park Planning and Grant Application Proposal from Wightman. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve to update the sign at Police Memorial Park to remove the “No Watercraft Launching Allowed” wording.**

\*Discussion held. Tabled until next meeting.

**Approve the draft Ordinance dated 08/28/2023 “An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 10 Entitled “Animals”, Section 10-2”.**

\*Discussion held. Tabled until next meeting.

**Approve the draft Ordinance dated 08/29/2023 “An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 29 Entitled “Mobile Food Service Regulations and Permitting”, Section 29-4, Entitled “Regulation”, Subsections (a); (e); and (v), Section 29-5 Applications and Section 29-7 Application Deadline”.**

\*Moved by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark Vandevere to approve the draft Ordinance dated 08/29/2023 “An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 29 Entitled “Mobile Food Service Regulations and Permitting”, Section 29-4, Entitled “Regulation”, Subsections (a); (e); and (v), Section 29-5 Applications and Section 29-7 Application Deadline”. Roll call vote: Mark Vandevere/Aye; Sheila Snyder/Aye; Zach Fedoruk/Aye; Kristin von Maur/Aye; Lonna Johnson/Aye; Jack Davis/Aye; and President Barry Gravitt/Aye. 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 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair Lonna Johnson

\*The Public Utilities Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. was cancelled.

**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE** – Chair Jack Davis

\*The Shamrock Park Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. was cancelled.

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Lonna Johnson

\*Nothing new to report.

**MEDIC 1** – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

\*The next Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023.

**RECREATION BOARD** – Jack Davis

\*Fall activities starting.

**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

\*Will be working on the report.

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

\*Chair Sheila Snyder gave a synopsis of the Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

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

\*Nothing new to report.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve the Shamrock Spruce-Up event for October 29, 2023, starting at noon.**

\***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the Shamrock Spruce-Up event for October 29, 2023, starting at noon. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Zoning Board of Appeals.**

\*Discussion held. Tabled until the next meeting.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Dale Hartman of 201 S. Cass Street addressed the council regarding code enforcement. He was informed he should talk to the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the situation.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

\***Moved** by Mark Vandevere seconded by Kristin von Maur to adjourn at 6:43 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