

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, July 08, 2024.
President Barry Gravitt called the council meeting to order at 6:09 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*, *The Herald Palladium*, and several audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Jack Davis 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 Public Hearing held on June 24, 2024.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Sheila Snyder to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 24, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 24, 2024.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 24, 2024, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*Amy Byrd introduced herself to the council. She is the appointed Berrien County Prosecuting Attorney and she is running for the position in the November election.

*Jason Ramtahal addressed the council that the second Cars and Coffee event last Sunday, held in the Football Stadium parking lot went very well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Barry Gravitt

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to pay the bills in the amount of \$204,803.34.
Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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

*The next Fire Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Lonna Johnson

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 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 May 23, 2024.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 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

*A second quote has been received and will be reviewed.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

*Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve reimbursing Gretchen Brown for mileage and miscellaneous expenses regarding the TNR Program in the amount of \$520.61.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve reimbursing Gretchen Brown for mileage and miscellaneous expenses regarding the TNR Program in the amount of \$520.61. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*Jason Ramtahal would like to do a ‘cookout’ in Memorial Park for anyone coming through, at no cost. Attorney DeFrancesco will check into any liability in someone doing this in the Public Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Kristin von Maur to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Barry Gravitt
Village President