

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 05, 2025.
President Sheila Snyder called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Sheila Snyder, President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Christopher Perez, Mark VandeVere, Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: Trustee Kristin von Maur.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*, *The Herald Palladium*, and Bruce Stover.

The Pledge of Allegiance was previously stated at the beginning of the Public Hearing held before this meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the agenda with an addition under New Business: Approve the Village of Berrien Springs' share for the cost of fireworks for 2025. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 21, 2025.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Christopher Perez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 21, 2025, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Indiana Michigan Power Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval for reconciliation of its 2023 and 2024 demand response program costs. To be held Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Lesley C. Fairrow by video/teleconferencing.
2. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Indiana Michigan Power Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-21427) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2024. To be held Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Sally L. Wallace by video/teleconferencing.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Sheila Snyder

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Mark VandeVere to pay the bills for \$77,068.82. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the BCBS Health Insurance renewal, which takes effect June 01, 2025 (which includes Health Savings Accounts).

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the BCBS Health Insurance renewal, which takes effect June 01, 2025 (which includes Health Savings Accounts). Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Approve Zoning Ordinance “Under Appendix B, Entitled “Zoning”, Article X Of The Village Code Entitled “C-1 Commercial District, An Ordinance To Remove “Retail Gasoline Sales Facilities” As A Use Permitted By Right Under Section 10.02, Entitled, “Uses Permitted by Right” Subsection A; And To Add A New Subsection I Under Appendix B Entitled “Zoning”, Article X Of The Village Code Entitled “C-1 Commercial District” Section 10.03 Entitled “Uses Permitted By Special Use Permit”. The Public Hearing was held before the Council Meeting.

*Moved by Jack Davis seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve Zoning Ordinance “Under Appendix B, Entitled “Zoning”, Article X Of The Village Code Entitled “C-1 Commercial District, An Ordinance To Remove “Retail Gasoline Sales Facilities” As A Use Permitted By Right Under Section 10.02, Entitled, “Uses Permitted by Right” Subsection A; And To Add A New Subsection I Under Appendix B Entitled “Zoning”, Article X Of The Village Code Entitled “C-1 Commercial District” Section 10.03 Entitled “Uses Permitted By Special Use Permit”. The Public Hearing was held before the Council Meeting. Roll call vote: Christopher Perez/Aye; Zach Fedoruk/Aye; Jack Davis/Aye; Lonna Johnson/Aye; Mark VandeVere/Aye; President Sheila Snyder/Aye. Absent: Kristin von Maur. Motion carried.

Approve Ordinance “An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 12, Entitled “Building And Building Regulations” To Add New Article XIV, Entitled, “Storage Container” To Regulate Their Use.”

*Moved by Christopher Perez seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve Ordinance “An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 12, Entitled “Building And Building Regulations” To Add New Article XIV, Entitled, “Storage Container” To Regulate Their Use.” Roll call vote: Lonna Johnson/Aye; Mark VandeVere/Nay; Christopher Perez/Aye; Jack Davis/Aye; Zach Fedoruk/Nay; President Sheila Snyder/Aye. Absent: Kristin von Maur. 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, May 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Mark VandeVere

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*Council received a copy of the March 2025 Medic 1 Operations Summary.

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

RECREATION AUTHORITY – Jack Davis

*Trustee Jack Davis gave an update on the Recreation Authority.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Sheila Snyder is the Village Representative

*The Police Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. was cancelled.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*Still working on the preliminary report.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: Chair: Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: FERAL/STRAY CATS: Chair: Lonna Johnson

*A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Biggby Coffee ribbon cutting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, at 3:00 p.m.

Approve the Village of Berrien Springs' share for the cost of fireworks for 2025.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Jack Davis to open the floor for discussion on the Village of Berrien Springs share for the cost of fireworks for 2025.

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Jack Davis to approve the Village of Berrien Springs' share for the cost of fireworks for 2025 in the amount of \$6,600.00. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Sheila Snyder
Village President