

# VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, July 07, 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, Kristin von Maur, Mark VandeVere, Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda, and Attorney DeFrancesco.

Absent: None.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*, Bruce Stover, Jason Ramtahal, and Errol Prentice.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## AGENDA APPROVAL:

\***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Christopher Perez 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 16, 2025.**

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 16, 2025, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 16, 2025.**

\***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 16, 2025, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Comcast Programming Advisory 20250618 received about changes to Xfinity TV services, Comcast will repackage the Cartoon Network to the More Sports & Entertainment tier on August 12, 2025. The channel number will not change. Customers have been informed of this adjustment.
2. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation requests Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of a gas cost recovery plan and authorization of gas cost recovery factors for the 12-month period April 2025-March 2026. To be held Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge James M. Varchetti by video/teleconferencing.
3. *Central County Senior Center* July 2025 newsletter received.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL** – Chair: President Sheila Snyder

\*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Pay the bills.**

\***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Mark VandeVere to pay the bills in the amount of \$239,434.12. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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

\*The next Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

**An Ordinance To Amend And Restate Chapter 29 Entitled “Mobile Food Service Regulations And Permitting”.**

\*Discussion held.

**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 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair: Mark VandeVere

\*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE** – Chair: Jack Davis

\*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Lonna Johnson

\*The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

**MEDIC 1** – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

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

**RECREATION AUTHORITY** – Jack Davis

\*Trustee Jack Davis gave a synopsis.

**POLICE COMMITTEE** – Village President Sheila Snyder is the Village Representative

\*The next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE:** Chair: President Sheila Snyder

**Approve Amended Resolution To Authorize The Historic District Study Committee To Include In Its Study Those Areas As Identified In The Attached Map.**

\***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the Amended Resolution To Authorize The Historic District Study Committee To Include In Its Study Those Areas As Identified In The Attached Map. Roll call vote: Christopher Perez/Aye; Zach Fedoruk/Aye; Jack Davis/Aye; Lonna Johnson/Aye; Mark VandeVere/Aye; Kristin von Maur/Aye; President Sheila Snyder/Aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR COMMITTEE:** Chair: President Sheila Snyder

\*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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

\*Chair Lonna Johnson reported that 11 cats have been trapped recently, 6 were fixed, and 5 were already fixed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve the American Legion Post 85 request to hold their annual street dance on July 26, 2025, from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., which includes closing one lane of the 100 block of North Bluff Street.**

\***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the American Legion Post 85 request to hold their annual street dance on July 26, 2025, from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., which includes closing one lane of the 100 block of North Bluff Street. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

- \*Jason Ramtahal addressed the Council regarding the Historic District and communication on the North Mechanic Street Reconstruction. Discussion held.
- \*Errol Prentice addressed the Council regarding Food Trucks and various ideas for the future and growth of the Village. Discussion held.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- \***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Kristin von Maur to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC  
Village Clerk

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Sheila Snyder  
Village President