

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, March 02, 2026. 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, and Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda.
Absent: None.

Also Present: Public Works Superintendent Dave Kunde, Community Engagement Coordinator Jennifer Marren, *The Journal Era*, and several audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk 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 February 16, 2026.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 16, 2026, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* March 2026 newsletter received.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Sheila Snyder

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is rescheduled from Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to Thursday, March 05, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to pay the bills in the amount of \$59,621.46. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Treasurer Barabra Clem's resignation, effective upon completion of the 2025 Delinquent Tax Collection Period, with acknowledgement of transitional assistance.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to accept Treasurer Barabra Clem's resignation with regret, effective upon completion of the 2025 Delinquent Tax Collection Period, with acknowledgement of transitional assistance. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve quote from Midwest Glass & Mirror to remove and replace the two front doors at the Village Hall and add .040 clear anodized break metal and aluminum trim to two columns inside the Village Hall in the amount of \$6,595.00.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to approve quote from Midwest Glass & Mirror to remove and replace the two front doors at the Village Hall and add .040 clear anodized break metal and aluminum trim to two columns inside the Village Hall in the amount of \$6,595.00. 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, March 11, 2026, 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, March 25, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Mark VandeVere

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*Council received minutes of the Special Shamrock Park Committee Meeting held on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Rescind the 6-month max stay for ALL campers, which was approved by the Council on February 16, 2026. A camper that requires an extended stay, beyond 183 days, must meet the State of Michigan Campground Requirements and the Shamrock Park Requirements.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Kristin von Maur to rescind the 6-month max stay for ALL campers, which was approved by the Council on February 16, 2026. A camper that requires an extended stay, beyond 183 days, must meet the State of Michigan Campground Requirements and the Shamrock Park Requirements. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, with a budget hearing at 12:45 p.m. prior to the start of the monthly board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*Clerk Rachael Kuzda gave a synopsis of the Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. and the Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

*PWW Advisory Group presentations being held on March 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at Corewell Health St. Joseph in the Upton Center & March 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Niles City Hall.

RECREATION AUTHORITY – Jack Davis

*The next Recreation Authority Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 09, 2026.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Sheila Snyder is the Village Representative

*A Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 03, 2026.

*The next Regular Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE: Chair: President Sheila Snyder

*A date and time for the next Historic District Study Committee Meeting coming soon.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR COMMITTEE: Chair: President Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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

*Council received the minutes of the Ad Hoc Feral/Stray Cats Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

ADVISORY PARK COMMITTEE: Chair: Chris Perez

*Council received the minutes of the Advisory Park Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Approve Date and time for Drawn to Play Fundraiser for April 22, 2026, from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. tentatively.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve Date and time for Drawn to Play Fundraiser for April 22, 2026, from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. tentatively. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approve to modify the Pickle Festival location and Fourth of July parade route.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Jack Davis to start discussion to modify the Pickle Festival location and Fourth of July parade route. Discussion held.

***Moved** by President Sheila Snyder seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve modifying the Pickle Festival location to expand the festival into Memorial Park and surrounding areas, road closures and safety measures to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*Community Engagement Coordinator Jennifer Marren asked about live music in Memorial Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Sheila Snyder
Village President