

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, April 20, 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 Accounting Clerk Cami Bacon. Absent: Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*, Dan Fette from Berrien County, and several audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk 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 Regular Council Meeting held on April 06, 2026.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 06, 2026, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation requests Michigan Public Service Commission approval of its Energy Waste Reduction costs and revenues for the period ended December 31, 2025. To be held Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Christopher S. Saunders by video/teleconferencing.

PRESENTATION

Dan Fette from Berrien County provided a brief presentation regarding the Berrien County Public Transportation situation. Discussion held.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Amanda Wilcox spoke regarding the July 24, 2026, Backpacks for Berrien "Stuff a Bus" event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Sheila Snyder

*Committee Member Kristin von Maur gave a synopsis of the Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

*Council received the 3rd Quarter Report of Investments; January – March 2026.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to pay the bills in the amount of \$51,620.67. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve the BCBS Health Insurance current plan renewal, takes effect June 01, 2026 (which includes Health Savings Accounts).

***Moved** by Lonna Johnson seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the BCBS Health Insurance current plan renewal, takes effect June 01, 2026 (which includes Health Savings Accounts). Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Committee Appointments as presented.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Jack Davis to approve the Committee Appointments as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Annual Year-End Transfers.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the Annual Year-End Transfers. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND ORDINANCE – Chair: Kristin von Maur

*Chair Kristin von Maur gave a synopsis of the Public Properties and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, 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, May 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Mark VandeVere

*The Public Utilities Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. was cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*Chair Jack Davis gave a synopsis of the Shamrock Park Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 08, 2026.

Approve Boelcke Heating and Air Conditioning quote to install heating and cooling ductless mini split systems in each of the three cabins for a total cost of \$12,755.00.

Discussion held.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zack Fedoruk to approve Boelcke Heating and Air Conditioning to install heating and cooling ductless mini split systems in each of the three cabins for a total cost of \$12,755.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Berrien County City/Village Road Agreement to prepare, sealcoat, and fog seal roads from the office to site #36 which also includes from site #25 to around the three cabins for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve Berrien County City/Village Road Agreement to prepare, sealcoat, and fog seal roads from the office to site #36 which also includes from site #25 to around the three cabins for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve purchasing new folding picnic tables.

***Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve amended motion to purchase 25 picnic tables from Village Do It Best Hardware not to exceed \$5,000.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve purchasing a new Ping Pong Table not to exceed \$600.00.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve purchasing a new Ping Pong Table not to exceed \$600.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve GreenMark Equipment’s John Deere Warranty Extension, 72 months/2,000 hours, for the 4066 John Deere Tractor in the amount of \$3,670.00.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Christopher Perez to approve GreenMark Equipment’s John Deere Warranty Extension, 72 months/2,000 hours, for the 4066 John Deere Tractor in the amount of \$3,670.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Nothing new to report.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

RECREATION AUTHORITY – Jack Davis

*Jack Davis gave an update on the Recreation Authority.

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Sheila Snyder is the Village Representative

*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

*Nothing new to report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR COMMITTEE: Chair: President Sheila Snyder

*The Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Approve waiving fee for food trucks at Backpacks for Berrien “Stuff a Bus” event to be held on July 24, 2026 from 4:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Square.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Mark Vandevere to waive the fee for food trucks at Backpacks for Berrien “Stuff a Bus” event to be held on July 24, 2026, from 4:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Square. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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

*The next Ad Hoc Feral/Stray Cats Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

ADVISORY PARK COMMITTEE: Chair: Christopher Perez

*Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*Chrystal Porter asked about relocation of cats once they are spayed/neutered.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Cami Bacon
Accounting Clerk

Sheila Snyder
Village President