

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, June 01, 2026. President Sheila Snyder called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Sheila Snyder; Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Christopher Perez, Kristin von Maur, Mark VandeVere, and Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda.

Absent: President Pro-Tem Jack Davis.

Also Present: *The Journal Era* and several audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the agenda with addition under New Business: #5. Approve the proposal from LRS for Portable Restroom Service. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18, 2026.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 18, 2026, and the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18, 2026, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* June 2026 newsletter received.
2. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation requests Michigan Public Service Commission approval to implement a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12-month period from April 2026 through March 2027, and for related approvals. To be held Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Katherine E. Talbot by video/teleconferencing.
3. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Indianan Michigan Power Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval of its 2025 Energy Waste Reduction Reconciliation. To be held Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Jacqueline Langwith by video/teleconferencing.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*Renee Apolin addressed the Council with concerns about her pervious stay at Shamrock Park.

*Nancy Martin addressed the Council regarding her concerns about Shamrock Park and staff behavior.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Sheila Snyder

*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Christopher Perez seconded by Mark VandeVere to pay the bills in the amount of \$104,521.27. 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, June 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

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

*Council received the minutes from the Fire Board Meeting held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

*The next Fire Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Mark VandeVere

*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

MEDIC 1 – Clerk Rachael Kuzda

*Council received a copy of the April 2026 Medic 1 Operations Summary.

*Council received a copy of the April 23, 2026, Medic 1 meeting minutes.

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

RECREATION AUTHORITY – Jack Davis

POLICE COMMITTEE – Village President Sheila Snyder is the Village Representative

*The next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 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 next Community Engagement Coordinator Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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

*The next Ad Hoc Feral/Stray Cats Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 02, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

ADVISORY PARK COMMITTEE: Chair: Christopher Perez

*The next Advisory Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 03, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Set the Public Hearing regarding approval of the Amended Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year and approval of the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

*Moved by President Sheila Snyder seconded by Mark VandeVere to set a Public Hearing for Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. before the Regular Council Meeting regarding approval of the of the Amended Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year and approval of the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve Part-Time Job Opening.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve part-time job opening with Village President Sheila Snyder and Public Works Superintendent Dave Kunde doing the interviews and hiring at the starting pay for part-time. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Approve road closures as presented for the duration of the Basketball with a Cop event which will be held on June 24, 2026.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve road closures as presented for the duration of the Basketball with a Cop event which will be held on June 24, 2026. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Discussion on purchasing portable AV equipment for Village Events.

*Discussion held on purchasing portable AV equipment for village events in the future.

Approval the proposal from LRS for Portable Restroom Service.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the proposal from LRS for Portable Restroom Services in the amount of \$2,560.00 plus Memorial Park seasonal service. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Position.

***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Mark VandeVere to approve appointing Barbara Clem as Village of Berrien Springs Treasurer through the 2026 tax collection period at the 1 ½ percent of all monies collected from both real and personal property taxes as stated per the ordinance and continue to hire an administrative assistant to transition into the treasurer position for the 2027 collection period. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Sheila Snyder
Village President

