

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 08, 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: *The Journal Era* and several audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Kristin von Maur 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 August 24, 2026.

***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Christopher Perez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 24, 2026, as presented. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Central County Senior Center* September 2026 newsletter received.
2. Reintroducing the Berrien County Conservation District.
3. Villwocks Fall Festival community event opportunity.
4. Rooted in Community supporting Backpacks for Berrien event invitation.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – Chair: President Sheila Snyder

***The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**

Pay the bills.

***Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Zach Fedoruk to pay the bills in the amount of \$132,166.17. 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, September 16, 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, September 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

PUBLIC UTILITIES – Chair: Mark VandeVere

***The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE – Chair: Jack Davis

*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD – Lonna Johnson

*Council received the Minutes of the Berrien Springs Community Library Board Meeting held on June 25, 2026, and Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes. The July Meeting was cancelled.

*The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026, 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, August 27, 2026.

*Council received the Minutes of the Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting held on July 23, 2026.

*Council received the July 2026 Medic 1 Operations Summary.

*The Audit for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2026, was received.

*The next Regular Medic 1 Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 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 Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT:

*Interviews will be scheduled soon with the 2 applicants received so far.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR COMMITTEE: Chair: President Sheila Snyder

*The next Community Engagement Coordinator Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. is cancelled.

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

*Next Meeting date to be determined.

ADVISORY PARK COMMITTEE: Chair: Christopher Perez

*Chair Christopher Perez is currently working on plaques and signage at Grove Park/Playground.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve UIS SCADA quote for Cellular Modem Security Upgrades necessary for Village water and wastewater systems in the amount of \$21,521.00.

*Moved by Mark VandeVere seconded by Christopher Perez to approve UIS SCADA quote for Cellular Modem Security Upgrades necessary for Village water and wastewater systems in the amount of \$21,521.00. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Patronicity update.

*The council received an update on the MEDC Public Spaces Community Places Matching Grant.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

*Heidi Steinhagen-Snowden thanked Council Member Zach Fedoruk for his Labor Day hotdog giveaway.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Lonna Johnson to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.
Motion carried.

Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC
Village Clerk

Sheila Snyder
Village President