**VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 01, 2023.

President Barry Gravitt called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Barry Gravitt, President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Kristin von Maur, and Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda.

Absent: Trustee Mark Vandevere and Attorney DeFrancesco.

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**\*Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes, 6;

Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:   
Approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 17, 2023.**

\***Moved** by Jack Davis seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve the minutes of the Regular

Council Meeting held April 17, 2023, as presented. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. *Central County Senior Center* May 2023 newsletter received.

2. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Indiana Michigan Power Company requests Michigan Public

Service Commission for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-21052)

for the twelve months ending December 31, 2022. To be held Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 9:30

a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Katherine Talbot by video/teleconferencing.

3. Notice of Pre-Hearing regarding Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation requests Michigan Public

Service Commission’s approval of the reconciliation of its Energy Waste Reduction costs and

revenues for the period ended December 31, 2022. To be held Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 10:00

a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Katherine Talbot by video/teleconferencing.

**Audience Comments:**

Jason Ramtahal of 113 E. Madison thanked the Village for the opportunity to put on the Cars and Coffee events and he reported the first one went awesome.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL** – Chair President Barry Gravitt   
\*The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 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 $116,091.64.

Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve hiring Landon Rindfield as a part-time Public Works employee, starting at $12.00 an hour.**

**\*Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve hiring Landon Rindfield as a part-

time Public Works employee, starting at $12.00 an hour. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Approve hiring Dominic Denkins as a part-time Public Works employee, starting at $12.00 an hour.**

**\*Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Zach Fedoruk to approve hiring Dominic Denkins as a part-time

Public Works employee, starting at $12.00 an hour. 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, May 10,

2023, 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 May 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES** – Chair Lonna Johnson

\*The next Public Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 5:30

p.m.

**SHAMROCK PARK COMMITTEE –** Chair Jack Davis

\*The next Shamrock Park Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:30

p.m. has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 09, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

**LIBRARY BOARD** – Lonna Johnson

\*May’s Meeting date TBD.

**MEDIC 1 –** Clerk Rachael Kuzda

\*Clerk Rachael Kuzda gave a synopsis of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

**RECREATION BOARD –** Jack Davis  
\*Jack Davis reported that the Recreation Department is busy and little league is starting soon.

**POLICE COMMITTEE** – Village President Barry Gravitt is the Village Representative

\*Village President Barry Gravitt gave a synopsis of the Police Board Meeting held on April 27, 2023, at

3:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE:** Chair Sheila Snyder  
\*Nothing new to report.

**COMMUNITY COORDINATOR/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE**: Chair Sheila Snyder  
\*The next Community Coordinator/Social Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,

May 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**Interest in 611 North Mechanic from Larry Jackson, Construction Trades for Berrien Springs Public Schools.**

\*Discussion held.

**Revised 5k request from Brad Wurzel, Berrien Center Bible Church.**

**\*Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Jack Davis to approve the revised 5k request from Brad

Wurzel, Berrien Center Bible Church, with the stipulation that there be a police officer stationed at the

two crossing points on Snow Road. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Feral/Stray Cats.**

\***Moved** by Zach Fedoruk seconded by Kristin von Maur to approve payment to Animal Lovers, Inc. in

the amount of $550.00 for the spay/neuter of 11 cats. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve Berrien County Foster Adoption Network Resource Fair to be located at Grove Park again this year, with permission to erect a few tents.**

**\*Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Kristin von Maur toapprove Berrien County Foster Adoption

Network Resource Fair to be located at Grove Park again this year, with permission to erect a few

tents. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**July 4th Pickle Festival and Parade request.**

**\*Moved** by Sheila Snyder seconded by Lonna Johnson to approve the July 4th Pickle Festival and

Parade request. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

**Audience Comments:**

Brad Wurzel thanked the council for approving the 5k request.

Gloria Bell from the Central County Senior Center informed the council that the Senior Center is looking for a new location in town to move to and please reach out to them with any information.

**ADJOURNMENT**:

**\*Moved** by Kristin von Maur seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Ayes, 6;  
 Nays, 0. Motion carried.

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Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC Barry Gravitt   
Village Clerk Village President