

**BYESVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
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The Byesville Village Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 5:30 pm, at Village Hall.

Those in attendance included Mayor Jay Jackson, Fiscal Officer Brandon Gregg, Fire Chief Scott Wilson, Police Chief Jason May, and Solicitor William Ferguson.

Mayor Jackson led the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance and opened with prayer.

Roll Call: Albright – p., Foraker - p., Kenworthy – p., Warner-a., Motes –p., Neff –p.

Vice-President Albright made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Woman, seconded by President Motes.

Albright – y., Foraker - y., Kenworthy – y., Motes –y., Neff –y.

Guests:

Mr. Paul Sherry, Guernsey County Engineer, 62782 Bennett Ave, Cambridge, wished to discuss the previous bidding of asphalt and to give council some information on how pricing is established for such projects. Engineer Sherry had previously contacted the Village along with other municipalities and townships within Guernsey County in an attempt to “bundle” multiple projects across the county together in an attempt to lower the costs that all the political subdivisions would have to pay.

Mr. Steve Markley, along with his wife, Mrs. Nancy Markley, of 205 W. Spruce St., spoke to council about a residential property located at 207 W. Spruce. The property is a nuisance and they would like to see something be done about it.

Clerk:

Mr. Motes made a motion to discuss the bills, seconded by Mrs. Foraker. Albright – y., Foraker - y., Kenworthy – y., Motes –y., Neff –y.

Mr. Motes made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mr. Albright. Albright – y., Foraker - y., Kenworthy – y., Motes –y., Neff –y.

Mr. Kenworthy made a motion to approve the August 8, 2018 and August 22, 2018 minutes, seconded by Mr. Motes. Albright – y., Foraker - y., Kenworthy – y., Motes –y., Neff –y.

Administrator:

Absent.

Mayor:

Mayor Jackson said that that the recent paving projects are turning out nicely.

Mayor Jackson also informed council that a Newt Oliver celebration will take place at the Byesville Village Park on Saturday, September 15, 2018, at noon.

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The Mayor also stated that he is continuing to work with Councilwoman Warner and Betty Rasor on preparing for all of the fall happenings within the Village.

Mayor Jackson informed Council that the Village is still waiting on funding for the Glass Avenue and Downtown Revitalization projects.

Councilman Albright asked Mayor Jackson how long we have to wait to get an update on the Glass Avenue funding. Mayor Jackson told Councilman Albright that we will have an update hopefully pretty soon.

President Motes asked Mayor Jackson to explore getting the reports sent to Council by Administrator Dudley and Fiscal Officer Gregg in a more user-friendly format, such as in Word.

Councilman Kenworthy asked for his council documents to be provided in a hard copy format.

Park:

Councilman Neff asked Mayor Jackson when we will have an update on the grant for the new pavilion. It is hopeful that we will have an update by the fall.

Zoning:

Absent.

Fire:

Nothing.

Police:

Chief May informed council that Mr. Carpenter has cleaned up approximately 2/3 of his property located on 1st Street and that he has thirty days from the day of the judicial orders to take action before any more action can be taken.

Chief May would like to see an ordinance passed prohibiting parking longer than 24 hours in a right-of-way, similar to the ordinance for street parking. Chief May said that it was taken up by the legislative committee before. Chief May would also like to see an ordinance prohibiting the parking of trailers in a right-of-way.

Chief May said that Primose Drive has an issue with trailers being parked in the right-of-way.

Chief May attempted to work with the owner of the property located at 204 Seneca Ave., but was unsuccessful. The owner has been ordered to appear before Judge Nicholson at the Cambridge Municipal Court on Tuesday, September 18th.

Chief May said that Officer Harper is working on some problem properties on the west side of Race Avenue.

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The Village's police cruisers now are equipped with cameras that were previously donated by the Toledo Police Department. The cameras will soon be equipped with wireless connectivity, allowing the recordings to be automatically uploaded and securely stored once the cruiser pulls back into the police department.

Chief May informed council that the amount of domestic violence and overdose calls has increased significantly over the past month.

The year-to-date amount of calls this year stands at 975. The total calls during 2017 was 991.

Chief May informed council that he spoke to a gentleman about the possibility of installing cameras on the square that would be able to capture most of the activity within the commercial parts of town. The cost for the cameras would be approximately \$3,000-\$5,000. Solicitor Ferguson added that the cameras would not only help when investigating issues on Village grounds, but also on private properties.

In regards to Felony cases, Chief May said that the Village should be receiving a car that can go up for auction, as well as \$1,300-\$1,500 in unclaimed funds in a forfeiture case.

Councilman Kenworthy requested that Chief May investigate a property located on the corner of 4th Street @ Spruce. Councilman Kenworthy stated that someone has moved in junk cars and four-wheelers onto the property.

Solicitor:

Nothing.

Village Services:

Mr. Albright requested an update on a property on Euclid Avenue in which he thought the Village was in the process of taking ownership of. Mayor Jackson informed him that the Village does not yet own the property and that it will be going up for auction by the order of the State Auditor. Solicitor Ferguson informed Council that the starting bid will be \$1,000, and that the auction would allow for the property to be acquired without having to pay the delinquent taxes.

Council requested clarification on the 7th Street waterline project. Rumors have been circulating around the Village that the project will not be taking place. Mayor Jackson is going to discuss it with Administrator Dudley.

President Motes requested that the Village reissue a letter to the residents on 7th Street if resurfacing of the road is not going to take place after all.

Finance:

Councilwoman Foraker asked Council to inform her of any information that they would like to see in regards to Gus Macker and Byesville Blast.

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Councilwoman Foraker requested to set up a time to meet with Fiscal Officer Gregg to go over Gus Maker and Byesville Blast.

Legislative:

Councilman Kenworthy requested that a legislative meeting be scheduled. Council decided to schedule it for Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 5:00 pm.

A motion was made by Vice-President Albright and seconded by President Motes to adopt Resolution 2018-13, a resolution declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the Village of Byesville on behalf of the State of Ohio (the borrowers) to reimburse its Capital Improvement Fund for the Seneca Street storm sewer improvements, OPWC project number CN32V with the proceeds of tax-exempt debt of the State of Ohio.

Albright – y., Foraker - y., Kenworthy – y., Motes –y., Neff –y.

A motion was made by Councilman Neff and seconded by Vice-President Albright to adopt Resolution 2018-14, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Albright – y., Foraker - y., Kenworthy – y., Motes –y., Neff –y.

A motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing was made by President Motes and seconded by Councilman Kenworthy at 6:36 pm. Fiscal Officer Gregg and Police Chief May were asked to be present.

Albright – y., Foraker - y., Kenworthy – y., Motes –y., Neff –y.

A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Councilman Neff and seconded by Councilman Albright at 7:10 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-President Albright, seconded by Councilman Kenworthy at 7:10 pm.

Mayor Jay Jackson

Fiscal Officer Brandon Gregg (Clerk)