**The Byesville Village Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 5:30 pm, at Village of Byesville Water Treatment Plant.**

**Those in attendance included Mayor Jay Jackson, Village Administrator Brennan Dudley, Fiscal Officer Angela Gombeda, and Solicitor Bill Ferguson**

**Mayor Jackson led The Pledge of Allegiance.** **Administrator Dudley offered a prayer.**

**Roll Call: p. – Kenworthy, a. – Neff, p. – Albright, p. – Warner, p. – Haren, p. -- Port**

**Councilman Kenworthy made a motion to excuse Councilman Neff for personal reasons. The motion was seconded by Councilman Port.**

Yea (6)- Kenworthy, Neff, Albright, Warner, Haren, Port

***Guest:***

Ron Gombeda, Guernsey County CDC: Mr. Gombeda shared with council that he was recently awarded a county-wide litter clean-up grant through the Ohio EPA. The clean up is open to everyone in the county and the CDC will pay for the matching portion of the grant, which is approximately $9,000. There is no cost to villages/townships, other than manpower. The CDC do not have enough employees to staff all of the collection sites, so villages and townships that want to participate will need to have people to work them. If you are interested there will be a meeting at the CDC’s maintenance shop on September 1, 2021. Mr. Neff asked if there would be a limit of how many dumpsters that each area would have, as to which Mr. Gombeda replied that there is no limit, providing the driver’s could get there to switch them out before their hours were up. Mr. Albright asked what the cost would be to the village and Mr. Gombeda reiterated that there would be no cost other than manpower. The question of what would be accepted was posed and it was stated that household items, including mattresses, couches. The are not able to accept freon, paint, or any chemicals. If the village decides to participate, they would be working with Jackson Twp. and that would make it open to all village and township residents.

Donald Gadd – Resident, Sequoia Dr.: Mr. Gadd stated that he had been approached by other residents questioning why someone was able to put a storage shed in an alleyway. It was stated that the resident in question did not have a valid building permit nor were they granted a variance. The mayor and village administrator stated that they would follow-up with the situation. Mr. Gadd also brought to council’s attention that there are many people parking on the sidewalks and there are ordinances against it. He mentioned people are having to walk in the street because there are people parked on the sidewalk. One area he stated is particularly bad is 5th Street and the corner of 5th and Main, and also up further on the street.

Lynn Jones – Resident, 234 Main Street: Ms. Jones was seeking clarification on a rumor that she had heard within town. She stated that she had been told state route 209 was going to be widen and brought into Byesville. The mayor and village administrator both stated that they had no knowledge of that and had not been approached or given any indication that was happening.

Lindsey Angler – Guernsey County Prosecutor: Mrs. Angler stated that Mayor Jackson invited her to the council meeting because while running for prosecutor and since being elected, there have been several places she was not able to come to introduce herself due to COVID. Mrs. Angler stated that since taking office, she has been very busy. There have been seven jury trials since January 4, 2021, with six of them being in the last 86 days. There has been a rape of a five-year-old girl, complicity to murder, two failure to comply with the orders of a police officer, assault on a police officer (Chief Dolan, Byesville PD), amongst many other crimes. Mrs. Angler and Mr. Ferguson stated that their offices, their staff, and themselves are working very well together and they are in contact every day. Mrs. Angler also gave her praise for Chief Dolan.

\*Mr. Port asked if there are any plans to open the local BCI office. Mrs. Angler stated that she was not sure, however, she did note that the local office does not do testing, it is simply a drop-off. It definitely is a more convenient option, however, the offices that do testing are still running approximately seven months behind. Ohio State Patrol has their own lab and they are doing a little better with getting results back. She stated that she is now starting to get results back on cases from the end of January.

\*Mrs. Warner asked if Mrs. Angler’s office noticed an increase or decrease of crime during COVID. Mrs. Angler stated that crime is still a major issue. It is hard to say if there was an increase or decrease because her office is just now finishing up indicting cases from 2020 and moving onto 2021. Since she was not in office for the majority of 2020, that is tough to say. Mr. Ferguson stated that he felt the overall volume was down because they were trying to limit officer contact. Chief Dolan reiterated the same.

\*Mr. Kenworthy stated that it was “refreshing” to see and hear of the things going on at the prosecutor’s office. He is pleased that he is hearing more positive comments regarding the office.

***Clerk:***

Councilman Kenworthy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Neff to approve the June 9, 2021, meeting minutes, as presented.

Yea (6)- Kenworthy, Neff, Albright, Warner, Haren, Port

Councilman Kenworthy made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Port.

\*Mr. Haren asked for clarification on the check to Perry and Associates that had a notation of 80%. Mrs. Gombeda stated that was for the 2018-19 audit, they were 80% complete when it was invoiced and there would be an additional invoice for the remainder. Mr. Haren also doublechecked the amount charged to the Fire/EMS account. The budget had the appropriations split between all departments and Mrs. Gombeda took the amount allotted in the budget and the 80% to find the amount to charge each fund.

\*Mr. Neff asked about the electric bill for the park. It was stated that it was for the park and the ballfield.

\*Mrs. Warner asked for clarification on the receipts that she had obtained from Mrs. Gombeda regarding the park fund and stated that she did not see them on the report. Mrs. Gombeda stated that she had been given receipts, which are monies deposited. The report she was currently looking at was expenditures only and would not have the receipts on them. Mrs. Warner also asked about the MARCS radios for the fire department. She asked how many have been purchased so far this year. Mr. Haren stated that it is not a purchase, it is the fee to use the MARCS radio system.

Yea (6)- Kenworthy, Neff, Albright, Warner, Haren, Port

***Administrator:*** Presented by Brennan Dudley

**Water Operations**

**Routine Maintenance and Operation:** Clean and maintain sediment basins, maintain chemical levels, ensure proper backwash and operation of pressure filters and UF units.

**UF Membrane Replacement:** We are replacing the membrane units of Train #1. We ordered the membranes last July, they arrived last week.

**Waterline Projects:** E Spruce is approximately 65% complete. Expected to finish installation of the line next week.

**Building Project:** Materials expected to be delivered between 8/30 – 9/13.

**Distribution:** Disconnects/reconnects, OUPS tickets.

**Personnel:** We will be interviewing for vacant positions next week.

**Wastewater Operations**

**Routine Maintenance and Operation:** Pressing and composting as scheduled, routine, and preventative maintenance as scheduled.

**GPS Wastewater line:** Phase II is 100% complete. Phase III is 75% complete. The installation of the necessary pipe is 98% complete. The lift station is scheduled for delivery around the end of June.

**Street**

**Routine Maintenance and Operation:** Clean catch basins and culverts, repair leak holes, sweep streets, assist distribution crew as needed.

**Glass Ave:** Holding at 85% completion. Need Executive session to discuss possible litigation.

**Misc. Work:** Maintain streets, repair, clean, maintain equipment and facilities, patch holes as material is available. Clean, jet, and repair culverts and catch basins.

**General Administration**

**Routine Administrative Functions:** Oversee operations at the Street, WTP and WWTP departments, review and sign PO’s and invoices, H.R. functions, payroll preparation, work cooperatively with the Mayor, Fiscal Officer, Income Tax, Utilities Clerk, Park Liaison, Building Inspector, Village Council, Police and Fire to ensure the day-to-day operation of the Village.

**Zoning:** 2 Building Permits. Just a reminder that all fences and storage buildings require a building permit. Discussion of 214 Race Ave.

**Sign on the Square:** Sign installation is 100% complete and operational. Thank you to Village employee Rodger Thomas for his work on the project.

**Fireman’s Festival:** Assisting with festival preparations.

**Rasor’s Restroom:** Project is 85% complete. Floor to be poured this week. Completion expected within the next two weeks.

**Waste Collection Quotes:** Quotes for Village facilities were due by June 15th. The lowest bid was from our current carrier Secrest Disposal.

**Fire/EMS Incentive Program:** Met with the Finance Committee to discuss this program.

**251 High Ave:** As mentioned in the previous meeting. The property was purchased with FEMA funds in 2000. The property has restrictions and therefore cannot be sold.

**214 Race Ave:** House trailer issue. Recommend referral to the Zoning Committee.

**Arbitration Hearing:** The Mayor, Mr. Ferguson, Kendal Weisend, and I attended an arbitration hearing for a recently terminated employee. Following the filing of briefs, we should have a determination within 30 days.

***Mayor:*** Presented by Mayor Jackson

The new sign on the square is up and running. We are trying to keep the messages informational and village related. We have a lot of events going on this upcoming weekend. We did hire a new full-time police officer, Billy Goff. Mr. Ferguson did put together a legislative packet and we can discuss that further when we get to legislative committee. We are looking at putting a tax levy on the ballot. It will need to be filed before August 4, 2021. The increase would be 1% and it will be used to fund the police department. We would like to get to where we have a full-time department and this will allow them to be self-sustaining in that fashion. Mr. Jackson feels that it would be a great benefit to the village to have a 24/7 department. It would not affect anyone that is retired, on social security or disability. Mr. Dudley made a recommendation to refer it to the legislative committee

***Park:*** Mr. Neff said that the park is ready for the fireman’s festival and the movie night on Sunday. There will be concessions on Sunday for the movie. The final week of basketball is coming up and he invited anyone that has not come down to the park to do so and see the crowd that the basketball draws. Disc golf started their league two weeks ago and it is going well. They have filled all spots for teams. Mayor Jackson extended his gratitude to Mr. Neff and everyone that volunteers their time to the park.

***Fire/EMS:*** Asst. Fire Chief Bacon: The fireman’s festival is coming up this weekend, Friday and Saturday. The fire department is looking at building a new building between the main building and the lower building. It will house most of the department’s equipment and the department has also reached out to Chief Dolan regarding the police department using the building for the cruisers. The cost of the building will be approximately $90,000.00.

Jeremy Rice (EMS): We now have two squads fully stocked, up and running. The festival is this weekend and we are still looking for volunteers.

***Solicitor:*** Mr. Ferguson discussed the packet that was dropped off for council regarding some properties in the village and asked council to look it over and they could come back together to fine turn it and get new ordinances created.

***Village Services:*** Mr. Neff asked Mr. Dudley if he had contacted Bocca. Mr. Dudley stated that he was waiting for the project to finish up on E. Spruce. It should be complete by the end of the week. Mrs. Warner stated that at the previous meeting it was discussed the park budget covering a portion of the paving at the park. She asked for Mr. Neff’s opinion on the matter since he was not at that meeting. Mr. Neff stated that he did not feel that the park budget could support that project. Mr. Port asked if anyone could recall when the park was last paved. Mr. Gadd stated that he believed it was 1999.

***Finance:*** Mr. Dudley stated that at the finance meeting prior to the regular council meeting, the fire/ems incentive program was discussed and an ordinance will be drawn up to start it on a trial basis.

***Police*:** Chief Dolan stated that he has hired a new full-time officer. He has Marine background and four years of officer experience. He has used a lot of the same systems that we have used, so that will make an easy transition. We are still looking to hire part time officers. It is harder to fill those positions, but we do have a few applications to look into. The Charger now has the same vinyl as the Explorer and we will look into getting the third cruiser done. Mr. Port offered kudos to Chief Dolan for playing basketball with the kids in the park. Chief Dolan stated that it was not him, it was Officer Hull and asked council to please acknowledge it if they see him. Chief Dolan said that Officer Hull is a vital asset to the department and he greatly appreciates him.

***Legislative***: Mr. Kenworthy asked for an executive session for contractual purposes with legislation.

Mr. Kenworthy presented the following legislation:

Mr. Kenworthy asked for a motion to have Mr. Ferguson to draw up an ordinance for the Fire/EMS incentive program.

Motion to Approve: Port 2nd: Neff

Legislative Committee meeting to discuss the packet from Mr. Ferguson and the tax levy is scheduled June 30, 2021 at 5:30pm.

Resolution 2021-11 Transfer of Funds

Motion to Approve: Haren 2nd: Neff

Yea (6)- Kenworthy, Neff, Albright, Warner, Haren, Port

Ordinance 2021-14 An Ordinance Amending 937.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Byesville

Motion to Approve: Haren 2nd: Warner

Yea (6)- Kenworthy, Neff, Albright, Warner, Haren, Port

***Additional Business:***

**Kenworthy: ---**

**Neff:**  **---**

**Albright: Mr. Albright asked if there was an update on the trees that need to be taken down. Mr. Dudley stated that he is waiting on the contractor to call him to schedule.**

**Warner: Mrs. Warner stated that Juneteenth was declared a national holiday. She noted that both federal and state offices received the day off. Some areas were offering an additional four hours of pay. She asked if that was going to be addressed and/or in the upcoming union negotiations. Mr. Dudley stated that there would not be negotiations this year, but it could be discussed. Mrs. Warner also asked for an update on the iPads. Mayor Jackson stated there was no update.**

**Haren: Mr. Haren asked for a status on the trains and the building. Mayor Jackson stated that the railroad is still an active organization.**

**Port: We have gotten the volunteer program up and running. There are a lot of activities being planned. There was a group of 16 kids that attended earlier in the day to play at the park. As the mayor mentioned, we will have a free movie night at 8:30pm on Sunday. Thank you to Mr. Dudley for providing the sound for the movie. We currently have sponsors for three movies and possibly a fourth.**

**Media: The agenda on FB stated that the festival would run from noon on Friday. That will unfortunately be what is printed, however, a correction has already been submitted to be published.**

***Executive Session for Possible Litigation:***

Motion: Haren 2nd: Neff

Yea (6)- Kenworthy, Neff, Albright, Warner, Haren, Port

6:42pm

***Meeting Adjourned***:

Motion to Adjourn: Albright 2nd: Haren

Yea (6)- Kenworthy, Neff, Albright, Warner, Haren, Port

Meeting Adjourned: 7:03pm

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**Mayor Jay Jackson**

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**Minutes prepared by Village Fiscal Officer, Angela Gombeda**