**The Byesville Village Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 5:30 pm, at Village Hall.**

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

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

**Roll Call: p. – Valentine, p. – Sullivan, p. – Haren, p. – Port, p. – Warner, p. Dawson**

***Guest:***

**Levi Wade** – 210 High Ave., Mr. Wade stated that some of his neighbors were having issues with the company providing their trash service. Their trash is beginning to pile up and they believe that the company has gone out of business. He was asking if someone at village hall could reach out to other local trash service providers and see if they would be willing to pick up for these residents without the extra charges for such a large load. He didn’t feel the residents should have to pay that fee because the company went out of business. Mr. Dudley stated that he had been in contact with a local provider and believes that it is in the works to buy out the accounts of the company that has gone out of business.

**Ron Gombeda** – 406 W. Spruce Ave. – Guernsey County CDC Executive Director, Mr. Gombeda stated that he was present on behalf of the Land Bank meeting and wanted to inform council that the Land Bank was in the process of attaining funding to raze several properties within the village. Mayor Jackson had supplied a list of houses and the Land Bank will work with the current property owners to gain ownership of the properties and move forward with the process of demolition. Councilman Valentine asked about a specific property and whether it was on the list. Mayor Jackson stated that he would get the information on the property from Councilman Valentine to see about getting it added. Mr. Gombeda was also present to discuss two matters on a personal level. The first being annexation. Where Mr. Gombeda’s property is located, just outside the village limits, however, he stated that he feels it is an “island among itself”. He stated that he cannot leave his property to go anywhere without going through the village. That is the only way in and out. He noted that he is unable to vote or have a say in any village matters, yet comes and goes within the village daily because he has no choice. There are five houses along the row where his property is that is not within the village, but all others around it are. Mr. Ferguson stated that there is a legal process to go through to get annexed and that he would work with the village and Mr. Gombeda on the process. The other matter that Mr. Gombeda wanted to bring to council’s attention was the way he felt he was verbally attacked by a fellow council person over a Facebook page. He stated that Mrs. Warner had berated him and continued by making posts on Facebook regarding him. Mrs. Warner did not feel that it was a council matter that should be brought up during a meeting because it was done on her personal time. Mr. Gombeda felt that being an elected official, council should be aware of her actions because it could directly impact them and the village. Mr. Port asked Mr. Ferguson to explain censure to council and noted that it was a public reprimand of a council member’s actions that were deemed inappropriate.

***Clerk’s Business:***

Councilman Haren made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Warner to approve the February 9, 2022, meeting minutes.

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

Councilman Haren made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dawson to approve the bills as presented.

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

***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.

**S. 2nd Waterline:** Precon meeting on 3/3.

**N 8th Waterline:** Materials are in and work will begin when the weather breaks.

**Distribution:** Disconnects/reconnects, OUPS tickets. Service calls as needed. Leaks on Marietta Rd and Southgate.

**Personnel:** Interviewing is complete for Utility Clerk position. We will make a selection by the end of the week.

**Wastewater Operations**

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

**Maintenance:** Repairing shaft on the ditch. Rebuild raw pump.

**Inflow & Infiltration:** We have had a lot of rain over the last couple of weeks. This has greatly contributed to increased flow at the WWTP.

**Street**

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

**Cold Patch:** We have been cold patching holes as funding and weather permits.

**Signs:** In an attempt to limit “standing” and maintain traffic flow during dismissal, we have added a “no parking here to corner” sign. New stop signs on Sequoia/Greenbrier. The signs were damaged by a trash truck.

**Park:** Clean and prepare park for GROW race.

**Personnel:** Reviewing resumes/applications for vacant position. Interviewing next week.

**Misc. Work:** Maintain streets, repair, clean, maintain equipment and facilities, clean, jet, and repair culverts and catch basins as needed.

**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:** 1 – Building permit.

**2022 Budget:** Made revisions to the budget based on discussion at the previous finance meeting. Emailed revisions and notes to the Council & Mayor.

**Fire Dept Ladder Truck:** Work with Assistant Chief Bacon to secure contract and financing for a used ladder truck. I prepared an ordinance and emailed it to Council for their approval this evening.

**Chamber of Commerce Dinner:** Represented the Village at the recent Chamber dinner. I appreciate the CDC sponsoring my ticket.

**Executive Session:** Request Executive session for personnel.

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

Mayor Jackson reported that planning for spring and beautification is underway. The village will be at the Home & Garden Show. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out, the more the merrier. There are 2-3 potential businesses coming to the village. Mr. Sullivan stated that Rotary of Byesville would considered helping with the gazebo at the park.

***Park: Mr. Port reported that the race went well and he thanked Dave Warner and the others involved in cleaning up the tree branches and debris in the park. Mr. Port stated that the village has received a grant in the amount of $2,800 for a new swing set in the park. The total cost of the swing set is $3,576. Village employees will install the swing set and do the concrete work.***

***Fire/EMS: Chief Haren stated that the FD will be holding a fish fry on Fridays starting March 4TH, and running for 4 consecutive weeks.***

***Solicitor: No formal report.***

***Village Services: Mr. Sullivan is looking forward to attending the pre-con meeting for the 2nd Street project on March3, 2022.***

***Police*:** ***---***

***Finance: Finance meeting was held before the regular session meeting to discuss some possible changes. Suggested increases and decreases for certain areas. The next Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for March 9, 2022, at 4:30pm.***

***Legislative***:

Mrs. Warner presented the following legislation to council:

Ordinance 2022-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract with Command Fire Apparatus for the Purchase of a Used Aerial Ladder Truck and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Port 2nd: Dawson

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

Motion to Approve: Port 2nd: Haren

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

Resolution 2022-03 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Various Funds Listed Herein to the Various Funds Listed Herein

Motion to Approve: Valentine 2nd: Haren

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

Resolution 2022-04 A Resolution Amending Appropriations

Motion to Approve: Haren 2nd: Valentine

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

Resolution 2022-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Various Funds Listed Herein to the Various Funds Listed Herein

Motion to Approve: Dawson 2nd: Valentine

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

Resolution 2022-06 A Resolution of the Council of The Village of Byesville – Rendering Police Protection to Neighboring Jurisdictions with No Contract or Mutual Aid Agreement in Effect

Motion to Approve: Haren 2nd: Warner

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

***Additional Business:***

**Dawson: There will be a clean up day at the park once the water has receded. There are a lot of limbs and debris.**

**Haren: Mr. Haren asked to contact Zemba regarding the train. The Byesville Scenic group is still active and willing to help work out something with the owners.**

**Port: Mr. Port stated that the CIC meeting for the month was canceled due to the ice storm. He did have a copy of the 2021 year in review if anyone would like a copy.**

**Sullivan: Mr. Sullivan asked that there could be a group text sent out for reminders of committee meetings.**

**Valentine: Mr. Valentine stated that there is an issue with flooding on Pioneer Road and asked if there was anything to do to remedy the situation. Mr. Dudley stated that he is aware of the issue and they are working on a long-term resolution. There is a large culvert that was cleaned out with hopes to help the problem.**

**Warner: Mrs. Warner requested an Executive Session for personnel matters. Mrs. Warner thanked the Mayor for sending employees out to clean up debris and tree limbs from the ice storm.**

**Media: ---**

***Executive Session for Contractual Purposes:***

Motion: Haren 2nd: Dawson

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

Enter Executive Session: 6:26pm

***Meeting Adjourned***:

Motion to Adjourn: Dawson 2nd: Sullivan

Yea (6) Valentine, Sullivan, Haren, Port, Warner, Dawson

Meeting Adjourned: 6:52pm

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**Mayor Jay Jackson**

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