**The Byesville Village Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 5:30 pm, at Village Hall.**

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

**Mayor Jackson led The Pledge of Allegiance.** **Councilman Dawson offered a prayer.**

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

***Guest: ---***

***Clerk’s Business:***

Councilman Dawson made a motion seconded by Councilman Haren to approve the minutes from the 5/11/2022 meeting.

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

There was one correction to the bills: Hendricks Electric should have been taken from the Water Fund and not the General Fund. The correction was made on the spreadsheet.

Councilman Haren made a motion, seconded by Councilman Valentine 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:** Work is approximately 55% complete. There will be a few days of road closure while the E/W laterals are installed and connected. Signs will be placed well in advance of the closures and detail the detours. Truck traffic will be rerouted over Country Club Rd.

**N 8th Waterline:** Work is approximately 85% complete. Line is charged and taps should be complete by the end of the week. Resurface within the next 2 weeks.

**Distribution:** Disconnects/reconnects, OUPS tickets. Service calls as needed.

**Wastewater Operations**

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

**Greendale Line:** Will be replaced upon completion of N 8th waterline.

**Street**

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

**Trees Planted:** (3) Trees replaced along main due to several MVA’s.

**Patch Pot Holes:** Spent 2 days patching pot holes.

**Stop Signs:** Installed 2 new stop signs in alley between 4th & 5th new Township Office.

**Banners & Flowers:** Reset banners and hung flowers in the downtown.

**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: Need to schedule a Zoning meeting to address several requests.**

**Grant Award:** We received notification of award for the Opportunity Appalachia grant submitted in April for technical assistance as it relates to architectural rendering and a business prospectus associated with the possible acquisition of Byesville Elementary. The grant value is $75,000. Council will need to approve the Mayor to enter in the grant agreement.

**GPS Tour:** Toured the new Guernsey Power Station and met with officials. The facility is expected to be fully operational around the end of the year.

**Economic Development:** I have been working on several commercial properties for potential development. Hopefully we will have more information in the very near future.

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

Mayor Jackson said there is a lot of progress going on within the village. He has been working on fundraising for beautification. There will be volunteers from Quanex helping downtown and at the park on Saturday (5/28/2022) and everyone is invited to come participate in their efforts. We will have youth workers again this summer to help off-set some of the workload. The mayor stated that he has been working on obtaining additional grants to help with projects within the village. There will be a Memorial Day parade with line-up starting on Glass Ave. at 1pm. The mayor also wanted to show his appreciation to the employees that worked to get the new flags and flower baskets up.

***Park:*** Mr. Port stated that there was a broken valve at the park and Mr. Sullivan was able to fix it quickly. He greatly appreciated Mr. Sullivan’s help with the issue. Mr. Port stated that there have been a group of
“kids” at the park that have been using foul language around some of the smaller kids. He said that he, the mayor and a couple other volunteers have been keeping an eye and an ear out and reminding the kids to make better choices while at the park. The Farmer’s Market is going very well. There are now four volunteers at the museum, and they are doing a great job with it. There are four boy and four girl teams signed up for the basketball league at this time. Mrs. Warner asked if that was on par from the past and Mr. Port stated that it is down from previous years, but he is hoping to still get a couple teams to join.

***Fire/EMS:*** Asst. Chief Bacon stated that they plan to have all of their trucks in the Memorial Day parade. Mr. Bacon reminded council that the Fireman’s Festival is coming up on June 24-25 and they are still planning and getting everything organized.

***Solicitor: ---***

***Village Services:*** Mr. Sullivan wanted to acknowledge that the village employees are doing a great job on N. 8th Street and the progress for the 2nd Street Waterline is going well. He also thanked Mr. Dudley for getting pot holes, that a resident had stressed concern over, taken care of in a prompt manner.

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

***Finance: ---***

***Legislative***:

Mrs. Warner presented the following Legislation:

Ordinance 2022-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Appalachian Community Capital for the Management of the Opportunity Appalachia Project Grant

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Haren 2nd: Port

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

Motion to Approve: Port 2nd: Warner

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

Ordinance 2022-09 An Ordinance Placing a Moratorium Upon the Construction or Installation of any Home or Residence of Less Than 850 Sq. Ft.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Dawson 2nd: Warner

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

Motion to Approve: Dawson 2nd: Warner

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

Resolution 2022-10 A Resolution to Amend Permanent Appropriations

Motion to Approve: Port 2nd: Haren

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

Increase Village Portion of Sidewalk Program to $6.00/Sq. Ft

Motion to Approve: Valentine 2nd: Haren

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

***Additional Business:***

**Dawson: Mr. Dawson stated that he would like to thank Rick Haught and Lee Campbell for helping get some clean up done at the park. Mr. Dawson also thanked Mayor Jackson for going above and beyond for the village.**

**Haren: Mr. Haren thanked Kim Diss for all of her hard work and dedication at the Byesville Museum and with the Farmer’s Market.**

**Port: Mr. Port wanted to remind council that there are specific reasons that an executive session can be called, the purpose must be stated, and no other information can be discussed outside of the declared purpose for the session. With that said, he noted that council cannot call an executive session for litigation (possible, pending, or on-going) without having the Village’s Solicitor present.**

**Sullivan: Mr. Sullivan stated that he appreciates Mayor Jackson and Mr. Dudley quickly addressing a couple issues that he had previously discussed with them. Mayor Jackson again thanked Mr. Sullivan for helping fix the plumbing at the park.**

**Valentine: Mr. Valentine stated that on South 3rd going towards Race Ave., there is a large amount of brush piled up on the back of a truck which is making it hard to see when you are pulling out. Mr. Valentine also wanted to thank Mr. Dudley for getting the Stop signs taken care of that they had discussed.**

**Warner: Mrs. Warner presented council, Mayor Jackson, and Administrator Dudley with a letter formally requesting access to the security cameras. (Letter attached) Mrs. Warner stated that she felt that would help with the efforts to keep the vandalism down at the park. Other council members stressed their concern and did not feel that it was necessary, nor were they requesting to be granted access, as Mrs. Warner’s letter requested that full council have access. Several members felt that was a liability and relied on the conversation previously had with Chief Dolan that it could be detrimental to investigations. Mr. Haren stated that he did not want the responsibility that would come along with having the cameras on his personal phone or computer, as well as, any possible**

**legality of it. Mr. Dawson and Mr. Valentine stated they both felt it was “spying”, especially in the situation of the volunteers working at the museum. Mrs. Warner likened it to the Neighborhood Crime Watch and stated she felt that if people knew that council were watching the cameras, it would deter some of the behavior taking place at the park. Mr. Haren felt that it was “overreach on council’s part, micromanaging, and that it sends the wrong message to the people in the community”, to which Mr. Valentine and Mr. Dawson concurred. Mayor Jackson feels that the best deterrent is physically being at the park. Driving through, being down there walking around, being seen. If you are there, you have a better chance to stop a situation, or to call the police in order for them to respond in a timely manner. Mr. Port referred to Mrs. Warner’s letter and that she had also stated in the meeting that these should be public access, due to the cameras being paid for with taxpayer dollars. He questioned that if that is the reasoning, how could they say that council could have access, but not any village resident (taxpayer) that would request it. Mr. Valentine asked if this was something that needed to be voted on by council and Mrs. Warner stated that it did not need a vote. Mr. Port felt that it needed to be discussed further with the village’s liability insurance and Mr. Ferguson, the Village Solicitor. Mrs. Warner stated that she didn’t feel as if it were any more of a liability than if she were to go to the park and confront someone that possibly threw trash on the ground. If that person were to hit her, she stated that is a liability. Mr. Haren noted that it would be an assumption of risk if you were to confront someone at the park and you in-turn were injured or they possibly threw rocks and damaged your vehicle. Mrs. Warner felt that the Neighborhood Watch signs should come down if no one was going to be watching the cameras. Mr. Haren replied that the Neighborhood Watch participants were not going to have access to the cameras. Mrs. Warner commented that Mayor Jackson had recently stated that Rowe Wireless had been hacked and their site was down. Mayor Jackson said that he did not recall saying that and Mr. Dudley corrected them saying that the discussion had been the Rowe Wireless stated that our cameras had been hacked, that someone had gained access to our cameras without permission. Mr. Port noted that there are other cameras throughout the village that the administration has and questioned why Mrs. Warner was specifying the park and museum cameras, and not the ones at the fire department, ballfield, etc. Mr. Port asked Mrs. Warner if there was a reason that she was only asking for the two and if there was an issue that council needed to be aware of at the museum (he noted that council was aware of the issues at the park). She stated that Mr. Ferguson had said those two places were “public areas”. Mr. Dawson felt that it made council look like “nib-noses” and did not feel that this was Mr. Ferguson’s suggestion. Mayor Jackson states that he would speak to Mr. Ferguson and try to get more information to discuss this further at the next meeting.**

**Media: Clarification on if the public and residents encouraged to attend the clean-up with Quanex. The mayor stated that everyone is welcome. Also asked for clarification on the Cedar Ridge Summer Youth program.**

***Executive Session for Personnel & Contractual:***

Jimmie Moore, Wastewater Superintendent was invited to attend the executive session.

Motion: Valentine 2nd: Warner

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

Enter Executive Session: 6:33pm

***Meeting Adjourned***:

Motion to Adjourn: Haren 2nd: Dawson

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10pm

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**Mayor Jay Jackson**

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