**The Byesville Village Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 5:30 pm, at Village Hall.**

**Those in attendance included Mayor Jay Jackson, Village Administrator Brennan Dudley, and Village Solicitor William Ferguson.**

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

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

**Motion to Excuse Mr. Haren for personal reasons: Warner 2nd: Port**

**Yea (5) Sullivan, Port, Warner, Dawson, Valentine**

***Guest: Resident stated ditch behind their house needs cleaned out. Asphalt is giving way. Mr. Dudley stated that he would look at it and contact the resident to come to a solution.***

***Donald Marlatt—wanted to discuss the alley that he is asking to be closed. The gate has been opened and closed, but it is a safety hazard. He stated the gate has been closed for about ten years and now it is being opened, unless there is practices or games. He would like it to be permanently closed.***

***Clerk’s Business:***

Councilwoman Warner made a motion seconded by Councilman Sullivan to approve the minutes from the 5/25/2022 meeting.

Yea (5) Sullivan, Port, Warner, Dawson, Valentine

Bills

Motion to Approve Bills: Port 2nd: Valentine

Yea (5) Sullivan, Port, Warner, Dawson, Valentine

Mrs. Warner asked about the bill for the banners. The bill is for the sponsor banners at the softball field.

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

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

Mayor Jackson is excited about the new businesses that want to be in Byesville. He is still working on the beautification and the flowers are coming along. Thank you to the VFW that purchased the flags for the village. Cedar Ridge youth program will start Monday. At this time, we have six participants. They will start at the park and go to different projects around town. The Fireman’s Festival will be June 24-25. We need volunteers, it is a very big event. Finalizing plans for the park trail. It has been difficult to get bids in and fine tune the project.

***Park:*** Mr. Port stated that the new swing set is up. He will be getting the mats and then the swings will be ready for the kids to enjoy. Mr. Haught has been helping out, as well as others with mowing and other projects. The help is greatly appreciated. We will be scheduling a park board meeting soon.

***Fire/EMS:*** Mr. Dudley stated that EMS has been busy.

***Solicitor: ---***

***Village Services: ---***

***Police*:** Mr. Dudley stated that the Chief had shared some numbers with him regarding call numbers. He said they are up. Mr. Dudley wanted to show his appreciation for the Chief and all the officers.

***Finance: ---***

***Legislative***:

Mr. Dudley presented a sidewalk program application for 123 10th St., the sidewalk is complete, the resident is asking for reimbursement.

Motion to Approve: Port 2nd: Sullivan

Yea (5) Sullivan, Port, Warner, Dawson, Valentine

Mr. Dudley stated that $1500.00 was allocated for the year. Applications are typically taken through July 1st, but with increasing the cost per sq. ft. that the village will pay, that has almost maxed out the allotment with the applications that have already been received.

The Zoning board heard a request for a variance on a trailer located at 231 W. Spruce Avenue. The law states that any trailer older than 5 years old must be moved or receive a variance when it is sold. The Zoning Board was unanimous on the approval of the variance. Mr. Dudley stated that he just found out the property owners had just received the letter in the mail that day. He had received a few calls, none were objecting to the variance, only support and questions regarding the variance. It was suggested that council wait to vote on the variance to give the surrounding residents time to respond if they choose to do so.

Motion to Table the Variance: Warner 2nd: Port

Yea (5) Sullivan, Port, Warner, Dawson, Valentine

Mr. Dudley presented a petition to vacate an alley by Mr. Donald Marlatt. Mr. Dudley read the petition and the letter from Mr. Marlatt. He also included the comments from each department regarding the alley. Mr. Dudley read his recommendation, as to which he stated that he did not recommend vacating the alley. Council discussed the alley along with Mr. Dudley, Mayor Jackson, and Mr. Marlatt before voting on the closure.

Motion to Vacate the Alley: Warner 2nd: Valentine

No (5) Sullivan, Port, Warner, Dawson, Valentine

***Additional Business:***

**Dawson: ---**

**Haren: ---**

**Port: Mr. Port stated golf carts have been discussed several times in the past, but has not been truly addressed. He is seeing several people driving them around town and many of those being driven by children. He would like to see the village create an ordinance regarding golf carts being driven on roadways in the village. Mr. Ferguson stated that for municipalities that do not have their own laws, the State law would be the one to follow, which states that drivers need to be licensed. Mr. Port stated that the police department would be able to inspect them to be sure they are street legal, creating additional revenue for the department. Mrs. Warner scheduled a Legislative committee meeting for 5pm on 6/22/22 to discuss the matter further. Mr. Port also reported on the CIC meeting. He stated there are new businesses coming to the village. They also discussed the Vibrant Communities Grant.**

**Sullivan: Mr. Sullivan stated that he will be in Colorado for the next meeting.**

**Valentine: Mr. Valentine thanked Mr. Dudley for his hard work on the grants that were recently received.**

**Warner: Mrs. Warner asked if Mr. Dudley or the Mayor has found a company to remove the tree behind Mr. Castello’s house. Mr. Dudley stated that he and Mr. Sullivan is still in the process of finding someone to do the work. They are hoping to find someone they can contract with to do right of way maintenance. That is something that would be reimbursable through the right-of-way program.**

**Media:**  Requested a copy of the alley closure.

***Meeting Adjourned***:

Motion to Adjourn: Dawson 2nd: Warner

Yea (5) Sullivan, Port, Warner, Dawson, Valentine

Meeting Adjourned: 6:56pm

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**Mayor Jay Jackson**

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