**The Byesville Village Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 22, 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. Mr. Valentine requested a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Mr. Ray Watson who had served as the Mayor of Byesville.**

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

**Motion to Excuse Mr. Sullivan for personal reasons: Port 2nd: Dawson**

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

***Guest:***

***Clerk’s Business:***

Councilman Haren made a motion seconded by Councilman Port to approve the minutes from the 6/08/2022 meeting.

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

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

See attached.

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

Mayor Jackson we are all hands on deck getting the Fireman’s Festival ready. There will be a lot of people in town, especially on Saturday for the fireworks. We would gladly accept volunteers to help out. We are small in numbers, but we have a good team that work well together.

***Park:*** Mr. Port reported that the summer crew is working hard at the park to have everything done before the Fireman’s Festival. There will be a park board meeting held at Village Hall on June 23, 2022 at 6pm. There are new waterlines in to help with cleaning out pavilions and vendors to set up. We appreciate everyone’s help.

***Fire/EMS: ---***

***Solicitor: ---***

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

***Police*:** Chief Dolan presented numbers for calls and incidents. (See attached) He also discussed the new body cameras. We have purchased them and are awaiting the money for reimbursement from the State. Chief Dolan stated that the radios that have been purchased are at the vendor and waiting to be programmed. The company is having trouble getting the programming done and the Chief has called MARCS to see where the issue lies. He will continue to follow up on the issue.

***Finance: ---***

***Legislative***:

Mrs. Warner asked Council if they were prepared to move forward with the vote on the variance regarding the trailer on the corner of S. 4th & Spruce Ave. The matter had been tabled due to the letters that were sent out to neighboring residents were delayed in the mail and some were not received until the day of the meeting. Council had decided to table the matter to allow more time for residents to receive the letters and present any concerns that they may have.

A motion to approve the variance was made by Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Dawson.

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

***Additional Business:***

**Dawson: Mr. Dawson stated that after the previous meeting (6/8) that there were some comments/statements made on FB that he felt were slandering council. He stated that he had discussed this with other council members at the time. Mr. Dawson asked if there were any actions that could be taken regarding these comments that were made. Mr. Ferguson stated that defamation and slander are all civil matters. He stated that they would have to be addressed outside of village matters.**

**Haren: ---**

**Port: ---**

**Sullivan: ---**

**Valentine: Mr. Valentine stated that there is an alley with a downed line at the end of it and there is trash and debris being thrown throughout the alley. He said he had discussed it with Chief Dolan and they concurred that it is an issue. Mr. Valentine informed Council that Chief Dolan is prepared to issue citations if the trash continues to be thrown in the alley. Mr. Valentine would like to get the alley cleaned up, place some gravel, and keep an eye on it going forward. Mr. Valentine brought it to Council’s attention that it has been said he was going to houses and talking to residents regarding this matter. He stated that he did not and that he only checked on this issue because he was called and it was brought to his attention. Chief Dolan was with him and they did not approach any residents. Mrs. Warner asked if he had spoken to a gentleman by the name of Bob. Mr. Valentine did speak to the gentleman that was in his truck when he and Chief Dolan arrived. Chief Dolan and Mr. Valentine said that he had suggested who may be placing the trash in the alley. Mrs. Warner asked if that alley could be open and usable. Mr. Valentine stated that there are trees growing in the middle of the alley at the end of it. Mr. Dudley stated that it is an open, unmaintained alley at this time. If council would like to maintain this alley and have it as a usable alley, council will need to make a motion and vote on it. Mrs. Warner asked for the length of the alley, as to which Mr. Dudley stated he believed that it is 16 ft, but he would need to confirm. Mr. Dudley’s concern is the level and standards of the maintenance of the alley, along with the cost.**

**Mr. Valentine made a motion to clean up the garbage and “junk” within the alley and cover that area to the intersection with gravel. Councilman Port seconded the motion.**

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

**Warner: Mrs. Warner has requested signs at the park saying “No Swimming”. She stated that there are kids swimming in Wills Creek and the flood water. Mayor Jackson stated that he and Mr. Ferguson were checking into it regarding legality and checking with the insurance company. Mr. Ferguson stated that once you put up a sign or anything acknowledging that there is a hazard or problem, that is when you become liable. The mayor is going to continue to work with Mr. Ferguson and the insurance company to see what the best course of action is, if any. Additionally, Mrs. Warner asked about a tree that needed addressed and Mr. Dudley stated that he is working on getting an estimate.**

**Media:**  ---

***Meeting Adjourned***:

Motion to Adjourn: Valentine 2nd: Dawson

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:28pm

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**Mayor Jay Jackson**

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