**The Byesville Village Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 5:30 pm, at Village Hall.**

**Those in attendance included Fiscal Officer Angela Gombeda and Village Solicitor William Ferguson.**

**Council President Warner led The Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mr. Dawson offered a prayer.**

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

***Guest:***

***Clerk’s Business:***

Councilman Haren made a motion seconded by Councilman Port to approve the minutes from the 7/13/2022 meeting.

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

Bills

Motion to Approve Bills: Haren 2nd: Dawson

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

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

***Park:*** Mr. Port reported that they are working hard to organize the garage and inventory everything to help with their asset management. The mower will be about $3k to repair. We are thinking about trading both in and getting a 72” cut, as well as a smaller mower. Mr. Port plans to present that option to the park board at their next meeting. At the last council meeting, camera access was discussed. It was stated that the park board would need to update the rules and regulations and present them to council for review and approval. The park board recommended 3/0 to allow access to the cameras with policy in place. Mr. Port confirmed with Mr. Ferguson that the next step would be for council to vote on it and if passed, create a policy with the park board members to bring back to council for approval. Mr. Port asked for a vote of council at that time, however, Mrs. Warner felt that a resolution or a copy of the minutes were needed to show the recommendation before the vote could take place. Mr. Port stated that the minutes had not been approved yet, to which Mr. Ferguson stated that until they were approved, they are not official. Mr. Port stated that he would like to “clear up” a text message that had been sent out stating that the park board all wants access to the cameras. He stated that it was discussed in their last meeting and the board members had all stated that they do not want access to the cameras. He referenced a public records request that had been made for the park board meeting minutes and stated that once they are approved, he would provide them to fulfill the request. Mr. Ferguson addressed council and reiterated that group emails or text messages that are discussing village business would be considered a meeting under the Open Meeting Act and would be illegal. It was asked what Chief Dolan’s opinion was on council members having access to the cameras. Chief Dolan stated that his main concern was that anyone viewing the cameras would need to understand the responsibilities that would come with it and the possible legal aspects as well. He noted that anyone can make a public records request for a specific date and time from the recordings. Once it is recorded, it is public record. (Unless there is an ongoing investigation.) Mr. Port also noted there was an issue with a restroom door at the park that Mr. Sullivan was able to get repaired. Mrs. Warner asked if there was an upcoming park board meeting scheduled. Mr. Port does not have one scheduled at this time, but is working to hopefully get one within the next week.

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

***Solicitor:*** Mr. Ferguson presented:

Ordinance 2022-11 An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of Police Equipment from the Village of Senecaville and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Haren 2nd: Dawson

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

Motion to Approve: Haren 2nd: Dawson

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

***Village Services:*** Mr. Sullivan reported that Greendale was in the process of getting paved, the new sewer line is in, and 8th Street is finished. BOCA came in to do the grinding. Mr. Sullivan stated that 2nd Street needs to be done asap. The village employees cleaned up what the contractor left. He stated that he had contacted the contractor and made them aware that he was not happy with the way the street was left. It is important to get to this before school starts. The owner of Marlene’s is going to run a box drain the length of her restaurant and the village will put in a storm sewer grate that will tie it in on Seneca.

***Police*:** Chief Dolan stated that he received the five portable radios that were ordered in December and the install for the in-car radios is set for August. Mrs. Warner asked about a tree on S. 7th, to which Mr. Sullivan replied that it is on schedule. Mrs. Warner also asked if Mr. Sullivan had gotten a determination on the mirrors and/or stop sign on the corner of McLaughlin and Euclid. He is still working on it. Mrs. Gombeda asked that council please look at the intersection of S. 6th and W. Spruce. The residents on the corner are parking clear up to the corner and in the side yard, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic.

***Finance:*** Mr. Port scheduled a finance meeting for 4:30pm on August 24, 2022.Mr. Haren asked about CARES money and stated there were items that were discussed on the purchase list that was not purchased. Mrs. Gombeda stated that the remainder of the remaining CARES Act money had been returned to the State. She could not remember the amount off of the top of her head, but believed it was around $3,000.

***Legislative***:

Mr. Valentine presented the following legislation:

Ordinance 2022-10 An Ordinance Regulating Golf Carts in the Village of Byesville, Ohio

Second Reading

***Additional Business:***

**Dawson: ---**

**Haren: ---**

**Port: ---**

**Sullivan: ---**

**Valentine: Mr. Valentine stated that he had attended the Land Bank meeting. He was asked if he would consider being the liaison for Byesville. Mrs. Warner asked what it would entail and Mr. Valentine replied that he would attend the meetings and keep them up to date with things going on within the village and bring the information gathered back to council. Mrs. Warner stated that if he was interested in doing so, she would appoint him as the Land Bank liaison. Mr. Valentine also stated that he would like to recommend that Mrs. Gombeda take over the code enforcement. It was discussed with Mr. Ferguson as to the process and it was noted that council would have to create the position and appoint her. Mr. Haren stated that he thought someone doing code enforcement had to be a sworn officer. Mr. Ferguson stated that was not the case, there would be some aspects of the position that the police department would have to assist with, but the person in the code enforcement position would not have to be a sworn officer.**

**Warner: Mrs. Warner stated that in the Byesville Municipal Code it states that there can only be 3 officers on the payroll. She would like council to look at clarifying or changing the ordinance.**

**Media: ---**

***Meeting Adjourned***:

Motion to Adjourn: Port 2nd: Haren

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:28pm

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**Mayor Jay Jackson**

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