**The Byesville Village Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm, at Village Hall.**

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

**Mayor Jackson led The Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Councilman Sullivan offered a prayer.**

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

***Guest:***

***Clerk’s Business:***

Councilman Haren made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Warner to approve the minutes from the 8/24/2022 meeting.

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

Bills

Motion to Approve Bills: Haren 2nd: Port

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. We have been working through several maintenance issues. Awaiting the parts for several projects.

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

**Leaks:** St Rt 600 (Colgate), Main Ave, S 6th, Cumberland (4), Valve at Rasors, Burt St, Hope/Glass.

**Wastewater Operations**

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

**Marietta Rd Sewer Extension:** Working on GOA grant application.

**S 2nd Street Sewer:** Installed a strategic check valve in alley off of S 2nd. We hope that this will limit I&I backflow to the affected properties.

**Street**

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

**2022 Paving:** Still working on prep of Meek Ave and High Ave. Weather permitting, we hope to complete the resurface work next week.

**Personnel:** We have an immediate opening for a full-time position in the Street Dept. We will be posting the position by the end of the week on Facebook and other employment sites.

**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, Village Council, Police and Fire to ensure the day-to-day operation of the Village.

**Zoning:** 3- Building Permits / 2- Container Permits / 1-Demo / 2- ROW /

* Zoning Board met on 9/12 and approved 2 variances and a recommendation to Council for a trailer variance.
* Notification of the required fire bond was issued to the property owner at 10368 Pioneer Rd. The owner has been in contact with the Village and a demolition permit has been issued.

**Legislation:**

* ERI Ordinance: Prepared legislation for the implementation of an early retirement incentive program. I emailed Council the draft.

**Tree Bid Package:** I emailed Council the bid specifications. Unless Council has any additions, I will proceed with the bid solicitation process. Once the bids are received, I will consult Council for the necessary appropriations.

**Storm Water:** I met with an engineering firm. The firm is putting together some options for the Village and will come to a Council meeting in October to present the proposal.

**Park Walking Trail:** Village personnel are constructing the Trail this week. The project should be complete by 9/22.

**Byesville Elementary:** An agreement will be forthcoming. Mr. Ferguson is reviewing the agreement at this time.

**LSL Grant:** Applied for a grant through the OEPA to assist with the costs of lead service line identification and mapping.

**Traffic Pole:** On Monday 9/12, the old traffic light pole was struck and substantially damaged by an over load truck. The company has been in communication and full cooperation with the Village. The company will be providing for and making the necessary repairs to the sidewalk. We believe the pole to be stable at this time

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

There are a lot of projects going on in the village right now. Mayor Jackson thanked the employees for all their hard work recently on the park trail and the water leaks. Continuing to work on economic development. There are a few new businesses opening in town. We are working on switching the beautification efforts to Fall. Mayor Jackson stated that he had submitted a couple grants to help with the cost of the trail and hopefully be able to continue making improvements. Monster Mash will be coming up. The Fire Department will hold a costume party and a “room of terror”, which they will be looking for volunteers to help with. Trick or Treat will be held October 31st. Mr. Dudley asked the Mayor and Council if they approve of him scheduling a fall clean-up for Village residents only. Council and the Mayor were in agreeance.

***Park:*** Mr. Port stated that information for the Halloween parade will be out soon. Mr. Dudley had suggested a float competition to try to get more groups and businesses involved, so that will be the plan for this year. There have been questions about the cornhole league. Mr. Port said that it came about from the tournament at the Jonathan Bye Day. The group of gentlemen wanted to use the park to start a league and hopefully have tournaments. They are in hopes that it will eventually be ran through the Park & Recs. When that time comes, it will be presented to the Park Board. There is a situation that happened at the ballfield that was brought to Mr. Port’s attention by Chief Dolan. There was a gentleman that had been sleeping in the dugout and would often be intoxicated. Children had shown up to practice and he was loud, which scared the children. He was also at the park harassing the employees while they were working on the trail. There have been alcohol bottles and trash found. He has also recently been sleeping in Pavilion One. Chief Dolan stated that in the park rules, only the Mayor or the Park Board can ban someone from the park. The Ordinance regarding the park also does not state that you cannot have alcohol at the park. The ordinance states that no alcohol is allowed at American Legion Park, however, no one seems to know where the American Legion Park is. It also does not cover Rasor’s Field. This is definitely an ordinance that needs to be updated. Mr. Ferguson stated that disorderly conduct, public intoxication, open container, or trespassing would all be possible offenses.

***Fire/EMS:*** Chief Rice reported**EMS** - YTD 295 Calls. EMS is looking to purchase a new ambulance. The current one is starting to need frequent repairs. Chief Rice provided information on an ambulance that they have found for purchase. It is a 2021 and the asking price is $95,000. This ambulance was a demo and only has 2,300 miles. The department is also looking at purchasing 2 new cardiac monitors and 2 Lucas devices. The quote for the four items is $107,534.80. The department is trying to raise money for these items before taking out any loans. The NYC bus trip has sold out. We are considering two buses for next years’ fundraiser. The “bingo hall” building is going to be turned into a training center. This will cover training for CPR, blood pathogens, baby-sitting classes, etc. This will be an ASHI training center and a continuing education center for the State of Ohio for Guernsey County. Chief Rice applied for 2 AEDs (one for the FD/EMS and one for Village Hall) through a grant. He has also applied for the Safer Grant. This grant provides funding of personnel. Falls Township in Muskingum County received this grant and was awarded $734,000. Old Washington received the grant two years ago and received roughly $600,000. Last week we held a community education program. There were four from the community and five from the department that participated in a CPR class. Chief Rice is hoping to offer a different course every month. Working along with the Guernsey County Sheriff’s office and Guernsey Choices, next month’s class will be on NarCan awareness. **FIRE** – YTD 94 calls. There are three people interested in taking the 36-hour class. There was a house fire recently in which there were 6 departments on site, 37 personnel, approx. 35,000 gallons of water, 8 apparatuses, and a total on 6 hours on scene. There are two new EMTs, a junior member, and additional auxiliary members. The fire department will be holding a golf outing in August of 2023 at Wildfire Golf Course.

***Police:*** Mayor Jackson reported that Chief Dolan was in training. He stated that the Chief has been working on Code Enforcement issues. It was also reported that the “new” cruiser (cruiser purchased from Senecaville) is in the process of getting decals and the new radios.

***Solicitor:*** No official report.

***Village Services:*** Mr. Sullivan stated that he feels it is time to look at the storm water issue.

***Finance:***---

***Legislative***:

Mrs. Warner presented the following legislation:

2022-12 An Ordinance Amending Section 139.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Byesville, Ohio

It was decided in the legislative committee meeting that there were some language changes that they would like made before proceeding further.

2022-13 An Ordinance Establishing an Early Retirement Incentive Program Plan for Qualified Employees of the Village of Byesville, Ohio

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Haren 2nd: Warner

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

Motion to Approve: Port 2nd: Haren

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

2022-12 A Resolution Accepting Tax Amounts and Rates

Motion to Approve: Warner 2nd: Haren

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

Trailer Variance for 130 N. 11th Street

Motion to Approve: Haren 2nd: Valentine

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

Mrs. Warner scheduled a Legislative Committee Meeting for September 28, 2022, at 5:15pm.

***Additional Business:***

**Dawson: Jonathan Bye Memorial tournament will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2022.**

**Haren: ---**

**Port: CIC had a speaker from Foundation for Appalachia and discussed funding for different projects within the county.**

**Sullivan: ---**

**Valentine: ---**

**Warner: I have spoken to the Director of Operations at GPS and asked for a tour of the plant. He has agreed and would like to have a date that council is available.**

**Media: ---**

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

Motion: Port 2nd: Warner

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

6:37pm

Re-Entered Regular Session: 6:58

***Meeting Adjourned***:

Motion to Adjourn: Valentine 2nd: Warner

Meeting Adjourned: 6:59pm

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**Mayor Jay Jackson**

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