

**BYESVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
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The Byesville Village Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm, at Village Hall.

Those in attendance included Mayor Jackson. Village Administrator Brennan Dudley, Fiscal Officer Veronica Vargeson.

Mayor Jackson led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Dawson offered a prayer.

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

**Clerk's Business:**

**Minutes:** Councilman Valentine made a motion seconded by Council Woman Warner to approve the minutes from the September 13, meeting.

**Guest:** ---The Jeffersonian,

-Bill Peterson: Chief Engineer for Precision speaking about possibly doing seismic work in the village.

-Ron Gombeda: Jackson Township Trustee Candidate

**Administrator:**

**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.

**Filter Media Project:** Working on putting specifications together for bidding of the project.

**Lead Tests:** The 5 additional tests were below <1 ug/L. Therefore, the ALE has been rescinded and no further action is necessary regarding the matter. A public notice of the rescission will be placed in the Daily Jeff.

**New Trailer:** We purchased a new trailer for the Distribution Department. (\$16,900)

**Personnel:** Requesting an executive session.

**Distribution:** Disconnects/reconnects, OUPS tickets.

**Wastewater Operations**

**Routine Maintenance and Operation:** Pressing as scheduled, routine, and preventative maintenance as scheduled. Cleaned and power washed the clarifiers.

**Marietta Rd Sewer Extension:** Working on securing an engineer for the project.

**Street**

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

**Culverts/Catch Bains:** Cleaned, jetted several throughout the Village.

**Leak Holes:** Repaired 2 holes. One on N 6<sup>th</sup> and one on South Acres.

**Trees Trimmed:** Village personnel spent most of the last week and some of this, trimming trees in the ROW.

**Misc. Work:** Maintain streets, repair, clean, maintain equipment and facilities, clean, jet, and repair culverts and catch basins as needed.

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**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:** 4 houses renovated this year, and 2 more in the process.

**Cell Tower:** Requesting an executive session for contractual.

**Seismic Testing:** I met with the contractor desiring to conduct the testing. He said he would be at the Council meeting this evening to answer any questions.

**SEOCBI:** Continuing work almost daily in preparation for the ACG submission. Some documents are due to OMEGA (lead applicant) by Friday.

As part of the ACG planning process, we had an appraisal completed. The building appraised for \$487,000. This amount can be used as leveraged funds in the ACG application.

We have met with several of our partners this week to affirm their commitment to the project. The project has great momentum and word is definitely getting around. I also reached out to the Ohio Arts Council for advice and partnership.

We need to discuss if the Village is willing to make financial commitments to the project. Leverage funds are a way that we can demonstrate commitment to the project for those who will review the grant.

**MPP Meeting:** The Mayor and I attended the monthly meeting in Somerset. We toured and received information on the Somerset Builders Club. The club is a building that has been renovated in the downtown and it now in use as a maker space, technology center.

**Misc Items:**

- One way off of High Ave for the Library
- Inspected traffic pattern on S 5<sup>th</sup> St near Nurture Daycare.
- Cleaning Vocational Rd warehouse.
- Contacted Columbia Gas regarding reclaim work. No response as of today.
- Observation of tree issues on Reid Dr. and W. Spruce.
- Reviewed paving budget and presented options to Village Services committee.  
Motion by Mr. Valentine 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Port for accepting recommendation for utilizing balance of paving budget to make the first payment on the new roller loan.

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**Mayor:** Presented by Mayor Jackson

Mayor Jackson stated that we are finalizing summer projects and cutting down on spending. The guys have spent some time getting things cleaned up and organized. The code enforcement position is still being worked on and finalized. Mr. Dudley has suggested a fall cleanup for the village. There was lots of discussion in regards what Patriot Park.

**Park:** Mr. Port stated that park is slowing down. Less pavilions rented as well as softball is slowing to a close. Mr. Port is gearing up for the Halloween parade and festivities.

**Fire/EMS--**

**Police:** Chief Dolan notified council that the suspect in the Drive-thru burglary was caught via DNA

**Solicitor:** -

**Village Services:** Mr. Sullivan is happy about the clean up and organization efforts by the village workers. He has suggested auctioning off unused equipment.

**Finance:** --

**Legislative:** --

**Additional Business:**

**Dawson:** Asked for information on the Byesville Elementary Project, also suggested looking at 243 W. Spruce because of it being unsafe.

**Netting:** Suggested fixing the street lights

**Sullivan:** ---

**Valentine:** --

**Warner:** Suggested that Nurture Daycare utilizes the alley for the children's safety. Also thanked the Mayor for attending debate with her.

**Dudley:**--

**Port:** Volunteers for museum

**Media:** ---

**Motion to go into executive meeting:**

Motion-Mr. Dawson                    2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Valentine

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

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Motion to Adjourn: Dawson                    2<sup>nd</sup>: Port

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25pm

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**Mayor Jay Jackson**

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**Minutes prepared by Village Fiscal Officer, Veronica Vargeson**