

MINUTES
MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Grant Downes, Kurt Stanley, Jim Miller, Claudia Rogers and Eric White. Also present were Mr. Joe Wigfield, Kevin Greer, John Petro, Dan Spadafora, Chief Chad Schlimm, Steve Loomis, and Penny Rainsberger. Claudia Rogers made a motion to excuse Councilman Scott Noble with Kurt Stanley seconded. All Ayes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Joe Wigfield, Mr. Kevin Greer, Mr. John Petro and Mr. Dan Spadafora are all here regarding the upcoming sidewalk project. The gentlemen presented a petition against the extension of the Village sidewalks onto Minerva Rd. signed by the affected homeowners. The homeowners feel this is a "sidewalk to nowhere" and is not needed to access town or businesses. They feel that no one walks in that area and the drivers "fly" by, creating a safety issue. The residents are also concerned about losing lot frontage, drainage issues, hydrants moving further into yards, etc.... They are also concerned about long term upkeep and maintenance. These residents feel their portion could be better used in other areas of the village. This ODOT funded project- Alternative Transportation System- is meant to bring ADA access to the Village via extensions, accessible entryways, and to give more opportunities to the Village. The Mayor will reach out to Quicksall, the engineering firm, to see if there is any way to revise the original plans since they have already completed much of their work. Much of the work had been completed in order to even apply for the grant. Mayor Boyd will work with Quicksall to have an open meeting so residents can view the sidewalk plans.

MINUTES: Kurt Stanley made a motion to accept the Mar 20th, 2024 minutes as presented which was seconded by Jim Miller. All Ayes.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORTS: Eric White made a motion to accept the Fiscal Officer's report as presented, which was seconded by Grant Downes. All Ayes.

ACTION ON BILLS: Claudia Rogers made a motion to pay the bills as presented, which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes.

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Steve Loomis reports that he has done some road patching and hopes to do more next week. Mowing at the ball parks and town hall has begun. Steve will also look for stored American flags in the Village buildings. Steve states that he will be able to work until the end of May. It is hoped that a replacement worker will be found by that time. Eric White asked if the trash cans be put out at the ball fields by next weekend.

ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS: n/a

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Police Dept. was able to hand deliver the chicken ordinance letter to the resident at 511 N. Main St. They will have until June 9th, 2024 for removal. Grant Downes has been contacted by some residents asking when the snowflakes will be removed and when the banners will be changed. Eric White will try to get that scheduled since there have been weather and availability conflicts.

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NEW BUSINESS: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White states that the Stark Library will be having a bookmobile starting June 3, 2024 from 10:00-11:00 every Mon. thru August. They may be parking in the downtown lot but the Village Hall and Fire Dept. lots could be used if needed.

Eric reports that he is having Advance Power Wash clean the wall in front of the Village Hall. The estimate is \$200.00. Once cleaned, the wall will be inspected for needed repairs as there are many visible cracks.

Eric states that parking at the ball fields so far has been ok. He intends to remind the coaches and parents regarding where parking is allowed.

Eric stated he is working on a "To Do" list of items that need completed around the Village. If anyone is able to volunteer, while the search for a Village laborer goes on, it would be greatly appreciated.

Claudia Rogers volunteered for her and her husband Mike to clean up the Harrison Park Playground. Eric will also be receiving a baseball/softball schedule to assist planning mowing times.

SAFETY: Grant Downes advised everyone the monthly safety report from the Police Dept. is attached.

Chief Schlimm received a public record request for a personnel file today.

Chief Schlimm reported that he completed a speed survey on N. Main, Morges and Minerva Rd. Chief watched 116 cars and their radar speed. 97 of the 116 were under the 25 mph.

Chief continues to recruit candidates for the Police Dept. He has received an application from a candidate who is still in the Academy and will state test in July. Chief also has an interview on Friday with a candidate who is retiring from their current full-time police job and may be interested in some part time work.

Chief proposed to promote Gary Six to Captain and Frederic Alexander to Lt due to their tenure and performance records. [Res 2024-4] Jim Miller made a motion to promote Six to Captain and Alexander to Lieutenant on the first reading with Claudia seconding. All Ayes.

Chief Schlimm states that patrol car #1 has gone to Sarchione for maintenance.

Chief Schlimm has compiled a list of pros/cons for the possible new tasers and forwarded that to some Council members to review. Grant Downes has sent him some questions for Chief to look into. Chief Schlimm reports that the department policy manual review continues. He will be meeting with the Ohio Collective tomorrow for guidance.

Chief Schlimm asked if he could place an OVI checkpoint in front of the Fire Dept. Fire Chief Eric White says that is fine.

Chief White stated there was 1 fire (clothes dryer related) in the Village last month.

Chief White also stated there has been no word regarding the FEMA grant for a new truck yet.

CEMETERY REPORT: Claudia Rogers reported income of \$350.00 for the month of Mar. 2024.

Claudia asked how we will be getting mulch this year, bags vs bulk, since we will be needing it at the cemetery and Village Hall. Due to the low volume needed, bags will be purchased like last year. Kurt Stanley also pointed out the marker by the Lutheran Church is broken and will need to be repaired.

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UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley states that 0 street lights were reported out. Kurt also reported that he was contacted by ATT regarding attachments that are on 20 poles in the Village. He has reached out to them for more clarification.

FINANCE: Jim Miller reported the 1st half of the real estate tax money has been received. The Village received \$88,460.30 from Stark County, \$32,304.21 from Carroll County and \$3,501.86 from the Carroll County rollback. The Stark County rollback has not yet been received.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Eric White states that he has spoken with Mat Hawk, who previously worked for the Village. Mr. Hawk stated that he would be interested in working part time; possibly up to 10 hrs. a week. He also has a 15 yr. old son who could help during the summer season. Multiple applications have been received for the position and Mayor Boyd would like to schedule interviews next week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Atty. L'Hommedieu will review the possible actions that may be taken against any residents that are not in compliance of the chicken prohibition. Currently residents not in compliance with the zoning ordinance may be issued a citation under the ordinance. One resident claims the previous mayor gave them permission to have the chickens but the solicitor made it clear that the Mayor does not have the authority to override the zoning ordinances without going to the zoning board with an appeal.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd reports the process of getting 3 bids to get a grant from Stark County for codification of village ordinances in process.

Mayor Boyd will be talking with Quicksall regarding possible options within the sidewalk project since there have now been concerns raised by some residents. Eric White stated that he has spoken with a couple of residents who asked about their sidewalks, but informed them to wait for now until the scope of the project becomes clear.

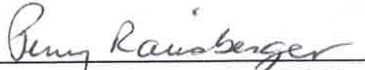
Mayor Boyd reports that Bridgepoint will be having their Fun in the Park event on June 24, 2024. This event was well attended last year and he hopes the same this year.

The bridge on Rt. 183 exiting/entering the Village will be closed for repairs April 22-23, 2024.

The Village will continue to explore financing options for the sidewalk project with the Bank of Magnolia.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. was made by Claudia Rogers with Kurt Stanley seconding. All Ayes.


Travis Boyd, Mayor


Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer