

**MINUTES**  
**MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**August 21, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Aug 21. 2024 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present *were* Grant Downes, Kurt Stanley, Jim Miller, Scott Noble, Eric White and Claudia Rogers Also present were Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:** n/a

**MINUTES:** Claudia Rogers made a motion to accept the July 17, 2024 minutes as presented which was seconded by Kurt Stanley. All Ayes.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORTS:** Jim Miller made a motion to accept the Fiscal Officer's report as presented, which was seconded by Scott Noble All Ayes.

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

**VILLAGE WORK REPORT:** Per Penny Rainberger, Shawn has been mowing and weed eating. Shawn has also weeded the volleyball pit area. Shawn has bladed some alleys and filled potholes. Shawn also help prep the Park for Canal Days. Claudia Rogers reports that there are very high weeds around the Chase Faiello flag pole near the football field so Eric White will ask Shawn to take care of those.

**ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS:** Jim Miller brought up the HSA payments the Village has been making for the full time employees. Normally the Village makes 2 yearly contributions of \$350.00 but that has not yet been approved/done. [Res. 2024-16] Claudia Rogers motioned to make the \$700.00 contribution now with Eric White seconding. All Ayes. Jim Miller reminded Council this was originally set up to help the employees start their fund to use but was never intended to be ongoing. Jim wonders if next year possibly decreasing by \$50.00 each half over 3 years. Scott wonders if this should be done at this point.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The certified letter sent to resident regarding their violation of the chicken ordinance was picked up from the post office 8-7-2024. As of yet there has been no response from them. Regarding sidewalk grant work, the section of sidewalk near the Elson home, which is stone and adjacent to the original fencing, and the Mill, which is brick, can not be touched due to and the fact it is part of the Ohio Historical Register. Some of Carrollton, Harrison and N. Main will be included in the work.

**NEW BUSINESS:** n/a

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** Eric White reports that he continues to review options for a possible boom lift for the Village. An electric unit would be initially cheaper but over the long term the Village may be better with a diesel engine. An electric unit would require battery replacement every 5-6

years and they are also considered quite not as versatile since they use a smoother tire. A diesel motor would cost a little more initially, but with correct maintenance could be used for many years.

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Eric White states that fall ball has started.

**SAFETY:** Grant Downes advised everyone the monthly safety report from the Police Dept. is attached. Chief Schlimm reports that a background check has been completed and candidate John Lewis is being suggested for hire as a Sergeant for the dept. Mr. Lewis has been in law enforcement since 2006 and been in supervisory positions at each location. [res. 2024-17] Kurt Stanley made a motion to hire John Lewis as a Sergeant at the rate of \$14.30 per hour with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes.

Chief Schlimm states the Stark County Sheriff's office provided speed signs to collect data on vehicle speed and time of day to help focus enforcement. The signs were placed in the 600 block of Minerva Rd and the 450 block of Morges. This study was for the time frame of July 27 to Aug 8 in a 35 mph zone. In the 13,980 cars counted, the average speed was 36 mph. Out of the 13,980 cars counted 229 cars or 1.6% were excessively speeding. The study on Morges was from Aug 1 to Aug 8 for a 25 mph zone. The sign recorded 6,211 vehicles with an average speed of 20.7 mph. Out of the 6,211 vehicle 20 or .3% were excessively speeding.

Chief Schlimm also reports that several car break-ins have been reported and 2 cars stolen overnight on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1 vehicle has been recovered. These break-ins have happened to unlocked vehicles and the stolen cars had the keys inside. Residents need to remember to lock their property. Chief states that the Police Dept. is available to make security checks on homes while people are away on vacation. The resident can stop by the Dept., call 330-866-9434 or email [schlimm@magnoliapolice.com](mailto:schlimm@magnoliapolice.com) to schedule these checks.

Chief Schlimm reports the dept assisted the Canton Police Dept with the Pro Football Hall of Fame Parade and will be assisting with security for the Hall of Fame Half Marathon Aug 8, 2024.

Lt. Alexander was part of the Stark County OVI Task Force on Aug 16, 2024 manning a sobriety checkpoint and will be working with them again on Aug 22, 2024.

Since concerns still exist regarding vehicle speed in the Village, Grant Downes ordered reflective spinners that can be added to the Speed Limit signs to hopefully help get the drivers attention.

Fire Chief Eric White states the Fire Dept. has been quiet. Eric reminded Council their reverse raffle will be coming up Oct. 14, 2024. Grand prize will be \$1500.00. Tickets will be \$50.00 each with many additional prizes and food from The Nest will be available.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Claudia Rogers reported income of \$720.00 for the month of July 2024. Claudia is also concerned regarding the number of leaning headstones and wonders if there is anything we can do. Eric White states the entire headstone probably needs to be removed and reset with a new base. Claudia also states that in the new section near the curve, there seem to be nest of hornets.

**UTILITIES:** Kurt Stanley reports Trebel Energy will be attending next month's meeting. Kurt is also checking into one of the street light's billing as it continues to be almost 10 times higher than the other street light bills.

**FINANCE:** Jim Miller reports that the State of Ohio audit continues. Jim also presented the accounts the street paving billing will be paid from.

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**STREETS AND ALLEYS:** Scott Noble reports Perrin Asphalt has paved the remainder of Carrollton St./Morges for \$75,000.00. Scott pointed out the Perrin accidentally did some work that was not originally agreed to but honored their agreement price. Scott will also check to see if any sealing of edges needs to be done. Scott reports that Joe Little will be doing a culvert on S. Main/Plain when he works on another storm drain. The idea of No Thru Trucks signs was discussed. All Truck Must Use State Route signs will be installed on Carrollton Rd going east. Also, Council must remember that trucks can get exemptions from the State of Ohio so we may not be able to eliminate all the trucks.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** n/a

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:** n/a

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Boyd reports that the Impala car the Water Dept was using has been taken to the scrap yard for disposal as it would cost too much to repair.

Mayor Boyd states the first attempt for the codification grant was denied. He will be checking on other funding options such as the Stark County Community Foundation.

Mayor Boyd was contacted by the Methodist Church regarding some property they own and wish to divide into 4 possible lots. The issue is the lots are "land locked" as there is currently no road for access. The Church is asking for possible suggestions. Options could be a dedicated road, Lynwood extension or Minerva extension. Council feels the better option is to connect to Minerva Rd. The Church will have to install the road and then the Village could be requested to maintain.

Mayor Boyd states the Canal Days went well, had good weather, and was without incidents. The hayrides also seemed to be a hit and earned \$591.00. Last year the amplifier had gotten wet and concern exists if it would need to be replaced. Jim Miller will be checking the speakers and amplifier at the stands to see if they still function.

**ADJOURN:** Jim Miller made the motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:47 p.m. with Eric White seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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