

**MINUTES**  
**MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**July 17, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on July 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Grant Downes, Kurt Stanley, Jim Miller, Scott Noble, and Eric White. Jim Miller made a motion to excuse Claudia Rogers with Kurt Stanley seconding. All Ayes. Also present were Chief Chad Schlimm, Shawn Darr, and Penny Rainsberger. Visitors included Stark County Sheriff Maier and Stark County Sheriff's Dept. Operations Major Carver.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:** Sheriff Maier just wanted to stop by the Village and "touch base". Sheriff Maier reports that since the first of the year thru Mon. July 15, 2024 there have been 19 calls, no arrests, and 3 mutual aid calls from their dept. to the Village. Things seem to be going much smoother now. Sheriff explained the process to Council. A call comes into the Cencom dispatch who then reaches out to our Police Dept. If we have no one available, the call goes back to the Sheriff Dept. to handle. To help alleviate any delays, Chief Schlimm states that we have been giving Cencom our schedule. Sheriff Maier states that they are available to help our officers as needed. Sheriff Maier reports that the Stark County Sheriff's Dept. handles 55,000 sheriff calls per year. That total does not include other areas such as Canton and Hartville.

**MINUTES:** Grant Downes made a motion to accept the June 27, 2024 minutes as presented which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes.

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

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

**VILLAGE WORK REPORT:** Shawn Darr reports that he has been mowing and weed eating. Shawn replaced a valve on the water fountain in the park and painted the benches at the bandstand. Shawn states that the catch basin on High/ Plum or Elson seems to be clogged. Scott Noble will check with the county to see if they are able to clear that for us. Shawn states the volleyball net is in disrepair; Jim Miller will order a replacement. Shawn asked who has the responsibility of branches, shrubs, etc... that may obstruct the view of vehicles trying to pull out into the road. Council advised him to mention this to the homeowner so they can state if they will address it or if the Village will. Shawn will also be taking additional picnic tables to the park for Saturday's Vince Costello dedication service.

**ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS:** n/a

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Boyd states that he has not received any updates from Atty L'Hommedieu regarding the chicken violation guidelines.

Mayor Boyd reached out to Sean Smith at the Stark Co Development Board for assistance regarding the codification of Village documents. Mr. Smith recommended Mayor Boyd apply for the grant in

the entire amount with an explanation describing that we have contacted multiple companies but have only been able to get 2 of the 3 required quotes.

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Jim Miller pointed out that 2024 is the year that Stark County property appraisals are being completed. These value amounts will impact the tax money the Village receives. The Fire Dept levy is the next levy due for either renewal or replacement so timing needs to be considered if the Village would want a renewal or replacement levy

**NEW BUSINESS:** Possible Stop Sign on Morges and Lynnwood or Cline. Traffic speed has been a concern on Morges. Residents were asked to give their opinions regarding placing a stop sign. Josh Beck worries that someone would simply run the sign. Others mentioned the option of speed bumps. Chief Schlimm states this will not be well received as these are extremely noisy.

Dan Joseph states there are 5 families with children in the area of concern. He states that even though this may impact him the most, as his house is closest to the possible sign, he is in favor. Kurt Stanley asked if the radar sign could be moved back to the corporation limit as it seemed to be more effective at that location.

That will be done. Eric White also states that most residents' responses seem to be against a stop sign.

Chief Schlimm was asked if cameras could be added to the current radar sign. This is not an option as there is a class action lawsuit regarding the ticket's unconstitutionality.

Grant Downes feels we should try other options before installing a stop sign. Grant found reflective spinners, to help get the drivers attention, that can be added to our current signs. [Res. 2024-15] Scott Noble made a motion to allow Grant to order the markers, up to \$100.00, with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes.

Other options may be rumble strips on Morges at the corporation limit, lighted up reduce speed sign, additional signage, more tickets issued, etc.. as there are no easy options. The steps for adding a stop sign would also require ODOT approval and 90 notice (sign stating traffic pattern change).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** Eric White reports baseball seems to have completed for the year. Football will be starting soon, if it hasn't already. Eric asked Shawn Darr to take some trash cans to the football field area when he is able.

Eric White has also been looking at a possible boom lift for the Village. This can be used to accessing the banners/flags that are displayed in town. The Bureau of Workers Compensation offers a grant that could possibly make our portion 25%. Eric will work on the grant application.

Mayor Boyd reports the Magnolia Parks Improvement Committee has purchased 2 pickleball nets. These are moveable and will stay outdoors. The lines for the pickleball courts need to be painted and also in a different color than the tennis court lines. Jim Miller will call for prices to seal and restripe the courts.

Jim Miller states the Vince Costello monument wall located by the Fire Dept. has been completed by Jeff Chivari. The statues are to be set tomorrow. The statue for downtown is unfortunately not completed yet. The brick base has been completed near the bandstand.

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

Chief Schlimm reports that the police dept has purchased an iPad for the CADS service. The iPad can also be used with our LEADS system. Chief also stated that he ordered the hardware needed today. An additional line will be added with T Mobile for the iPad.

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Chief Schlimm reports there were numerous complaints regarding fireworks over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Chief reminded Council the State of Ohio has made them legal on most Federal holidays since July 1, 2022. The Village could consider an ordinance prohibiting them if desired.

Chief Schlimm completed another speed survey in the 250 block of North Main near Canal. 327 vehicles were observed and clocked. 155 were traveling at 25 mph or less, 138 were traveling at 25-30mph, 34 were traveling at 30-35 mph and 0 over 35 mph. No citations were issued. Chief notes that the results of these surveys shows patrols should focus on the 3 main thoroughfares; Minerva near Levee Circle, Morges at S. Lynnwood or Cline and N. Main near Canal.

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 in 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.

Fire Chief Eric White states the Fire Dept has been quiet.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Mayor Boyd reported income of \$0.00 for the month of June 2024. Mayor Boyd states he will be reaching out to Tim Costello regarding the new QR codes that people can add to the headstones. You can scan the code and it can give you information, pictures, videos and the like. Mayor Boyd thinks it would be helpful to do the QR code onto the signs with a plot map. This would help people find loved ones.

**UTILITIES:** Kurt Stanley reports that he has spoken with AEP regarding the new LED street lights. A representative will come meet with him so they can walk the Village. This will give them an accurate count. Kurt reminded Council that these new lights will be much brighter, no adjustments/settings, and no covers.

**FINANCE:** Jim Miller reports that the State of Ohio audit continues. Jim also explained that he will be working towards cleaning up any unused, or rarely used, funds. Penny Rainsberger is gathering the information regarding allowable fund usage. Once the fund is either at a \$0.00 balance or not applicable anymore, Council will need to approve the closing of the fund. Once that is received, the Auditors office can be notified (with explanation) for approval of closure. Doing this we can eliminate duplicates, not applicable, etc... funds. Ashley Neeling has given Jim Miller a copy of the resolution the Village of Malvern has used in the past for refence.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS:** Scott Noble reports Perrin Asphalt has been contacted and will be paving the remainder of Carrollton St/Morges for \$75,000.00. Not sure on a start date at this time. Eric White asked Scott to remind Perrin that the Village will keep the millings so they do not need to be hauled away. Those can be placed by the water tower and garage. Scott has also located another

street sweeping company in Louisville, OH. This would be much closer than Reilly Sweeping. Scott will reach out for rates and info.

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

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

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Boyd reports that Jay Herstine of the Water Dept contacted him to let him know the Impala car the Water Dept has been using is not worth repairing. Ruegg Bros. Automotive states repairs would cost more than the car is worth. Penny Rainsberger will pull the title from the lock box so the car may be disposed.

Mayor Boyd reports that the completed video segment regarding the history of the Village with Sarah McDaniels is now available for viewing. She has been producing stories on some of the old towns, buildings, history, etc... in the area, such as her interview with Steve Coon who restored the old Onesto Bldg. in Canton. Mayor Boyd states the Canal Days planning has gone well. The parade will be Sat Aug 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.. There will be new food vendors this year and the Beer Garden is returning.

Mayor Boyd was contacted by the Sandy Valley Baptist Church inquiring if they may place a sign on the pole at Elson/Harrison. Council feels the Church should speak with the property owner and, if approved, must make sure the sign does not block visibility or pose a safety issue.

Mayor Boyd stated the Neighbors in Action group had a nice turnout for Bingo last evening. He thanked Council for the use of the sound system.

**ADJOURN:** Eric White made the motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 9:01 p.m. with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

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Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer