

**MINUTES**  
**MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**October 16, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Oct. 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Grant Downes, Jim Miller, Scott Noble, Eric White and Claudia Rogers. Also present were Chief Chad Schlimm, Sgt. John Lewis, Shawn Darr, and Penny Rainsberger. Visitor Mr. Joel Bender and associate of Whitaker-Greer Insurance Company was also present. Claudia Rogers made a motion to excuse Councilman Kurt Stanley, who is out due to illness, with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Joel Bender from Whitaker-Myers Insurance stopped by to give an overview of the Village insurance policy for next year. Coverage is comparable to last years with very minimal differences. The premium will increase by an estimated \$444.00 bringing the total to an estimated \$16,510.00 for the year. [Res. 2024-19] Jim Miller made a motion to accept the insurance policy with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes. Mr. Bender also stated that the Ohio Plan will be doing updates next year regarding making sure items are correctly appraised and insured. Many items could be insured as either "true replacement costs" or "functional costs". They will come back at a later date to get measurements and review the buildings we insure. Sgt. John Lewis just wanted to stop in to introduce himself to all of the Council members since rejoining the Police Dept. in Sept.

**MINUTES:** Claudia Rogers made a motion to accept the Sept 18, 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 Scott Noble. All Ayes.

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

**VILLAGE WORK REPORT:** Shawn reports that he had tires replaced on the Kubota tractor. He also notes the lift cylinders are leaking. He called for estimates which ranged from \$300.00 to \$900.00. Shawn states that he has repaired similar cylinders in the past and thinks he may be able to do the repair since the parts run about \$60.00. He will take another look to see if he can. If not, he will take the tractor to Unkefer's since they had the lowest estimate. Shawn has started the leaf removal pickup on Mon/Thurs. He also been moving dirt and organizing the area near the water tower. Dug Dug provided one for Shawn to add to the truck. Eric White described to Shawn the process of setting up for the Halloween bonfire, such as moving the recycling bin, scraping the parking lot and how to stack the pallets. Eric will reach out to Steve Loomis re: pallets and, if he is unable to help, Summitville Tiles has plenty we can use.

**ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS:** Claudia Rogers was contacted by resident, JoLane Elson, regarding a couple of concerns. First concern is if there are any ordinances preventing marijuana dispensaries in the village. Her second concern is regarding camping/public sleeping in the village. Overnight camping and the dispensaries should already be covered with current resolutions but that will be reviewed.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Boyd was contacted by W. E. Quicksall last week regarding 6 aprons that are part of the sidewalk project. They wanted to know if the Village wanted those done with asphalt or concrete. Council agrees concrete is the better choice. The historical aprons by the Mill will be retained. Quicksall will dig up the old pavers, level a base and reinstall the original pavers. Mayor Boyd also spoke with Encode Plus of Texas regarding the codification project. Their services seem comparable to the other possible providers and their rate is lower (estimated \$8000.00) with a yearly maintenance fee of \$1750.00. Attorney L'Hommedieu suggested getting some more information, such as any legal reviews with the State of Ohio rules. Mayor Boyd will try getting more information. The Mayor states that the latest Carroll County grant window is closed but will be available again next Jan.2025. The Stark County grant is a continual rolling setup.

**NEW BUSINESS:** n/a

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** Eric White reported that he has completed a Safety Intervention Grant for the boom lift with the Bureau of Workers Comp. Eric has found a boom lift for \$23,500.00. If the Village is able to acquire the grant, our portion would be approximately \$6000.00. [Res 2024-20] Jim Miller made a motion to authorize the Village to pay up to \$6000.00 with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes. Eric states he will be reaching out to the Water Dept regarding items that they have stored in the Trushel Bldg. He hopes they can move their items so we will be able to keep this new equipment indoors. It was also decided that limestone should be spread in the building as that will help keep the equipment from being directly on the ground. Questions were asked about having a Fall Clean Up Day. A Clean Up Day will be planned for the Spring.

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

Grant also stated that he will be adding the Halloween information to FaceBook.

Grant also asked about tree removal near Frank Young's home. There are a couple of trees that will need to be removed prior to the sidewalk project start date. If the trees are removed, the project will be able to handle the stump removal.

Grant states the website renewal fee will be coming this month.

Chief Schlimm reports that the switch from CENCOM to STARCOM dispatching service is complete and began on Tues. Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Chief Schlimm reports the Ohio Collaborative Policy update project continues. He has updated the Property & Evidence, Vehicle Pursuits, Bias Based Policing and Body Worn Camera policies. Once our officers have read and signed policy acknowledgement, they will be uploaded to the state board for review. This will continue to be a time-consuming ongoing project as each of the 7 Groups contain multiple subsections under them.

Chief states that Lt. Alexander will be attending OPOTA's pistol instructor course next week and this will count towards his annual CPT requirement. Lt. Alexander will also then be able to help with our department yearly requalification's and cover for Chief Schlimm if needed.



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Chief Schlimm states he has completed another speed survey. This was completed at Peach Court and Harrison over several days. Due to a complaint to Council, this study was completed during the "peak" time of 2:30-6:00 pm. This is a posted 35 mph zone and 402 vehicles were clocked by radar. The breakdown shows vehicles traveling under 35 mph at 335, vehicles between 35 mph and 40 mph at 58, vehicles traveling between 40 mph and 45 mph at 8 and the one vehicle over 45 mph which necessitated a stop and a speed citation issued for 47 mph in a 35 mph. Data shows the traffic in this area is significant and the department will continue to focus patrols in the area.

Chief Schlimm states that Ms. Carol James told him the No Truck signs seem to be working and Chief has also noted a difference. Mayor Boyd was asked by an outside resident if these signs were legal. Per the state of Ohio, the Village can limit the truck traffic. According to Chief Schlimm some cities will allow trucks to purchase a permit to use the roads. Locally, there are multiple state routes available so that may not be necessary.

Chief Schlimm reports that CAR2 continues to have battery issues. Ruegg's Automotive installed a battery tender to help alleviate the issue. CAR1 will be going in for new tires, an alignment and oil change Mon Oct 21, 2024.

Chief states the department will have a presence at Trick or Treat and the following bonfire.

Chief wanted to remind everyone that he will be borrowing the Fire Dept training room for an OVI Task Force meeting Nov 19, 2024 at 8:30-10:00 am.

Fire Chief Eric White states the Fire Dept. has been quiet. Eric stated their reverse raffle went well. The Fire Dept also hopes to hold another fundraiser in the spring; possibly at the Eagles hall.

Chief also reports the Fire Dept FEMA grant requests for a new truck and, separately, for new radios, have both unfortunately been denied.

Chief White states that Santa will be visiting the Fire Dept on Dec. 2, 2024.

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

**UTILITIES:** Mayor Boyd reported for Kurt Stanley that his meeting with AEP & evaluation will take place at the first of the year. Kurt reported 3 street lights as being out to AEP. They were on Cline, Cline/Carrollton and N Main. Kurt also reported there is a sheared off pole in the village but it does not belong to AEP.

**FINANCE:** Jim Miller states the new contract from Aultcare insurance has been received. It currently shows a 7% rate increase. Industry standard has been a 9-13% increases. {Res 2024-21} Jim Miller made a motion to accept the insurance policy with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes. Mr. Mike Sessor of Digital Insurance is still working to see if we can get a better rate. Currently only 1 employee utilizes the village insurance plan. That employee has approached Council regarding their coverage. The employee states they would be able to join their spouse's insurance (which is actually better coverage than our plan). Employee inquired that if they could do that, would the Village possibly give them a healthcare stipend in lieu of our coverage. More information needs to be obtained before making a decision. Jim also mentioned that the Village should look at possible investing options for the Village money so we could increase returns. A couple of options could be a CD or a Sweep account. Jim also mentioned that next year the possibility of pay rate increases should be look at.

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**STREETS AND ALLEYS:** Scott Noble contacted Perrin Asphalt this week. The Village had still not received a bill for the paving they completed. They had forgotten, so the bill was sent to him and given to Penny Rainsberger for payment. Scott stated they will be handling the sealing of the pavement edges. Scott has also reached out to the Stark County Sewer Dept regarding possible help cleaning some drains but they have not been able to catch up with each other. Scott also noted that Joe Little Excavating has repaired 4 catch basins in the last few weeks. One of these still had the original wood frame and one was on the verge of washing out under the payment. Scott feels that next year the option of paving many streets may need to be patching instead, since the funds may need to go towards replacing many more catch basins. Many of these have never been replaced and are still the originals.

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

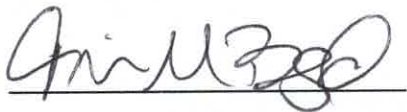
**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:** n/a

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Boyd reports that he has spoken to Shawn Green regarding coating and painting the tennis court/pickleball court. His estimate was \$5450.00. Since it is so late in the year now, Council will recheck this, maybe around Feb., since the court does need to be sealed. Mayor Boyd was contacted by the Boy Scouts. They are hoping to reestablish a local troop with the local Lions Club sponsoring. They hope to start something in the Spring of 2025.

Jim Miller made a motion to enter executive session to discuss possible litigation with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes.

**ADJOURN:** Eric White made the motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 9:34 p.m. with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor



Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

