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MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
September 18, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Sept 18, 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, Shawn Darr, and Penny Rainsberger. Visitor Mr. Steve King from Trebel Energy was also present.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Steve King from Trebel Energy stopped by to introduce himself since he will be the Village contact person since Mr. Scott Belcastro has retired. Mr. King also left graphs of the electric and natural gas comparisons of the standard rate of AEP and Columbia Gas vs our contracted rate. Trebel Energy believes the electric rates may raise 3-4 cents by June of next year. Mr. King states that he will reach back out sometime (Nov-Feb) with the current rates so the Village can consider possibly renewing a contract. Our current agreement is in effect until May 31, 2025.

MINUTES: Grant Downes made a motion to accept the Aug 21, 2024 minutes as presented which was seconded by Claudia Rogers. All Ayes.

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

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

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn has been mowing and weed eating a little but due to the dry weather it is has slowed down. Shawn has painted the library boxes in the Village. Shawn also mowed 2 lots in the Village where the grass was too high. Penny Rainsberger has billed the homeowners for the service. Shawn has installed the spinners on top of many of the speed limit signs and the "Trucks Must Stay on State Route" signs. Resident Dan Joseph asked Shawn if the radar speed sign could be moved back closer to his residence. Council agrees that it's ok to do so as it may be a good idea to vary it periodically. Shawn also state the Kubota tractor will need front tires. He was quoted the following prices; H & M Tire \$172.00, Unkefer Sales \$157.00 and Ruegg Brothers Automotive \$147.00 which also includes mounting. The decision was made to use Ruegg Brothers. Shawn also mentioned there seems to be 2 small hydraulic leaks on the lift so the cylinders will need to be redone at some point. Shawn reported the Kubota had also been stalling/quitting. He has replaced the battery and worked on the seat switch which needs to engage for the machine to run. He believes this is fixed and will keep a watch on it.

ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS: Claudia Rogers asked if the snowflake decorations can be inspected for any burned out bulbs. This should be done before they are put up for the winter season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The resident at 190 Brady has received their notice regarding their chicken violation. The return receipt has been received 9-6-2024 so it is now the resident's responsibility to reach out to the Zoning Committee within 30 days.

The 2nd draw has been made for our portion of the Sidewalk project. Sue at W.E. Quicksall notified Penny Rainsberger that they have received the payment. One more draw will be forthcoming to

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complete our payment portion of the project. Work is expected to begin next spring and to be completed by July 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White reminded Council the Halloween Bonfire is fast approaching. Jim Miller states we can probably get some pallets from Summitville Tile. We usually use 40-60 pallets. Eric also said he has been contacted by the Sandy Beaver Canal Society. They were interested in gifting a mural that is to be painted on the back of the Bandstand. Ideas on a design can be discussed after checking the bandstand for options that could work on the building. Eric also continues to review options for a possible boom lift for the Village. He has located an all terrain diesel lift for approximately \$23,000.00. If the Village would be able to get a BWC grant, our portion would be approximately \$8,000.00. Jim Miller and Mayor Boyd checked the amplifier and speakers at the park to make sure they still work after getting rained on last year and they still do.

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

Chief Schlimm reports that he has received notice that CENCOM, our contracted dispatching service, will be closing effective Nov 1, 2024. Chief immediately sought quotes from 3 other providers. RED Center charges \$14.22 per resident, per year so our estimate would be approximately \$1,185 per month. Stark County Sheriff quotes \$5,000.00 per year/ \$417.00 per month. Minerva's Police Dept quotes \$4,500.00 per year/\$375.00 per month. Our CENCOM monthly payment has been \$300.00 per month. Chief thinks using the Stark County Sheriff dept is the best option. Their operation is very tech savvy and potential for delays could be diminished. The Magnolia Fire Dept already uses their service. [Res 2024-17] Jim Miller made a motion to enter into a contract with the Stark County Sheriff Dept for dispatching service with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes. Chief Schlimm states several No Through Trucks and Trucks Must Use State Routes signs have been placed in the Village. He presented an ordinance template that can be adapted to our needs. Once this is adopted, enforcement can begin. Chief Schlimm states the officers' annual firearms re-qualification will be done this month. Chief stated that Sargent John Lewis has been training and will probably be released to road patrol in the next month or so. He has been doing very well. Sargent Lewis will also try to attend next months Council meeting.

Due to more accidents in the Village, Chief has switch from the OLEIS crash reporting system to a crash module inside the OHLEG system, which is the system used for all other calls needing reports. Now everything can be in one place. The car computer capability hardware has been updated and installed. Once a new dispatching contract is established, the implement of in car computer use can begin.

Chief reports that Car 1 will be needing new tires and an oil change. He will get that scheduled.

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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 served. Chief White states that Santa will be visiting the Fire Dept on Dec. 2, 2024. He also reports the Fire Dept will be having a work/cleanup day on Sat. Sept. 21, 2024. He states the Fire Dept has not yet been approved for grant money for a new truck but hope they will be approved at the next grant cycle.

Fire Chief White also wants to remind Council there are burning bans in place for most of the area due to drought conditions.

Chief White also has spoken with Donnie Nicholson, Safety Director, regarding a resident's concerns regarding bats and the conditions at the old Larson gas station. Mr. Nicholson will be talking to the owner.

CEMETERY REPORT: Claudia Rogers reported income of \$4050.00 for the month of Aug 2024. Claudia is also concerned regarding the leaning headstone of the Downes family. Claudia will check with Sexton Tim Costello to see if there is any family that can be contacted.

UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley states he will be having a conference call with AEP on Sept. 23, 2024. He will be reviewing all the accounts with them. Kurt will also be discussing the new LED lights that will eventually be installed in town.

FINANCE: Jim Miller states for the Sidewalk project, the Village will be making payments of \$2000.00 plus interest towards the line of credit at the Bank of Magnolia. Jim Miller reports the budget for 2025 has been prepared. [Res. 2024-18] Jim Miller made a motion to accept the budget as prepared with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes. Jim also shared the electric bill balance for the Park usage during Canal Days. The Canal Society may be contributing money towards this (possibly up to \$500.00) with the Village paying the balance.

Jim also pointed out the Stark County Auditor has completed their scheduled property reevaluations. Many resident's appraisals have risen significantly.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble reports he still needs to speak with Perrin Asphalt regarding the sealing of some 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 reports that road salt this year is priced at \$51.94 per ton. The Village usually uses 2 loads of 50 ton, depending on the weather.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd reports that he has reached out to Shawn Green regarding coating and painting the tennis court/pickleball court. He has been unable to secure an insurance policy. The Mayor will follow up with him regarding this.

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Mayor Boyd states the first attempt for the codification grant was denied. He is working on applications with Carroll County and Stark County and should have those completed by the end of the month. He is hoping to get 1/3 of the funding from Carroll County and 1/3 from Stark County which would leave the Village responsible for the final 1/3 of the cost.

Mayor Boyd was contacted by the Boy Scouts. They are hoping to reestablish a local troop and were interested in using the Village Hall for their meetings like previously and wondered if that would be allowed. Council feels this is fine to do.

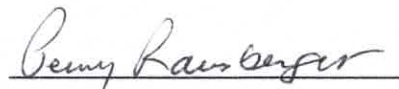
Mayor Boyd states the Methodist Church continues to review options regarding road access to potential building lots near the church that they own. They could possibly extend Minerva towards the Grange or extend Lynwood east. Multiple concerns must also be taken into consideration such as electric, sewer, gas lines, etc....

ADJOURN: Kurt Stanley made the motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. with Eric White seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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