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MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
March 19, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on March 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Grant Downes, Jim Miller, Claudia Rogers, Scott Noble and Eric White. Claudia Rogers made a motion to excuse Kurt Stanley with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes. Also present were Mr. Joey Marcoldi of the Boy Scouts, Ms. Nikki Boyd, Chief Chad Schlimm, Shawn Darr, and Penny Rainsberger.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Joey Marcoldi participates in the local Boy Scouts organization. They ask their members to attend different community events. Mr. Marcoldi has chosen to attend a public Council meeting so he can see how the process works.

Ms. Nikki Boyd wanted to speak to Council regarding the upcoming Canal Days Festival. Ms. Boyd is asking about the possibility of alcohol for the festival again this year. She presented a sample permit form that could be used if approved. The Village will research this option further.

MINUTES: Claudia Rogers made a motion to accept the regular Feb. 19, 2025 minutes as presented which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes.

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

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

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn reports that he has done some road patching. He states that the bag patch mixture has worked really well. Scott Noble says the local companies won't start producing "hot mix" asphalt until after the first of April. Mayor Boyd stated he talked to ODOT regarding a pothole on Main St in front of the Bank of Magnolia. He checked to see if the State would be fixing as it is on a State route. Per ODOT they are not responsible so the Village will need to handle the repair. Shawn has been cleaning up the town, picking up trash and debris and clearing catch basins. Shawn reports the exhaust bracket bolts on the Village truck have broken. He had Loudon Motors look at this but it would not be covered by our warranty. Shawn will remove the broken bolts and replace them.

Shawn asked if the Village would be willing to invest in a small leaf blower/vacuum. The Village has a large backpack version but it is ineffective in certain areas and doesn't have the vacuum feature. Claudia will be going to Bair's tomorrow and will check prices.

ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS: Jim Miller presented the idea of wage increases for employees. Jim proposed to the idea of a \$1.00/hr increase for full time employees and a \$0.50/hr for part time employees. Council will consider this suggestion and possibly draft a resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu has continued checking the County court docket to see if the complaint has been served to the resident that has not adhered to the Village chicken policy. It is possible he has refused the filing but unfortunately the wait continues. If the

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resident does refuse the court letter then the Village will have to resend the letter to him via regular mail. This would then start the time on his 28 day response clock.

Mayor Boyd states the tree between Mr. Frank Young and Ms. Cindy Sickafoose's homes has been removed. Each resident have paid \$350.00 for the removal. Mayor Boyd states the sidewalk project is still on track to start in early to mid-April

Mayor Boyd reports the Village has been approved for the \$6000.00 Carroll County grant to proceed with the Village codification project. Mayor states he has also applied for a \$6000.00 codification grant from Stark County Foundation which is in process. Once the monies are received from Carroll Co and Stark Co, the Mayor will sign the codification project contract. Once that is done the Village will be responsible for the balance of approximately \$6000.00 and a yearly maintenance fee.

Mayor Boyd received paperwork from the US Corp of Engineers regarding renewing a 20 year lease as the previous one is due to expire. This covers the area off N. Main St and handles the storm sewers that go into the Mill Pond. Travis will be contacting them.

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White reports the Village Clean Up Day will be April 12, 2025 from 8-12. Council members will take shifts as available.

Eric states the Boom Lift has been delivered and is stored in the Trussell Bldg. Eric will acquire 2 safety harnesses for when the lift is used. Eric wants to develop a training plan for Shawn and anyone that may use the equipment. The possibility of other Villages using the lift was mentioned. Eric feels there should be no issues as long as the other operators are properly trained and releases are signed. Penny Rainsberger will reach out to our insurance company to add the lift to the policy.

Eric says the SV Girls Youth Softball team will be holding their Hit-A-Thon April 26, 2025 at the Park from 11:30 am-2:30 pm. Food trucks will also be on site for the activity.

Eric will be reaching out to the local baseball/softball teams for their schedules. Preference is given to rec leagues which allows travel ball leagues to play whenever the fields are available.

Eric also has received a complaint regarding an overflowing dumpster at a rental property. The owner has been contacted and will handle this.

SAFETY: Grant Downes reports the police hours report is attached.

Grant has posted to the website information about tire disposal for Carroll County. He will also add our Village Clean Up Day to the website.

Grant has posted the Trebel Energy information for Kurt Stanley. Scott mentioned that the Opt out letters residents just received from Archer Energy are lacking. He thought the letters should contain comparison information for the residents. Grant stated he has posted a link that can be accessed for comparison info.

Chief Schlimm reports the remainder of the unused LESO weapons have been shipped back to DLA in Anniston, AL.

Chief Schlimm also wants to remind residents of the Open Burn Ban in place 1 Mar. 1st 2025 through May 31st, 2025. No burning during the hours of 6am to 6pm.

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Chief Schlimm states that with the weather changing, calls for service are steadily increasing. It's important to store belongings in locked sheds or out buildings, use of motion lights and motion cameras are beneficial in deterring criminal activity. Don't leave open windows unattended. Lock all vehicles. Take the effort to make yourself a hard target.

Chief Schlimm reports the junk vehicle has been removed from 221 S. Main but may return in the future. Any suggestions regarding this situation would be appreciated.

Mayor Boyd asked if any progress has been made in the smashed car windows case. Chief has a potential suspect in mind but Chief is waiting on camera information.

Fire Chief Eric White states the Fire Dept. has been thankfully quiet. He also reiterated there is a burn ban currently in place for the entire area.

Eric reports that the fire dept. benefit March 15, 2025 at the Eagles went extremely well. Any money raised will be used for upgrades to the rescue truck.

CEMETERY REPORT: Claudia Rogers reported income of \$0.00 for the month of Feb. 2025. Since Mr. Caulkins resigned suddenly from doing the grave excavations process, a search for a replacement has begun. Claudia states Mr. Bill Kegley will be handling a grave excavation on Sat. We will see how he processes this. Mr. Josh Lee has also reached out and is very interested in the position. Claudia will talk with Sexton Tim Costello about a possible contract for the replacement. Grant will remove the job posting from the Web.

UTILITIES: n/a

FINANCE: Jim Miller notified that the permanent appropriations are due by March 31, 2025. Jim read the fund breakdown to Council with the total for the year being \$1,188,205.33. [Ord. 2025-6] Jim made a motion to accept the permanent appropriations with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble has been inspecting roads and making a list of areas to be addressed. He will also take measurements of these. He thinks that chip and seal and slag may be acceptable options for some of the areas. Plain and Cline Streets are of real concern and will be near the top of the list. A culvert has a sinkhole forming around it on Harrison St. and needs to be addressed. Shawn will contact Mr. Joe Little.

Scott also mentioned the possibility of purchasing an asphalt trailer. This trailer can be plugged in to keep asphalt hot and usable overnight instead of rushing to complete work. Scott raised the idea of multiple local municipalities such as Waynesburg, us, East Sparta, Pike twps. etc... joining together to purchase the trailer. Since each locale would only use it a few weeks every season, it would save all the villages money. Eric asked if there are any designs that could be ergonomically safer for our workers. Items such as a conveyor belt, lift to dump, etc... would be safer. If so, there could be a possibility for a BWC safety grant. Scott will get some more information.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

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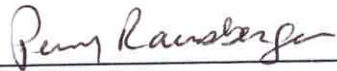
MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd has been in contact with Nelson Garcia of the US Army Corp of Engineers regarding the upcoming work in the Village. The project is moving as scheduled. The originally planned April 6th Groundbreaking Ceremony has been cancelled. Mayor Boyd has been contacted by ODOT regarding the TAP (sidewalk) project. Our 5% portion of the project will be due soon. Mayor Boyd mentioned there is a sinkhole near a ballfield. This sinkhole has been filled in repeatedly. Mayor asked if anyone would have any ideas as to what may be causing this, old water lines, old septic system, etc....

ADJOURN: Eric White made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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