

MINUTES
MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
April 16, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on April 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Jim Miller, Claudia Rogers, Scott Noble, and Kurt Stanley. Scott Noble made a motion to excuse members Grant Downes and Eric White with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes. Also present were Chief Chad Schlimm, Shawn Darr, and Penny Rainsberger. Visitors included Mr. Barry Fletcher, Ms. Nancy Barlett and Ms. Cathy Hepner.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Mr Fletcher is concerned regarding what regulations the Village may have in place for landlords. Mr. Fletcher and Mrs. Bartlet state there are properties that have become terribly unkempt. Kurt Stanley also noted some renters do not seem to keep things very tidy. There is trash overflowing trash cans, waste on the ground, etc.... The residents are curious if there is anything the Village can do. The Village has an ordinance regarding trash, rubbish and litter already. The Village will draft a letter for review that could possibly be used to notify homeowners that a clean up needs to be addressed.

Ms. Cathy Hepner was in attendance regarding a matter at the Cemetery. She had placed a vase of fresh flowers on her parents grave in March and when she returned 3 days later, the vase and flowers were gone. She was concerned that the cemetery staff had removed and thrown it away. Claudia Rogers has spoken with Caleb and he did not remove it. He even checked the trash pile and nothing was there. Ms. Hepner stated she also had a wrought iron wreath holder taken previously. She posted on Facebook asking people if they had any issues of theft or vandalism, and no one else has had any problems. She wants more of an effort to stop this. Chief Schlimm stated the officers will make more patrols thru the cemetery.

MINUTES: Kurt Stanley made a motion to accept the regular March 19, 2025 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 Jim Miller. All Ayes.

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

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn stated he has spoken with Sandy Twsp. regarding street patching. They have street patching equipment that will hold heat in the asphalt for 4-5 hours. This gives the crew time to work without rushing so much since the material will not set as fast. The Village would need to purchase the tar and stone. We would help Sandy with some of their repairs and they would reciprocate helping us. The twsp Trustees have already agreed to this situation. This will benefit all parties involved. Scott Noble stated the asphalt companies are just now starting to produce hot mix for paving.

Work has begun on removing the Christmas banners.

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Scott Noble will help as available. Scott has looked at Mr. Tozzi's water runoff issue. It appears much of the problem may be coming from his downspouts. We will still build up the edge of the road with patch trying to help keep road water directed away from the building.
Shawn will be on vacation May 22-29. He will try to have everything done prior to leaving. Mat Hawk may be contacted if needed.

ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS: Scott Noble reports the Kubota tractor is showing wear, such as rusting, hydraulics, bushings, etc..., due to age. He recommends the Village start trying to save for a replacement. The idea of a Bobcat as a replacement instead was mentioned. This may be a bit more versatile. We will check to see if any grants may be available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu was notified that "service was not successful with no reason given" regarding the complaint sent to the resident in violation of the Village chicken policy. The next step may be to try sending via Fed Ex or have Chief Schlimm deliver.
Mayor Boyd reports the Village has been approved for the \$6000.00 Carroll County grant to proceed with the codification project. Mayor states he has also applied for a \$6000.00 codification grant from Stark County Foundation and has submitted additional financial information for review. He will be meeting with them next Fri. 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 \$5000.00 and a yearly maintenance fee.

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Kurt Stanley reports the Village Clean Up Day held April 12, 2025 was a success.

Eric White has purchased 2 safety harnesses for use when the boom lift is in use.

SAFETY:

Chief Scilmm reports the dept. hours are attached.

Chief called Carroll County Sheriff Calvin Graham to thank him and his deputies for assisting him on a call on the Carroll County side of the village. Carroll County Sheriff's Office also handled a crash at Basin & Carrollton where a driver was cited and they also made an arrest of an adult male for domestic violence on Brady. These were when we did not have an officer on duty or available.
Chris Smith from Smith's Nursery will be hosting a Bicycle race on Saturday April 19th. The race will not come through the Village, but there will be an officer on duty during the time frame of the race which is 11am - 3pm. We will be able to use traffic enforcement fund for the officers pay.
The police dept. utilized the village's clean-up day to rid the department of old, worn, outdated equipment.

Chief received a donation of a computer and associated equipment from Rose Township. This computer will replace an existing computer in the patrol office that is in dire need of replacement. Thank you to Rose Township residents and trustees for thinking of us and to Grant for setting it up. Chief wanted to remind Council he will be attending the annual Police Chief's in-service and conference April 27-29, 2025 in Columbus.

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Chief wants to remind the residents there is an ordinance for the control of grass clippings, leaves, etc. Village Ordinance #7-91-6 states no one is allowed to discharge grass clippings, leaves, and or other vegetative matter into the street. Each offense carries a fine of up to \$100 and make violators responsible for cleaning it up. In addition to this ordinance, the village has several others concerning the upkeep of your property. Those common ordinances are found on the village website.

Chief Schlimm wants to remind residents of the Open Burn Ban in place Mar 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025.; no burning from the hours of 6am to 6pm. Scott noted seeing unattended burning in the Village. Chief has stopped several people. If anyone sees this happening, please call the police with date, time and address.

Chief said that with the weather improving, calls for service are steadily increasing. It's important for residents to remember what type of crime good weather brings. Store belongings in locked sheds, lock or otherwise secure 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.

CEMETERY REPORT: Claudia Rogers reported income of \$1050.00 for the month of Feb. 2025. Claudia states the interviews with Josh Lee and Bill Kegley were held Weds. April 2nd, 2025. Mr. Lee would need \$800.00 for each service while Mr. Kegley would continue at the current rate of \$600.00 per service. The cemetery committee recommends Mr. Kegley for the position. [Res 2025-8] Claudia Rogers motioned to hire Bill Kegley for the position effective May 1st, 2025 with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes. A contract will be prepared.

UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley states that he is attempting to again meet with AEP regarding the electric bills we receive for street lights. One bill continues to be much, much higher than the others. Kurt states he continues to reach out but the meetings have not happened yet.

FINANCE: Jim Miller had previously presented the idea of wage increases for employees. Solicitor L'Hommedieu has drafted an ordinance reflecting raising pay rate for certain individuals and certain positions. Jim Miller made a motion to implement these rates with Claudia Rogers seconding. All ayes. This is the first reading and accepted. Two more readings will be held prior to implementation. Jim also mentioned that Mike Schmidt is currently out on medical leave for the next three months. According to the policy manual, the Village will pay his insurance stipend for one month only.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble has been inspecting roads and will also take measurements of these this weekend. He will then submit bids to Perrin Asphalt, Superior Paving and Milhorn Paving. Scott still thinks that chip and seal with lockdown on top may be acceptable options for some of the areas.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor L'Hommedieu reports that the State of Ohio House has passed a bill that will stop replacement levies. This will impact how the Village will need to process our levies moving forward. Kevin also asked Penny Rainsberger to double check our current levies expiration dates. She will reach out to Jon Oates, Stark County Auditor.

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CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: Mayor Boyd presented a proclamation declaring that May be "Motorcycle Awareness Month". Scott Noble made a motion to accept this proclamation with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd states there is a municipal road fund thru Stark County. This may be something the Village can gain funds to use for road repairs. This will be checked into for 2026. Mayor Boyd has been contacted by ODOT regarding the TAP (sidewalk) project. Our 5% portion of the project has been paid using a loan from the Bank of Magnolia. The project is currently on schedule.

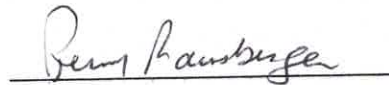
Mayor Boyd also attended a meeting with Stark Parks last week. They have changed their previous Elson mill area rehab plan. Now they hope to give more interior access, change the parking area and remove the glazed block building. They currently have 80% of the \$600,000.00 funds needed. They will also start accepting bids in two months for the project to start in 2026.

ADJOURN: Jim Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. with Kurt Stanley seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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