

MINUTES
MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
May 21, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on May 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Claudia Rogers, Scott Noble, Eric White, Grant Downes, and Kurt Stanley. Claudia Rogers made a motion to excuse member Jim Miller with Eric White seconding. All Ayes. Also present were Chief Chad Schlimm, Shawn Darr, and Penny Rainsberger. Visitors included Mr. Noah Blatten and his mother.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Noah Blatten is here from Scout troop 38. He is working towards his Eagle Scout medal and had chosen to sit in on a community meeting to see how Council works for the Village.

MINUTES: Eric White made a motion to accept the regular April 16, 2025 minutes as presented which was seconded by Scott Noble. 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 Kurt Stanley made a motion to pay the bills as presented, which was seconded by Claudia Rogers. All Ayes.

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn stated he has been mowing and weed eating in town. Since he will be on vacation starting tomorrow, he wanted to make sure everything was done prior to him leaving. He also has used the Durapatch machine for pothole patching and it works really well. It was able to keep one load of patching material hot for 4 hours. The new recycler, Tri County, has been very good at maintaining/emptying the cardboard recycling bins. Shawn was unsure about some poles in the park. Eric stated those are for the batting cages. Shawn also stated that Mr. Jay Hershstein told Shawn that he had covered some valve boxes while he was patching streets. Shawn will double check on this.

ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS n/a

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu notified Mayor Boyd that the non-compliance complaint has been delivered via Fed Ex on May 2, 2025 to the resident who still has not removed their chickens. The resident's attorney has reached out to Solicitor L'Hommedieu regarding this. The resident asks if the Village would forego the \$100.00/day penalties if he removes the chickens within 30 days and pays the Court fees. Council feels this is an acceptable resolution. Solicitor L'Hommedieu will contact their attorney to finish this process.

Mayor Boyd reports the process continues with the Stark County Foundation regarding the codification grant. The Carroll County grant remains available.

Neither Mayor Boyd nor Nate Quicksall of W. E. Quicksall Engineers, have received any updates regarding the sidewalk project.

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NEW BUSINESS: Claudia Rogers mentioned that rental code changes are happening in nearby cities. She has given Penny Rainsberger a printout of these so copies will be added to everyone's meeting packets for next month.

Grant Downes presented the information about the North Country Trail. This is part of the National Trail System- Appalachian Trail branch. They are hoping to move trail walkers off the highways. The trail would be marked with Blue badges on poles. The idea would be to set the Waynesburg to Magnolia portion on the old railroad path thru Smith's Nursery and enter the Village at Canal St. Next they would go down Imperial, down Main St then east on Willowdale. Stark Parks has not been open to this as they want a 10' wide trail but these hiking chapters are only interested in a simple walking path.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White reminds Council the Memorial Day Parade is Mon. May 26, 2025 starting at approximately 10:30 a.m. and will conclude with the 11:00 a.m. cemetery service. Eric states parking at the ballfields continues to be an issue. The idea of adding to the current RR ties to extend the border may help keep people from parking in grassy areas. Eric also stated a resident mentioned the park water fountain is not working.

SAFETY:

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

Chief Schlimm stated he was invited and participated in Sandy Valley Elementary School's Career Day and Sandy Valley Local Transportation's Safety Day. Both events were great to be a part of and assist in fostering relationships with local residents.

Chief reports Car 2 went to Ruegg Brother's for service. The cruiser shut down and went into limp mode due to the water pump and batteries. Total cost for repairs was approximately \$3,000.

Mayor & Council approval was sought before repairs were approved.

An adult male was arrested by Stark County Sheriff's office for domestic violence on the evening of April 22, 2025. We did not have an officer on duty at the time. Chief Schlimm called Sheriff Eric Weisburn the next duty day to thank him and his deputies for assisting our department.

Several letters have been sent out regarding high grass/weeds as well as blowing grass clippings into the street. The village has ordinances in place for such infractions. Each offense carries a fine and make violators responsible for cleaning it up. Those common ordinances are found on the village website.

Chief Schlimm also reminds Council the dispatching contract with the Stark Co. Sheriff's Dept. will expire in Dec. so a new agreement will need to be worked out.

Chief mentioned a resident complained about noise due to a resident who has been working out of his garage. The owner states this is simply a hobby and not a business.

Chief White reports the Fire Dept had a call Sunday on Stallion Rd when a garage fire moved into the home. He also reports there has been no response from FEMA regarding a grant for a new fire truck.

CEMETERY REPORT: Claudia Rogers reported income of \$0.00 for the month of April 2025. Claudia also reported the contract with Mr. Bill Kegley has been completed. Claudia also stated that she has given Shawn Darr 2 flags for the ballpark flagpoles.

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Claudia received a call from resident Mr. Gus Elson. His family would like to donate \$1000.00 to help fix some of the very old and delicate headstones that have fallen over. Council feels this is a very nice gesture.

UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley has finally spoken with someone at AEP regarding electric bills we receive for street lights. One bill continues to be much, much higher than the others. Kurt said that AEP will be emailing a breakdown of what poles/locations are on each bill. He also stated AEP lists a base rate of 2.6 cents per kilowatt hour and are proposing 3.6 cents per kilowatt hour. Kurt will be reaching out to Steve King, our contact at Trebel Energy. Kurt also stated 7 of the street lights have been upgraded to the LED version so far.

Kurt mentioned that the Carroll County Commissioners will be meeting in June.

Kurt stated a resident on Levy Circle has been contacted by Trigo Royalties interested in leasing the resident's mineral rights. They received a letter offering 12.5% returns.

FINANCE: Previously Jim Miller 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. Scott Noble made a motion to implement these rates with Kurt Stanley seconding. All ayes. This is the second reading and accepted. One more reading will be held prior to implementation. Mike Schmitt has been paid the insurance dividend for the 1 month that he is afforded by policy. He is currently off work due to a personal accident.

Mayor Boyd stated the Line of Credit with the Bank of Magnolia will expire in June. He is speaking with Rocco Serifini discussing payment options such as time frame, interest rates, payments, etc...

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble has submitted street lists/measurements to Superior Paving, Perrin Asphalt and Milhorn Paving for bids. Some of the list are Plum at Plan, Elm at Canal, Brady at Plum.

Scott Noble reports the streets will be cleaned either tomorrow or Friday in advance of the Memorial Day Parade and cemetery service. This is a different company than has been used previously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: An ordinance to allow alcoholic beverages for the Canal Days festival has been drafted by Solicitor L'Hommedieu. Scott Noble motioned to accept the allowance of alcoholic beverage for the Canal Days festival with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes. This is the second reading and accepted. One more reading will be held before approval.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Boyd has spoken with the Magnolia Parks Improvement Committee regarding pickleball courts. Mayor spoke with Troy Hysong Asphalt regarding the park courts. Mr. Hysong believes he would be able to apply sealant with grit to the tennis and basketball courts then repaint all the necessary lines for tennis, basketball and pickleball. The local basketball leagues will be starting soon and may be able to help with cleanup of the area. The Magnolia Parks Improvement Committee will start to raise funds for this project.

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Mayor stated the Senior Parade on Sunday went well with a total of 20 children.

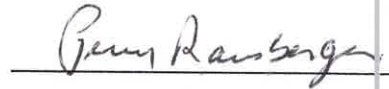
Mayor Boyd has been contacted by realtor Steven Nisel regarding selling a lot parcel on the west side of the park near the Fire station. There is an alley that runs thru the area. Would the Village want to vacate the entire alley? Also, the question was raised if the Village would be able to sell that alley? This will be looked into further.

ADJOURN: Kurt Stanley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. with Claudia seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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