

MINUTES
MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
June 18, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Claudia Rogers, Scott Noble, Eric White, Jim Miller and Grant Downes. Claudia Rogers made a motion to excuse Kurt Stanley with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes. Also present were Chief Chad Schlimm, Shawn Darr, Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu, and Penny Rainsberger. Visitors included Steven King of Trebel Energy and resident Jennifer Miller and son Lyndon.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Steven King from Trebel Energy just wanted to touch base with the Village. He stated the previous electric and gas aggregate agreement was able to save the community \$53,000.00. Mr. King reports the Archer Energy electric rate will be .910 vs AEP which is at .997. The natural gas will start out at 2% discount as part of the 3 year program. It will also change somewhat every year- the base rate will stay the same but the usage fee will change. Mr. King feels we are in a good position for the long term. Eric White asked what neighboring areas are participating with his company. Mr. King works with Sandy Twsp, Pike Twsp. Sugarcreek, etc.... These other locations have similar, but not identical, arrangements. Jim Miller asked would it be possible to get better rates if we joined up with some of our neighboring communities. This may be a possibility. Mr. King will offer this idea when he meets with Sandy Twsp. next month. Mr. King also stated he will send a PDF to Grant Downes for use on our social media sites so our residents can easily view the information.

Ms. Jennifer Miller has moved back into the area after 40 years away and wanted herself and her son to simply observe to get a feel on how the town operates.

MINUTES: Claudia Rogers made a motion to accept the regular May 21, 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 Grant Downes made a motion to pay the bills as presented, which was seconded by Claudia Rogers. All Ayes.

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn continues to mow and do weed whacking in town. He has also done some alley patching with some of our previous road millings. Mayor Boyd asked how the new police evidence room was coming along. Shawn stated the room is completed. Chief Schlimm reports none of the evidence in the current room can be moved until the Judge has reviewed and okayed the move.

ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS n/a

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu notified Council the non-compliant resident has 30 days to comply with the court agreement. It is believed that the chickens have already been removed.

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Mayor Boyd attended a pre-construction meeting regarding the sidewalk project a week ago. Contractor Stanley Miller is ready to start but they are waiting on Columbia Gas regarding a gas line near the old Grange.

NEW BUSINESS: Claudia Rogers reports that one of the snowflake decoration brackets has broken. She has spoken with Display Sales where they were originally purchased. Display Sales still has a few of the old brackets in stock but they will not be made anymore. Claudia will order a couple to repair and have on hand for future issues. Apparently there are 2 different sizes so that will need to be determined first.

Shaun Darr asked about the statue base in the park. There are apparently 3 phases for the Vince Costello statue that will be erected there. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in statue completion due to the artis being behind schedule.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Eric states is still waiting to hear back from Troy Hyson regarding getting RR ties to extend the border near the ball fields. These will be in hope it may help keep people from parking in grassy areas.

SAFETY:

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

Grant Downes expressed concerns regarding the golf carts in the Village. Chief Schlimm states he's not had any issues yet. He also mentioned that Patrolman John Lewis would be able to do inspections if desired as he currently does this at Atwood Lake. We will pull the previous information to further discussions.

Grant asked the Mayor for information regarding the ODOT project and the Quicksall/sidewalk project that he can add to the website. Mayor Boyd will get this to him. Grant also stated he hopes to start updating the Police Dept. site in the next couple of months.

Grant reported he walked with Stark Parks and the N Country Trail representatives. Stark Parks would expand a few hundred feet near the east end of Canal St. and the RR bed. They are wanting to do the expansion without crossing Smith's Nursery.

Grant also received an email from a resident expressing gratitude for the pothole repairs.

Chief Schlimm reports the drug drop off box located at the police department will be removed by the Stark County Sheriff's Office in the coming days due to costs associated with keeping the program running. Residents can visit www.ohiorxdisposal.com to order Deterra Bags free of charge for at home disposal.

Chief reported Lt. Alexander will be attending OPOTA's Rifle Requalification Instructor course June 24-27, 2025. Education Grants will be covering the registration fee and his wages will be reimbursed by the state since this will count towards his annual CPT requirement. The only cost to the village is the use of department issued ammunition.

Department radar recertification will occur June 24, 2025. All department owned radars will receive their annual certification.

Chief Schlimm stated his annual CPT requirement has been met and submitted to the state for reimbursement.

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Chief also stated that both cruisers will need oil changes in the coming days.
Chief White reports there has been no response from FEMA regarding a grant for a new fire truck.
Chief White stated the Rescue Truck will be undergoing a rehab including a new bed, lights, etc... for an approximately \$70,000.00

CEMETERY REPORT: Claudia Rogers reported income of \$3120.00 for the month of May 2025.

UTILITIES: n/a

FINANCE: Previously Jim Miller presented the idea of wage increases for employees. Solicitor L'Hommedieu had drafted an ordinance reflecting raising pay rate for certain individuals and certain positions. He has made an update to the ordinance by adding Karen Hough as she was previously missed. Scott Noble motioned to suspend the rules regarding voting on the amended pay rate ordinance version with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes. Jim Miller motioned to accept the amended version with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes. [Res. 2025-9] Claudia Rogers made a motion to implement these rates with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes. This was the third reading and accepted. This will become effective the first full pay period in July 2025.
Jim Miller reports all of the 1st half tax money has been entered into the system. He also states the next project will be preparing the next budget. Jim stated per Deb Faiello suggests the zoning committee may want to look at the option of needing a permit regarding fencing.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Council asked Scott Noble about the street sweeping that had been completed prior to Memorial Day. Scott thought this had been a different company than we had used previously but they are actually tied together. Scott will also be following up with them as it seems only the 2 main streets were cleaned. The first cleaning usually involves all the paved streets to help remove winter debris.

Scott Noble has received bids from Milhorn Paving and Perrin Asphalt for street paving. Milhorn quoted \$65,000.00. This involves milling 1 ½ in and 1 ½ overlay. Perrin quoted \$83,000.00 for 2 in milling and 2 in overlay. Some of the areas to be paved will be portion of Plain, Canal, S. Plum and Beck. Streets on next year's list will try to include Cline and Elm.

[Res. 2025-11] Scott Noble motioned to approve paving with Perrin Asphalt based on available funds with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes.

Scott also mentioned that oil companies have been purchasing mineral rights from residents near Lake Mohawk. It is thought this may trend towards residents in the Village in the future.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor L'Hommedieu drafted a resolution for the Stark County auditor requesting a certificate setting the value of renewing the 3.0 mill tax levy. [Res. 2025- 10] Scott Noble motioned to pass the certificate request with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes. Solicitor L'Hommedieu drafted an ordinance to allow alcoholic beverages for the Canal Days festival. [Ord. 2025-13] Scott Noble motioned to accept the allowance of alcoholic beverage for the Canal Days festival with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes. This is the third reading and accepted.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

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MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd stated that Quad Ambulance will be changing leadership. The Mayor also stated that ProArt has completed signs for the Eat stand and Band stand and will be installing those soon. He also reports that Troy Hysong can sand, paint, and line the tennis court with pickle ball courts added inside. He feels he can do it for approximately \$5,000.00. There is a fundraiser in process to raise money for this.

The US Corp of Engineers project continues as planned.

Mayor Boyd reports the Stark County Foundation has turned down our application for the codification grant. They based their denial on "multiple classification changes" which had been necessary due to the State of Ohio requirements and system change from OTAS to UAN cited in the 2021 audit. He also said the Josephine Greer Beautification fund has denied. Other options and a possible appeal will be considered.

Mayor Boyd reported the Bank of Magnolia just notified us the annual donation for the Village from the Mildred Beck Fund has been received. That will be added shortly.

Mayor Boyd explained the loan options with the Bank of Magnolia for our sidewalk project. The total loan will be for \$107,837.02. One option would be at a fixed rate of 6% with quarterly payments of \$3,569.82 for 10 years. One is a monthly payment of \$1,294.91 for 9 years. Last option is a monthly payment of \$1,197.45 for 10 years. [Res 2025-12] Jim Miller motioned to sign a 10 year 6% loan with the Bank of Magnolia for the sidewalk project with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes.

Mayor Boyd also stated there will be a benefit at the park for a local family next Monday.

ADJOURN: Jim Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. with Eric White seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor



Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

