

MINUTES
MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
August 20, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Aug 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Kurt Stanley, Jim Miller, Grant Downes, Claudia Rogers and Scott Noble. Kurt Stanley made a motion to excuse Eric White with Claudia Rogers seconding, All Ayes. Also present were Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: n/a

MINUTES: Jim Miller made a motion to accept the regular July 16, 2025 minutes as presented, which was seconded by Kurt Stanley. All Ayes.

Jim Miller made a motion to accept the July 20, 2025 Special meeting minutes as presented, which was seconded by Kurt Stanley. All Ayes.

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

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

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Per Penny Rainsberger Shawn Darr continues to mow and do weed eating in town. He has also done some spraying for weeds at the park by the Fire Dept. Shawn had prepped for Canal Days by mowing, cleaning and painting of the bandstand floor and benches. Shawn also cleaned up after the Canal Day Festival. Shawn has used a jackhammer (borrowed from the Village of Waynesburg) to reopen a catch basin that had been inadvertently paved over. Grant Downes spoke with a resident who is concerned that many of the benches, especially in the front of the bandstand, seem to be extremely low. Claudia Rogers also agreed with this. The ones in the back area feel higher. Claudia Rogers also noted that the grassy area between the bandstand and bingo pavilion has multiple holes, ruts and furrows that make it hard to navigate, especially anyone needing to use a walker. She hopes these area can be filled in before next year.

NEW BUSINESS: Claudia Rogers mentioned the street painting that has been ongoing. Mr. Dan Joseph, Mr. Greg Hannon and Mr. Kevin Greer have been painting STOP at some of the intersections. The question was raised as to if any of the Council had been asked or informed. Unfortunately, no one knew prior to their action. Council appreciates their donation of time and material but hope they can discuss with Council prior to any work in the future. We will also be checking to see if the State is responsible for painting the crosswalks on state highways.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: A resident asked about the water fountain at the park since it is not working. Council will check with Shawn Darr to see what he knows regarding possible repairs.

Jim Miller spoke with a resident at Canal Days regarding the Bandstand. There are some renovations that should be carried out. A committee will look at this in more detail soon. Jim also pointed out the Bandstand had vinyl siding added years ago which made it ineligible for the Historical Registry.

SAFETY:

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

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Grant Downes stated the N Country Trail had a booth at the Canal Days festival. They plan to have a meeting next year with the local residents that may be impacted with possible increased foot traffic. Grant will be posting photos from the Canal Days Festival to Facebook to thank the residents for their support.

A resident has reached out regarding accessing copies of the minutes. Options may include a box on the outside of Village Hall, copies at the post office, etc.... Any resident is welcome to come to Village Hall for a copy when either Penny or Karen is available.

Grant Downes has been researching options for ways to issue emergency alerts to residents. There is also voice only for land lines and the notice comes from a local number. There is no limit to notices or subscribers and is very easy to enroll. Civic and local groups would also be able to join and send notifications of local events. Costs are estimated at \$200.00/month with increases of 2-3% every 2-3 years. Grant wondered if something like this could be financially helped by the Carroll County Foundation. Chief Schlimm spoke with Stark County Emergency Management Director Tim Warstler in reference to our quote from Upahead for mass notifications, via text message, email, calling etc. Mr. Warstler stated he felt the quote was a good number considering ways the village could use it. Mr. Warstler also cautioned that often times with mass notification systems, you have a problem getting users to subscribe because of the perceived annoyance with frequent messages or calls. Chad stated Lake has a system where they pay for every text that goes out. More research will be done on available systems out there.

Chief Schlimm said the body worn Camera 2 has been repaired and returned from PatrolEyes and has been placed back into service.

Chief Schlimm reported Canal Days coverage appeared to be adequate and there were no noted calls for service or reports stemming from the festival. The increase in paid hours the last two pay periods is a direct result of Canal Days.

School is back in session. As a reminder folks are reminded to use caution around school busses and bus stops. Exercise patience during high traffic times.

Chief Schlimm noted that with the sidewalk construction is in full swing. It does not appear to be significantly impacting traffic in any way, even with the increased construction traffic in the affected areas.

Chief Schlimm stated Department firearms requalification will be scheduled in the month of September or October. We currently have enough ammo inventory to cover everyone.

Chief Schlimm stated that a board member of the local Eagles group, Jerome Gapillo, reached out to him wanting to possibly donate money to the Police Dept. Chief asked Council about this. He says it would be wonderful if the Dept could purchase 2 tasers with cartridges and holders. Those are approximately \$3000.00 apiece.

Chief Schlimm asked about setting up a non-profit Patrolman's Fund that can receive donations from community groups or individuals. [Res 2025-19] Grant Downes made a motion to allow Chief to checking into setting up a Patrolman Fund with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

CEMETERY REPORT: The cemetery reported income of \$350.00 for the month of July 2025.

UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley reported the street light on Levy Circle has been repaired and a light on Harrison has been reported. Kurt states he has a copy of the electric bill that has been consistently multiple times higher than any other in town. We were able to identify a pole tag number on the bill so he will look for that to see what may be the issue. It was also discovered that 2 of the 14 monthly bills do not list Archer Energy as the supplier. He will also get that corrected.

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FINANCE: Jim Miller stated that he and Penny Rainsberger will be starting the processing of "cleaning up" the list of funds. There are a few that have zero balances and will not be used again. Penny has been in contact with Jon Oates of the Stark County Auditor's office to find out the process.

Jim reported that he worked with Penny regarding the 2026 Budget. He stated the Village had been a bit more comfortable in recent years but as expenses continue to increase, especially with the sidewalk loan, projects will need to be cautiously managed. [Res. 2025-17] Claudia Rogers motioned to accept the budget as presented with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

Jim stated the loan payments for the sidewalk project are set to pay quarterly. He plans to pay \$3000.00 plus interest per quarter. He wants to pay more as much as possible since this is a long-term loan.

Jim Miller approached the topic of additional pay raises for employees that were not recently addressed. Our pay rates are well below neighboring communities. Jim proposed increasing pay rates by \$15.00. A neighboring village is increasing by \$60.00. This would raise Council to \$75.00 from the current \$60.00 and the Board of Public Affairs to \$65.00 from the current \$50.00. Jim Miller made a motion to increase the rates for Council to \$ 75.00 and the Board of Public Affairs to \$65.00. Scott Noble seconded the motion. All Ayes. Two more readings will be had regarding this topic.

Jim Miller also reported that Claudia Rogers is the only council member who has filed an application with the Board of Elections to be placed on the Nov ballot. Jim points out the remaining 3 spots will need to be handled by appointment.

Jim mentioned replacing the visitor chairs in the Village Hall. A possible replacement version is available at Sam's Club for roughly \$30.00 apiece. Claudia Rogers will check on possible funding this.

Jim also pointed out that some of the paving that will happen at the Cemetery will be paid with Mildred Beck Fund money.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble reports that he is still awaiting a start date from Perrin Asphalt to begin street paving. He spoke with Jen at Perrin and is waiting to hear back from their scheduler, Kim.

Oil and Gas landmen continue to contact residents and the Village. They want to purchase mineral rights in the area due to well drilling. Offers are extremely varied in terms of payments and options. Kurt Stanley stated the closest well that would impact the Village has already signed approximately 65% of persons that would be affected. Scott will reach out to someone he knows in the business.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: Mayor Boyd reports there is a possible MWCD Erosion grant available. This would address the canal section behind the Bandstand. W.E. Quicksall estimates this project may cost approximately \$140,000.00 with our portion being approximately \$15,000.00 [Res. 2025-18] Jim Miller made a motion to allow Mayor Boyd to complete an application for the grant with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd stated the Canal Days Festival was a success. Jim Miller mentioned that the Village will be watching the electric bill as the Canal Days Committee would like to pay a portion of the bill. Mayor Boyd reported that Troy Hysong has completed the work on the tennis/pickle ball courts. Residents seem very pleased with them.

Mayor Boyd stated there is a Carroll County Storm Drain grant available. W.E. Quicksall has done a review in the Village showing there are approximately 25+ drains for replacement. W.E. Quicksall estimated the cost would be \$400,000.00

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Mayor Boyd stated he will be completing an application with the Carroll County Regional Planning commission for funds to pave some streets; such as Cline St. and Harrison St. to Morges. Those funds will not be available until next year.

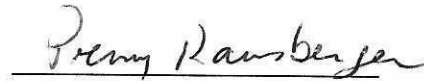
Jim Miller stated that Stanley Miller Construction is offering to do additional sidewalk replacements for residents at the residents' expense. They are offering them a per unit price. Stanley Miller Construction will bill the Village who will in turn bill the resident.

ADJOURN: Kurt Stanley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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