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**MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**September 17, 2025      REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Sept. 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Kurt Stanley, Jim Miller, Grant Downes, Claudia Rogers, Eric White and Scott Noble. Also present were Shawn Darr, Chief Chad Schlimm Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu, and Penny Rainsberger.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:** Residents Gus and JoLane Elson had a concern regarding the sidewalk project. They were asking about replacing the sidewalk in front of their home. They would like a letter stating a reason as to why their sidewalk is not covered by the current project. Mayor Boyd explained that since this project is being partial financed by TAP grant funds, it is directed by ODOT. ODOT must follow Federal guidelines/requirements. One item TAP requires is the current sidewalk can not be removed and replaced with some different type of material- "it must be replaced with kind". Another consideration is due to the fact that area is also part of the Ohio Historical Registry. Removal of their current sidewalk, which is an old slate or sandstone material, could be considered an "adverse affect". Mayor Boyd read and gave them a copy of the email from Dan Lorenzo from the 11<sup>th</sup> district of ODOT stating the above information. Mayor Boyd also stated the Elson's could replace their own sidewalks if they wish, but project funds could not legally be used to do so.

**MINUTES:** Claudia Rogers made a motion to accept the regular Aug 20, 2025 minutes as presented, which was seconded by Kurt Stanley. All Ayes.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORTS:** Jim Miller made a motion to accept the Fiscal Officer's report as presented, which was seconded by Scott Noble. 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 Darr stated he has been patching some potholes. He also got a steel plate from the Water dept. that he is placing inside of the garage. He will be storing road patch on it during the winter so that it doesn't harden up and become unusable. Shawn has also cleaned out a few catch basins. He had Mr. Joe Little come to look at a catch basin on S. Main. It seems to be lower than normal so Mr. Little inspected to make sure it is not settling and is still sound. The culvert looks ok at this time. Mr. Little will draft an estimate regarding possibly raising the culvert a few inches. Shawn also had Mr. Little look at the alley behind Dave Schoeppner's home that always washes out for ideas to alleviate the issue. Mr. Little stated adding a catch basin would be approximately \$5,500.00 or the alley could be regraded and stone added for \$1,100.00. Both ideas may not ease the problem much. Shawn will start placing road grindings down while the weather is warm in hopes they will pack tightly.

Shawn has repaired the broken pipe on the downtown water fountain. He will have a bubbler ordered and store it until Spring. He will install that when he reopens the fountain in the Spring.

Shawn was approached by Neil Stratton asking if the new Magnolia signs were to be taken down for the winter. They will remain up.

Shawn will meet with Dave and Willis from Waynesburg in regards of ordering road salt for the winter. Scott Noble said the prices seem comparable to last year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Boyd reports that the sidewalk project will progress to in front of Tozzi's and the Bank of Magnolia. These areas will now have appropriate curbs when completed. These will also be marked and painted yellow for No Parking. Mr. Stanley Miller of the construction company states that to make these changes some of the pavers would need to be cut. Mr. Greer from the Bank has approved cutting the pavers if needed. Paul from Stanley Miller will see what they can do. Ms. Stacey Wagstaff had wished for

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the old pavers to stay at her section but ODOT stated they must be removed due to the location. Those pavers were to be saved for her. Mayor Boyd also stated that Ms. Susanne Kail house had 2 driveways so that area will also be addressed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Claudia Rogers mentioned about the possibility of extending Peach Court further into the Cemetery as residents are parking in the right of way. Claudia also talked the old school bell. This is the old original school bell that had been taken from the belfry decades ago. Claudia would like for a stand to be built so the bell can be displayed. Claudia has people and an organization that would support this project but would like Council's blessing to move forward. Council sees nothing wrong with this and she will update as it progresses.

Halloween trick or treat will be celebrated on Oct. 31, 2025 from 6-7 pm. The bonfire will begin at 7:15 pm following trick or treating.

Questions regarding vacation time/leave of absence have arisen. As current policy stands, earned time off can not be carried over to the next year. Policy also makes no mention of paying out unused time. This will be looked at a bit further. Jim Miller will also speak with Mr. Jay Herstine regarding the Water Boards thoughts on this matter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** Eric White noted the deck and stairs on the back of Village Hall need restaining. Shawn will work on that as weather allows. Claudia Rogers was concerned about the steps so Shawn will check them.

**SAFETY:**

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

Grant has been given a Disaster Services Director job description that the office was able to find. He will check with Mr. Donnie Nicholson for his review.

Grant Downes continues researching options for ways to issue emergency alerts to residents. Scott Noble stated Mr. Jimmy Laughlin does similar work with Lake Mohawk. Scott will reach out to him for more information.

Grant also mentioned about putting a flyer in the post office or The Nest with information on how to get Village information. The possibility of a QR code or website info would be listed.

There is a tree on N. Main/Harrison that needs to be addressed. We had hoped the construction project would remove but it was not part of their area. This tree does need to be removed. Mayor Boyd will mention this to the homeowner.

Grant Downes also stated the N Country Trail will be planning a meeting with the local residents at the Methodist Church to discuss impacts with possible increased foot traffic.

Chief Schlimm has accepted John Lewis' resignation from the police department on September 10, 2025. John cited full-time employment conflicts with the part time employment of the police department.

Chief stated the department passed 2 calls for service to the Sheriff's dept. this past month for not having an officer available. Both were for crashes.

Over the last few weeks, several ATVs have been discovered on village roads, but eluded being stopped. Anyone with information, video, direct knowledge of the offenders is encouraged to contact the police department.

Chief reports the Department firearms requalification is scheduled for September 27th. Department ammo inventory is enough to cover everyone.

Chief Schlimm continues to check into the possibility of setting up a fund for the police dept. that people or organizations can make donations.

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Fire Chief Eric White stated they have not had any response to the FEMA grant application yet. The Fire Dept will be having a work day on Sat. Sept. 10, 2025. Chief White reported they fire dept responded to a fire at Ruegg Brothers garage where a Corvette had caught fire. Damage was minimal.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** The cemetery reported income of \$1400.00 for the month of Aug 2025. Claudia Rogers mentioned that Sexton Tim Costello thinks the rates the Village charge are low. Those have not been reviewed in a few years. Tim will check rates at comparable cemeteries for information.

**UTILITIES:** Kurt Stanley reported 2 street lights out on Lynwood Dr. Kurt has attempted to get answers from AEP regarding the one billing that is consistently many times higher than all the rest. When he contacted AEP, they stated he needed to have someone different call their business office since we are a gov't entity. Penny will call them tomorrow. Kurt spoke about the semi truck that hit a stop sign and snapped a pole in the Village last week. This left many residents without power for a number of hours. The driver was to be delivering in Waynesburg so unsure how he ended up on our local streets. Grant Downes did post on Facebook when this happened to help keep residents informed.

**FINANCE:** Council did a second reading regarding pay raises for the Board of Public Affairs and Council. 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. One more reading will be had regarding this topic. If approved, the raises would be effective Jan. 1, 2026.

[ Res. 2025-20] Jim Miller made a motion to increase the pay rate for Caleb Fornash from \$11.00 to \$11.50. He should have been included on the earlier pay raise list. Scott Noble seconded with All Ayes. [Res. 2025-21] Jim Miller made a motion to suspend the process and institute the raise effective 7-1-2025 with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes.

Jim Miller presented the Village insurance policy from Ohio Plan. The current and previous plans were compared side by side with minor changes. Mr. Joel Bender from Whitaker-Myers was hoping to attend tonight's meeting but was unable to attend. [Res. 2025-22] Jim Miller made a motion to accept the insurance policy as presented with Eric White seconding. All Ayes.

Jim has also purchased the dehumidifier for the basement and Shawn Darr will get that installed.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS:** Scott Noble reports that he is still awaiting a start date from Perrin Asphalt to begin street paving.

Oil and Gas landmen continue to contact residents and the Village. They want to purchase mineral rights in the area due to oil/gas well drilling. TEXOH called the office today offering \$4000.00 per acre and 20% royalties. They stated they would like to match any other offers (with written verification). Scott has worked with Frio Resources at another location. He feels he can get a better financial reimbursement and also an addendum stating no deductions can be taken. He also states he would like to see the contract last for 5 years with wording that if no drilling is done, it can be renewed for another 5 years with the same terms and another initial payment like received originally. Scott will continue this process.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** n/a

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:** n/a

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Boyd was approached regarding a strong odor of sewage on Carrollton St, Plum St, etc.... Shawn Darr actually spoke with the sewer company serviceman. Apparently, a switch had been not

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been turned back on after recent work had been completed. That has been adjusted so hopefully that will end the odor.

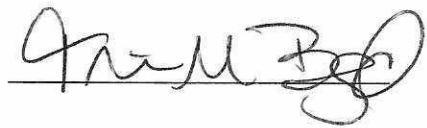
Mayor Boyd stated there may be a Carroll County Storm Drain grant available. A representative of Omega was to visit Council tonight regarding this but had to cancel due to a medical leave.

Mayor Boyd stated he will be completing an application with the Stark County Regional Planning commission requesting funds to pave streets. This grant is only available for Cline and N. Main due to requirements of "must be a municipal road" and regarding "access entering or exiting the Village". Mayor Boyd received a \$72,000.00 estimate from Milhorn Paving to pave the entirety of Cline St. If approved, those funds will not be available until next year.

Mayor Boyd stated the US Corp of Engineers are doing well with the levy project.

**ADJOURN:** Kurt Stanley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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