

MINUTES
MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
October 15, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Oct. 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Jim Miller, Grant Downes, Eric White and Scott Noble. Jim Miller motioned to excuse Council members Claudia Rogers and Kurt Stanley with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes. Also present were Shawn Darr, Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu, Mr. Ronald Maxwell of Whitaker-Myers Insurance Company and Penny Rainsberger.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Ronald Maxwell of Whitaker Myers presented the yearly Village Ohio Plan insurance policy that will become effective 11-1-2025. A few corrections will be made to the Additional Interests section. The yearly premium will increase from last year but we also receive a credit which will help with the cost. Scott Noble asked about the 9% increase. It is based on property vs risk. Mr. Maxwell will forward us a loss run report. The Village has been with the Ohio Plan since 2008.

MINUTES: Eric White made a motion to accept the regular Sept 17, 2025 minutes as presented, which was seconded by Jim Miller. 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: Jim Miller made a motion to pay the bills as presented, which was seconded by Scott Noble. All Ayes.

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn Darr reported he has stained the deck and painted the back door on the Village Hall. Shawn has started the Leaf Pick Up service. Shawn will be taking the Village truck in for an oil change and check up to make sure everything is in order before winter. Shawn has repaired the broken pipe on the downtown water fountain. Jim Miller received the bubbler so Shawn will install that when he reopens the fountain in the Spring. Shawn talked with Willis Cline from Waynesburg in regards of ordering road salt for the winter. The price for salt is \$58.14 per ton. Willis Cline will order the Village 50 tons for the season. Shawn will be getting the pallets and setting them up for the Halloween bonfire. Shawn will be removing the volley ball, tennis and pickle ball nets before the weather turns bad. Shawn asked what Council would like him to do with the street millings we will have once Perrin comes for the street paving. They may be stored at the Trussel Bldg, by the Water plant, or possibly up by the tower. Scott Noble wondered if maybe some could be placed on the alleys. Shawn reports there is a hole in the street at Canal/N. Main. Scott Noble has also looked at this and it appears to be approximately 10' deep. Unsure why this has appeared. Shawn spoke with Mr. Joe Little regarding repairing this but he stated he is busy at this time. We will contact him again in the spring. Shawn will back fill with grindings to help stabilize for now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Boyd reports the grant portion of the sidewalk project is finishing up. Mayor Boyd also stated the additional sidewalk locations are in process. The Elson's have contracted with Stanley Miller Construction to replace their section of sidewalk. It was ineligible under the grant project due to its historical designation. The construction company feels they will have everything complete before Trick or Treat on the 31st. The section near Carrollton St./Plum St. is still a bit of a mess. This area had more construction due to that fact that a current manhole had to be moved and backfilled. The curb near N. Main near Grant Downes' home seem to be somewhat higher by a couple of inches. He wondered if that is able to cut down a little bit.

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NEW BUSINESS: A Water dept employee, Mike Schmidt, has asked about his vacation time. He was off work for 4 months due to an injury that was not related to the Village. He has 4 weeks' vacation time for 2025. Those 4 weeks would need to be used by the end of the year. As current policy stands, vacation time off cannot be carried over to the next year. Policy also makes no mention of receiving pay in lieu of using vacation time. The employee would like to request a payout of 2 weeks and roll over 1 week into 2026. Council has considered this as a one-time exception due to a specific circumstance and will allow the employee to payout 2 weeks of vacation time and roll over 1 week of vacation time. [Res. 2025-23] Jim Miller motioned to allow the 2-week payout and 1 week rollover with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

Eric White suggested we consider altering the policy regarding pay out of vacation time. An Employee could request to cash out up to 2 weeks of vacation time which would require Council approval. The policies regarding these types of items will be reviewed/revised for the manual.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White noted the Fire Dept and Police Dept will be on hand for the Halloween bonfire at the park. The Fire Dept and Police Dept both will be passing out candy for the children. Eric stated that Shawn has removed the banners from the Park. Eric mentioned that the Historical Society will be having a Soup fund raising event on Nov.1, 2025.

SAFETY:

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

Grant has been given Mr. Donnie Nicholson the Disaster Services Director job description that the office was able to find. He will review this description.

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. Grant will bring a copy to show Council.

There is a tree on N. Main/Harrison that needs to be removed. Mayor Boyd has spoken with the homeowner regarding this and will follow up with them.

Grant Downes presented Chief Schlimm's report. The Police Department will be out on patrol for Halloween festivities this year and passing out candy.

Firearms requalification has been completed by Lt. Alexander and Chief Schlimm. Capt. Six will complete at a later date.

Chief Schlimm has discovered that the increase in semi traffic from Mr. Bult's (MBI trucks) is due to a special hauling permit granted by ODOT for use of SR 183 from SR800. Trucks are directed to use SR183 through the Village and are allowed to haul up to 120K lbs.

A copy of John Lewis resignation letter from last month is attached.

CAR 1 will need an oil change in November. Chief Schlimm will schedule with Ruegg's Automotive as available. Over the last few weeks, several ATVs have been discovered on village roads, but eluded the Dept. Anyone with information, video, direct knowledge of the offenders is encouraged to contact the police department.

CEMETERY REPORT: The cemetery reported income of \$1600.00 for the month of Sept 2025.

UTILITIES: n/a

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FINANCE: Jim Miller reported that the 2nd half of the real estate tax revenue has been received. Jim also shared a notice from the Carroll County Auditor. This noted a reappraisal price for a section of property - the canal section behind the band stand.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble reports that he is still awaiting a start date from Perrin Asphalt to begin street paving. He has left multiple messages with no return calls yet. Multiple oil/gas companies have contacted the Village regarding purchasing mineral rights. Scott Noble has been working with multiple companies for the best offer/arrangement. TEXOH is offering \$5250.00 per acre and 20% royalties. Frio Resources is offering \$5000.00 per acre and 20 % royalties without deductions. They will also give an additional \$1000.00 per acre if/when the area is unitized (65% leased). There are a few parcels that are still in investigation, including the Cemetery. EOG cannot offer those amounts. Scott has contracts from all of them. [Res. 2025-24] Eric White motioned to move forward with the Frio Resources contract with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

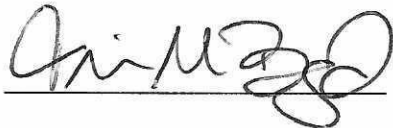
CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

Council conducted a third 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. This raise would be effective Jan. 1, 2026. [Ord. 2025-18] Scott Noble made a motion to accept the pay increases as listed with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd stated the US Corp of Engineers are doing well with the levy project. The projected end date is January 2026. Mayor Boyd will also be exploring possible grants thru the Harcatus program.

ADJOURN: Jim Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. with Eric White seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor



Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

