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MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 18, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Feb. 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Jim Miller, Grant Downes, Eric White, Scott Noble and Kurt Stanley. Eric White motioned to excuse Claudia Rogers for the meeting with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes. Also present were Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedeu, Shawn Darr, Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: n/a

MINUTES: Jim Miller made a motion to accept the Jan. 21, 2026 regular minutes as presented, which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes. Kurt Stanley made a motion to accept the Jan. 21, 2026 reorganization 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 Grant Downes. All Ayes.

ACTION ON BILLS: Grant Downes made a motion to pay the bills as presented, which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes.

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn Darr reported he has been plowing and salting as needed. Shawn has also replaced the bubbler on the downtown water fountain. He has not yet turned on the water as that will be done in the spring. Shawn has also removed 2 of the downtown trash cans and will be cleaning and repainting those. Shawn has also been patching potholes and checking catch basins. A catch basin on Plain street will need replacing. Shawn has been checking the truck lights as there seems to be a short. The wiring is brittle so it's been a bit tougher to repair. He also ordered 2 green flashing safety lights for the back of the truck as there are none at this time. Shawn also asked about the basketball back board again. He has not found any in storage. Jim Miller stated Council should look at possibly purchasing one.

ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS: Mayor Boyd passed around a letter received from an anonymous resident. They were concerned about a vehicle they feel seems to be parked in our lot continuously. They felt it should be moved like everyone else did after the snow storm. No one seems to know who the vehicle belongs to so Chief Schlimm will be checking into this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Boyd reports his amended zoning grant application from the Carroll County Foundation has been approved for \$2,500.00. The Village will be responsible to approximately \$2,500.00 of this zoning codification costs. Mr. Matt Bailey will start on this zoning guideline project in the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White stated the Park is quiet due to the season. Baseball will be starting so he will be in touch with the coaches. Eric will be asking the coaches for their schedules (to aid in Village mowing plans) and for them to check on their buildings for maintenance and clean-up.

SAFETY:

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

Grant states the Stark County Health District will be having their annual meeting March 5th 2026.

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Chief Schlimm reports there has been a correction to the dispatching contract with Stark County Sheriff's Office. He reported last month that the contract was going up approximately \$300 a month. That number was a typo on the contract. The price for dispatching only went up around \$50 a month from last year's contract. Sheriff Weisburn sends his apologies for the mistake.

The increased grant hours usage is being used to help deter/enforce commercial vehicle traffic laws within the village. Chief has also contacted Stark County Sheriff's Office for help with enforcement within the village until a solution can be agreed upon with the ODOT permitting office. The Mayor has also reached out regarding this issue. The trucks have been routed thru the Village due to a bridge on Rt 30 only being approved for 80,000 lbs but is being reevaluated for the needed 120,000 lbs. This should be completed within the next few weeks. Once reviews are completed, hope is for a different route be found. Also, it is noted the trucking company does carry a \$500,00.00 bond/insurance. Chief Schlimm also reports that there will be a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement class in May that he hopes to attend. This would train officers regarding truck weights, etc...

Chief Schlimm has also requested, through Stark County Sheriff Eric Weisburn, an expansion on our current jurisdiction when working under his special commission for the OVI Task Force. The OVI Task Force hosts checkpoints and saturation patrols paid for by a grant through the state. Sheriff Weisburn has granted his request which expands our patrol area to the main thoroughfares within Sandy Township. When working under this commission, the Magnolia Police Dept can conduct traffic enforcement on the roads approved by the Sheriff. This is an opportunity for our police department to actively engage the area beyond the village and demonstrate the stellar working relationship we have with Sheriff Weisburn and the Stark County Sheriff's Office. This is not in any way an attempt by our police department to expand jurisdiction into areas we once owned policing contracts with. We are simply working together to be good stewards of grant funding and benefitting the community. A map of approved roads is attached.

Fire Chief Eric White reports the Fire Dept will be holding a spring fundraiser March 14th, 2026 at the Eagles Hall in Sandyville. This will be a donation swiss steak dinner from 5-7 p.m., 50/50 drawing, basket raffles and music by Red Ravin' starting at 7 p.m..

Fire Chief White also presented Council with the 2025 Yearly Fire Dept Report summary. The State of Ohio mandated they change systems so the report looks slightly different than previous years. Mayor Boyd asked Chief how many volunteer firefighters are currently on the roster. Chief reported 23 members at this time with 5 being new this year.

Chief White also mentioned that there is a new pizza business opening in the Village and the dept. will be doing the inspections.

CEMETERY: The cemetery reported income of \$700.00 for the month of January 2026.

UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley reported 3 nonworking lights, 2 on Harrison St and 1 on Plain St. to AEP. He also called them again regarding a light at Elson St. Jim Miller asked what rate we are paying for the natural gas service. Jim stated he just found himself a rate of \$0.66 per unit compared to the \$1.07 per unit he just currently paid. Kurt will reach out to Mr. Stephen King of Trebel Energy and also Mercury Energy to see what they can offer. Jim stated there is a website, OH Energy Choice, that people can review rate options.

FINANCE: Jim Miller reported the \$74,989.50 check for the oil/gas lease for the Village has been received and deposited into the General Fund. A separate check will be coming for the Cemetery portion. They were processed and contracted separately due to additional research needed on the Cemetery section. Scott Noble states the areas the Village and Cemetery fall under are not yet unitized. Once this happens, we would receive an additional \$1000.00 per acre. Mayor Boyd asked Scott how long it usually takes for unitizing to happen.

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Scott said that process could take 2-3 years. Jim hopes to use at least \$50,000.00 of this income to pay down the Sidewalk project loan to help pay that off sooner.

Jim states that we will be working on the permanent appropriations soon.

Eric White asked if there has been any update on the Methodist Church possibly selling some property but no one has heard anything lately.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble will begin inspecting the streets in March/April, after the frosts end, to make a potential list for paving. He will also be checking to see how the chip & seal section where he works held up thru the winter. If it held up well, then that may be a feasible option for other streets such as Levy Circle. Both Milhorn Paving and Youngblood Paving offer the chip and seal service. Sections for regular paving that may be on the list include Elson, Elm, Plum, and a section near the Lutheran Church. Mayor Boyd states an application has been submitted to Stark County for paving money. This would be for the Stark County section of Cline. The estimate Mayor Boyd received is approximately \$55,000.00. Scott also states the oil/gas work in the area continues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd stated Pastor Matt Garbrandt told him the planned Blessings Box will fit on the concrete pad by the Village garage and he hopes to install it by the weekend.

Mayor Boyd states that Main St. parking continues to be a concern. Parking is not permitted on the street in front of the Bank, Tozzi's, etc... There are already signs in place stating No Parking but it continues.

Mayor Boyd stated Stanley Miller Construction had a lot of sidewalk areas to clean up, adjust, correct, etc... per ODOT. They will work on these concerns whenever the weather breaks.

The Army Corp of Engineers has completed their work but will be back to seed the grassy areas in the Spring. Eric White questioned about the gravel they had placed for the Corp's parking lot. It is believed the Corp will scrape the gravel out before reseeding the area. Eric wondered what they will do with the stone and if they would want to place it in the Village parking lot since it does need gravel. Mayor Boyd will email the Corp to see what their plans are.

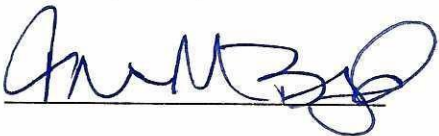
Mayor Boyd has been working with Muskingham Watershed regarding repairing the canal section near the Park. Muskingham Watershed has approved grant funds to pay for repairs on the canal. The grant is approved for \$137,000.00 and the Village will be responsible for approximately \$5,000.00. They are unsure of a start date at this time but this project is expected to be completed by Dec. 1, 2026.

Mayor states the Law Seminar will be held at R.G. Drage Feb. 28, 2026 and the Stark Parks yearly meeting March 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Boyd stated that we need to change the scheduled July 15th Council meeting as his daughter will be getting married out of town. The meeting has been moved to Tues. July 21st, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Kurt Stanley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor



Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

