

MINUTES
MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
November 19, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Nov. 19, 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 member Scott Noble with Kurt Stanley seconding. All Ayes. Also present were resident Mr. Mike Hamilton, Shawn Darr, Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Resident Mr. Mike Hamilton had purchased the old Elson home and the lot behind the home. Mr. Hamilton wanted to advise Council that he will be building a 750 sq ft log cabin on his lot behind his home. He has already spoken with Deb Faillo, zoning director, and his plans meet requirements. He has also spoken with our water dept and the Stark County regarding utilities, such as sewer. Mr. Hamilton plans to start this project in the spring.

MINUTES: Kurt Stanley made a motion to accept the regular Oct. 15, 2025 minutes as presented, which was seconded by Claudia Rogers. All Ayes.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORTS: Claudia Rogers made a motion to accept the Fiscal Officer's report as presented, which was seconded by Jim Miller. All Ayes.

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

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn Darr reported he has been continuing the Leaf Pick Up service and will discontinue Dec. 1, 2025. He has been unloading them at the Lee Farm. Shawn has put away the Safety Town equipment. He has removed all the nets for storage and winterized everything. Shawn reports that one of the basketball backboards will need to be replaced in the spring. Eric White stated he believes there are already 2 additional backboards here already. Shawn will check the Trussell Bldg. Shawn reports that he purchased a used tool box for the Village. Shawn met with Mr. Joe Little regarding the hole on N Main. Per ODOT this can not be repaired with the current project money. Mr. Little will look at this in the spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Boyd reports the sidewalk project is finishing up with only a couple of items left to complete. Jim Miller stated the concrete pad has been poured for the Vince Costello statue in the Park. They still need to seal the edge. Mayor Boyd expects to do a final walkthrough once complete. Jim Miller reports the additional personally contracted sidewalks are also completed. The original reimbursement process was that Stanley Miller Construction was to bill the Village and we would bill the residents. Per Jim that has changed. One resident has paid Stanley Miller directly. Two residents have given their payments to the Village to pass on to Stanley Miller. Per Jim, Stanley Miller Construction should be in contact with the office. We will give them the payments we have received and ask for invoices for the remaining locations. Mayor Boyd states the US Corp of Engineers levy project is going well. No completion date yet. Mayor Boyd reports the mineral right lease for the Village has been signed. That paperwork has given Scott Noble for submission.

Mayor Boyd has received a letter from Michael Schmidt formally requesting the vacation policy exception the Village approved Oct. 15, 2025. The office will also generate a letter for him acknowledging this request for his file.

Claudia Rogers asked about replacing the Council room visitor chairs. Council had previously approved this purchase. Jim Miller will work on getting 8 of them.

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Claudia Rogers also updated Council on the ideas in consideration for displaying the original school bell. They hope to place it on a brick base w/cement. She has reached out to Mr. Whitaker in hopes of finding some older bricks that match the Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Kurt Stanley has been approached by multiple residents regarding one resident's Christmas display. It is extremely bright and does cause noticeable dips in other resident's power. Kurt will reach out to the resident to see if there can be some consideration regarding his display times.

Kurt Stanley also mentioned that Sparta Steel may be interested in crafting new village signs for the town's entrances. Sparta Steel has done this in other local villages. Sparta would make the sign and the Village would handle installation. Kurt will check into this further.

Claudia Rogers mentioned the display sign in front of Village Hall. Apparently, this was an Eagle Scout project a number of years ago. Claudia wonders if the sign is needed and/or a better alternative could be had. The Magnolia Historical Society has ordered a new electronic type sign for the Square.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White stated there is nothing to report regarding the park. Eric did want to mention about the mower that Caleb Fornash uses. It is getting a bit worn out and Caleb has been keeping it repaired as well as possible. It is not an emergent need but the thought should be kept in mind for the future. Eric will talk with Caleb regarding preferred mower specifications.

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. They 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.

Grant reports the Columbia Gas will be working on a project on Willowdale Rd. starting in the Spring.

Grant received a letter from the OH Liquor Control Board. It allows the Village to object to the renewal of any current liquor licenses. There have not been any issues so the Village will not object.

Grant has also renewed the staff emails for the year.

Chief Schlimm reported 3 calls for service were passed off the Sheriff's office due to no officer availability. 2 of those were answered by Carroll County Sheriff's office resulting in one adult male arrest for assault. 1 was answered by Stark County Sheriff's office and resulted in a report taken. The only call for service during the Village Halloween festivities was a lost cell phone which was returned to the owner thanks to the driver's license being inside the phone case.

Capt. Six firearms requalification has been completed. The 16 grant hours are state required Continuing Professional Training (CPT). Once training is completed and documented, the state refunds the officer's wage for the training completed. CPT training must be completed by December 31, 2025.

The Police Dept assisted by directing traffic for the Holiday Banners & Snowflake placement throughout the village.

CAR1 received its oil change & tire rotation. Chief also had Ruegg's Automotive add a battery tender and windshield wipers.

Fire Chief White reports that Santa Claus will be coming to the Fire Dept on Dec. 1st, 2025. He reports the Rescue Squad has also been placed back in service since being out since July. They have completed some body work, new LED lights, and updated the generator.

CEMETERY: The cemetery reported income of \$0.00 for the month of Oct. 2025.

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UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley stated a street light cover has fallen off. AEP will be replacing it with one of the new LED lights. The concern over the one electric bill that is 30-40 times higher than the rest continues. Calls have not yet been helpful but action on this will continue.

FINANCE: Jim Miller stated we have not yet received a bill for the street paving. Jim and Penny will review where to pull the funds for that.

Jim Miller pointed out some of the zero balance funds. Penny Rainsberger has forwarded the applicable Ohio Revised Codes to Solicitor Kevin L’Hommedieu. We will work on these unused funds over the next few weeks in hopes to close the duplicate and inapplicable funds before the end of the year.

Jim also looked at the non-working Exit Sign in the Police Dept. He has ordered a new combination Exit Sign and Emergency light and will install that once received.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Jim Miller stated that we have not yet heard when Perrin Asphalt will be coming back to seal the edges on the new street paving.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Boyd stated Marathon will be holding a public meeting Dec 8th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fire Station. This is to help raise public awareness regarding emergency situations and preparedness. Mayor Boyd stated that Mike Schmidt has received the 2026 insurance price from his wife’s insurance plan. The Village currently pays a stipend towards his portion of the plan. This will be reviewed.

Mayor Boyd has completed an application with the Stark Regional Planning Commission for street paving money from the Municipal Road Fund. This fund only applies to Cline and N. Main due to the fund guidelines. Milhorn Paving estimates the cost at \$54,000-55,000. Stark County will be making the decision regarding approval in April 2026.

The Light Up Magnolia festival will be held Dec. 6th, 2025. This will include the Tree Lighting and multiple activities from 3-6 p.m.. The snowflakes will be turned on then also.

There was a tree on N. Main/Harrison that needed to be removed. Mr. Frank Young has been able to remove this.

A contract from the US Army Corp has been received regarding a 50 year agreement for the sewer easement. Grant Downs made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into the agreement with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes. That will be signed and returned to them.

Mayor Boyd asked Grant Downes if he received the Cybersecurity information he had sent. This is a new requirement for the State of OH. Penny Rainsberger has attended multiple classes and has additional information. She has also started gathering data for the process. Mayor stated he has an example and will forward that to Penny.

ADJOURN: Jim Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. with Kurt Stanley seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

