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MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
APRIL 15, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on April 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Jim Miller, Grant Downes, Eric White, and Claudia Rogers. Jim Miller made a motion to excuse Councilmen Scott Noble and Kurt Stanley with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes. Also present were Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedeu, Shawn Darr, Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: n/a

MINUTES: Eric White made a motion to accept the March 18, 2026 regular minutes as presented, which was seconded by Jim Miller. All Ayes.

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

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

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn Darr reported Faircrest Doors has installed the garage door opener on the Village garage truck bay and it is working well. He has also removed the salt spreader for the season. Shawn has been mowing, patching potholes and cleaning out catch basins. Shawn asked if the Village will be having the streets swept this year. Mayor Boyd stated Scott Noble is trying to schedule this. Shawn asked if the Village would be replacing the basketball backboards. Eric White will check to see if the Sandy Valley schools would happen to have any extras and Jim Miller mentioned there may be some backboards on Facebook Marketplace. Shawn reports that the painted lines on the Park courts have started peeling off. Mayor Boyd will reach out to Troy Hysong about this. Jim Miller mentioned that he will be working with Shawn regarding checking the wiring on the Village truck. Shawn will be turning on the water to the drinking fountain and checking those steps to the bandstand next week. Shawn also notified Council that he will be off work May 24-27.

ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS: n/a

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Claudia Rogers reports that the Magnolia Historical Society has purchased some banners for the America 250 activities and asked if there was anyone that would be able to hang them on the square. Shawn and/or Grant will help. Mayor Boyd reports the check for his approved grant application from the Carroll County Foundation has been received for \$2,500.00. This will be for the zoning codification project. The Village will be responsible for approximately \$2,500.00 of the zoning codification project costs. Mayor Boyd states that Matt Bailey is working on the rough draft of the plan to start the codification process of the zoning rules. Mayor Boyd stated the grant response from the Stark County municipal road fund should be issued the first week of May. This would be used for paving on the Stark County portion of Cline St. Milhorn Paving has provided a quote for this project.

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White stated that there a couple of dead trees along the guardrail that need to be removed at the Park. Eric will also be reaching out to Spencer Electric regarding updating the

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power on a pole in the Park to a higher amp. Shawn stated there is a hole in the steps at the Bandstand. They are hollow so it may be a bit difficult to patch. Eric White will look at options such as pre-cast or concrete. Eric stated baseball and softball seasons have started. He is trying to get schedules which will help Shawn plan his mowing. Eric will also be reminding the coaches about the parking situation. Eric stated the Clean Up Day was successful. 3 ½ dumpsters were used. Mr. Staley was also there the whole time and took as much scrap metal as possible. Eric feels 1 time a year in the spring is the best schedule for a cleanup day. Council will send a Thank You to Sandy Valley Sanitation for their help on this project.

SAFETY:

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

Grant Downes stated he received a public records request and has forwarded to the office to handle. The idea that Council should consider setting a fee schedule for charging requestors was mentioned. These record requests are getting much more frequent and more detailed. There are guidelines issued by the State for this. Grant has posted on the Village facebook page listing the scam warning information. It received good reactions. Grant has also presented a letter received by the Council regarding the peril of allowing Data Centers in the area. They use extreme amounts of water and electricity and pose many possible issues. Grant was also notified by the Red Cross that they are looking for a volunteer coordinator for their blood drives, emergency situations, etc... if there would be someone interested.

Grant returned a call to resident Bob Lewis who had questions regarding the ongoing levy work. The US Corp has already started finishing the project up. Grant also spoke with Mario from the State of Ohio regarding the gravel lot the Corp is using for parking as they will be removing that to reseed into grass. We wondered if it would be usable for our Park parking lot. The State said it would have too much debris to be of use for that. We may still get a little bit to repair the Trussell Bldg parking lot. Shawn will be contacting Joe Little next week regarding getting some gravel for other areas.

Chief Schlimm reports that Lt. Alexander is currently attending shotgun and revolver instructor courses this week.

Chief also wanted to remind everyone he will be in Columbus for Ohio Police Chief's In-Service 3-5 May and Lt. Alexander will be covering during his absence.

The chicken coop appears to be removed from 194 N Cline.

A nonresident was contacted in reference to throwing their trash in village receptacles rather than contracting their own trash service. They were advised that doing so was theft of services and a chargeable offense. The individual apologized and stated they would stop.

Chief states the commercial vehicle traffic has significantly gone down the last month. MBI trucks are no longer coming through and he has not noticed the brine/water trucks coming through since they were cited last month for a marked lanes violation.

Generally speaking, calls for service will increase in the spring time leading into summer. Calls for service were significantly increased the last two pay periods. This is can be attributed to the increase in presence/work hours. Residents see a cruiser out and about are more likely to call for issues or flag down the officer working. This past month we've had one or two situations within the village requiring several calls for service related to their particular incident.

Chief also reminds us scams are becoming increasingly believable. Be suspect of anyone cold calling to solicit money, especially if they're claiming you have a warrant or will be arrested. Law enforcement does not operate that way. The elderly are particularly susceptible to scams. Please take the time to educate your elderly friends and relatives and call the police dept. when you suspect a scam. Also, be sure to lock/secure homes and outbuildings on your property. It's easy to leave windows etc. open during nicer weather, but you're inviting a problem if left unattended. Make yourself a hard target.

Fire Chief Eric White reports the Fire Dept has been quiet and has no updates.

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CEMETERY: The cemetery reported income of \$1100.00 for the month of March, 2026. Claudia also states the Parker and Downes headstone have been knocked over. She will try to contact the families to see about repairs.

UTILITIES: Eric White noted there is an electric pole that needs to be replaced. The Village must remove the electrical wiring and plugs that are currently on it before AEP will remove. He will speak with Spencer Electric about this.

FINANCE: Jim Miller reports that the balance regarding the sidewalk project loan is approximately \$28,000.00. We will continue with the quarterly payments. Jim presented the final appropriations numbers. There are allowances for the \$5000.00 needed for the Canal cleanup project and \$2500.00 for the codification project. [Res. 2026-7] Claudia Rogers motioned to accept the permanent appropriations with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes. Jim also noted that the Bank of Magnolia will have the shred truck on premise on April 25. The Village and Water Board have multiple boxes to be destroyed. Jim presented the list of documents to destroy per the State retention schedule. [Res 2026-8] Jim motioned to allow the destruction of old records with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes. Jim also pointed out there are 3 levies that are available to renew- police, and 2 general operating levies. We will start the process to get those on the ballots.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Mayor Boyd states that Scott Noble has requested street paving proposals from 3 different vendors with a deadline of next week. Shawn stated he hopes that Cline St is on the list. Grant Downes mentioned that he is concerned about the state routes. The edges are cracking due to the increased traffic and weights. This may be a concern for the future. Grant also mentioned that Rose Twsp. has equipment such as a grader that may be able to work on leveling our alleys.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: Mayor Boyd received a letter from ABATE of Ohio. They advocate for motorcycle awareness and safety. They are asking if the Village would issue a proclamation designating May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month". [Res. 2026-9] Claudia Rogers made a motion to declare May as Motorcycle Awareness Month with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Boyd continues working with Muskingham Watershed regarding repairing the canal section near the Park. The project has approved to extend the canal improvement 80' on the original plan. Mayor Boyd states that W.E. Quicksall/Spicer Group will be putting the project out for bid soon. The start date will be after the Canal Days festival and expected to be completed by Dec. 1, 2026.

Mayor Boyd stated the Magnolia Historical Society will be holding an activity Sat April 18 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Motorcar Portfolio outside of Magnolia highlighting transportation throughout time. This is one of the many activities planned by the Historical Society to celebrate America 250.

Mayor Boyd has heard from with Mr. Mike Hamilton regarding his building plans. Mr. Hamilton states the County Health Dept says he would be able to install a septic system and a private well on the property as long as guidelines are followed. Shawn mentioned the fact that it may be challenging to get a drilling rig down the alley to the lot. The idea of requiring a bond on the roadway may need to be considered.

Mayor Boyd will also reach out to Stanley Miller Construction/ODOT to see when they will start the sidewalk project corrections.


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ADJOURN: Jim Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. with Eric White seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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