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MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on March 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Jim Miller, Grant Downes, Eric White, Claudia Rogers, Scott Noble and Kurt Stanley. Also present were Solicitor Kevin L’Hommedeu, Shawn Darr, Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger. Visitors included resident Mr. Mike Hamilton and Mr. Steve King of Trebel Energy.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: Mr. Hamilton wanted to update Council on his project of adding a small structure at the back of his property. Estimates are \$34,000-\$36,000.00 for sewer line installation. Stark County states that he would be able to put in a septic tank due to the size of the lot and would be approximately \$12,000.00. He states that hooking up to the water and bringing the line to the property will be starting around \$10,000-11,000.00 for the 20’, not counting the rest of the distance. He will continue to look at options and will keep Council updated.

Mr. Steve King from Trebel Energy (our electric/natural gas aggregate) wanted to touch base with Council. Mr. King reports that the Village was able to save the residents around \$20,000.00 in electric rates due to our current contract. He states that he will have the year 2 rates in a few weeks. Mr. King also wanted to ask for permission to extend the current signing authority agreement for an additional 2 years, until 2030. This allows Trebel Energy to sign for the Village when rates are favorable and includes a 24 hr notice that was not in the previous agreement. Jim Miller motioned to allow the Mayor to sign the consulting agreement extension with Scott Noble seconding. Jim Miller, Scott Noble, Grant Downes and Eric White voted Aye with Claudia Rogers and Kurt Stanley voting Nay.

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

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

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

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn Darr reported the Christmas decorations will be taken down soon. Shawn also fixed the Stop Sign across from the Post Office that was damaged during a recent storm. He has also been filling pot holes and there is a sinkhole on Minerva Rd. to be filled with topsoil for now. He will be checking on another possible one near the post office too. We will need to get some more topsoil soon. Shawn also asked Council if they would consider a garage door opener for the truck bay at the garage. Faircrest Doors estimated they could install one for \$625.00. Jim Miller motioned to purchase the openers with Kurt Stanley seconding. All Ayes.

ADDITIONS TO BURSINESS: n/a

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 costs.

Mayor Boyd met with Nate Quicksall of the Spicer Group (formally known as W.E. Quicksall) regarding the erosion grant for the portion of the canal behind the eat stand. Nate offered 2 options. Option 1 would be to clean out and mirror the recent work done by MWCD on the south side of Rt 183. Option 2 would be to install

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a culvert and cover the area up behind the eat stand. There will be a 60 day planning timeframe then they will do the bid process. Work hopefully to begin in Aug. With these sections of the original canal being repaired, some type of signage maybe could be placed explaining what/how these areas worked originally. This may be something that would need to go thru the State Historical Society. Also with both sides of this canal section being redone, we need to check/clean the bridge section under Rt. 183.

NEW BUSINESS: Claudia Rogers states that Janet Rogers of the Magnolia Historical Society has asked her to be the America 250 liaison between the Historical Society and Village Council. This year the United States of America is celebrating 250 years and the Historical Society will be hosting a several events. 7-11-25 Picnic in the Park, 10-17-26 Soupfest, 12-5-26 Cowboy Christmas/Light Up Downtown. Also noted is the Canal Days Festival is 7-31 and 8-1-26 so that it doesn't conflict with the Pro Football Hall of Fame activities. Claudia reports the Historical Society is ordering Betsy Ross flags to replace the Ohio State Flags for the USA celebration year. They will also be ordering matching door wreaths for Village Hall and Downtown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White stated that their a couple of dead trees to be removed at the Park. Eric also states the Village Clean Up Day will be April 11th, 2026 from 8-12. He will send a roster/schedule to Council for their work times.

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.

Chief Schlimm states the increased grant hours usage is being used to cover the extra time Lt. Alexander is working. The grant hours are a combination of routine traffic enforcement, OVI Task Force, and training grants.

The Identity Fraud case that occurred at the Bank of Magnolia has come to a resolution. The adult female in the case pled guilty to the original felony charges of Identity Theft from a person in a protected class. The female was sentenced to 4-6 months in Eastern Ohio Correctional Center and 3 years probation upon release in addition to associated fines and fees.

Lt. Alexander arrested an adult male for speeding and fictitious motorcycle plates on a traffic stop within the village. The male was wanted in another Ohio county for a separate charge. The man was booked into Stark County Jail without incident and is awaiting extradition to the county he was wanted in.

Chief Schlimm reports that Lt. Alexander will be attending a shotgun instructor course in the month of April.

Chief states that chickens were observed in a coop located at 194 Cline St. The village clerk was asked to mail an ordinance violation letter to the resident. We will continue to monitor the removal process.

Chief states he was able to observe a commercial vehicle drive its trailer through the front yard of 389 N Main St and over the catch basin located at the south east corner of N Main and Harrison. The driver was stopped and cited for a marked lanes violation. A synopsis of the incident was provided in writing to the resident at the home and the village for possible restitution for damages. The police dept. will continue to enforce the violations as commercial vehicle traffic remains steady. Chief also reported that ODOT is no longer issuing permits for these heavy trucks and traffic should slow down at the end of April/May as the current permits expire.

Fire Chief Eric White reports the Fire Dept spring fundraiser March 14th, 2026 at the Eagles Hall went extremely well. They were able to raise approximately \$22,000.00.

CEMETERY: The cemetery reported income of \$0.00 for the month of Feb. 2026.

Claudia Rogers stated there is some shingle damage to the cemetery shed from the last storm. Shawn will purchase some felt paper and shingles for Caleb Fornash to do the repair. Jim Miller states that AT&T is

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currently in the process of removing all wiring and poles from the Village, including the building near the Cemetery. This process will take approximately 18 months. Jim wonders what they will be doing with the building once it's empty and thinks maybe we should inquire.

UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley reported a street light out on Brady and a street light that is tilted near the Fire Dept. Kurt also has also changed the Village natural gas supplier to Energy Harbor. He was able to lock in a rate of \$0.64ccf for 24 months with no penalty if we would leave that agreement. Letters confirming the update have already been received in the office.

FINANCE: Jim Miller reports that the balance regarding the sidewalk project loan is approximately \$28,000.00. We will continue with the quarterly payments. The final appropriations are due in April. There are allowances for the \$5000.00 needed for the Canal cleanup project and street paving money. Eric White motioned to accept the appropriations with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble will begin inspecting/measuring streets this week. Scott also noted that the sections of chip and seal with lockdown coating at his other job held up very well over the winter making it a viable option for some of our locations. He stated that Elm street really needs to be done this year. He will make his list and send out for estimates. Scott also stated it would nice if we would be able to grade some of the alleys. Grant Downes stated it may be possible to borrow a grader from Rose Twsp. Claudia also stated it would be nice if we would possibly be able to add gravel on Peach Court. Street sweeping will also need to be scheduled for May. Possible vendors will be sought. Scott also stated that he spoke with Waynesburg's Street director, Dave Sickafoose. Dave informed Scott that there has been a State rule change stating Villages and Cities are now responsible for pothole repairs on State routes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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 Boyd attended the Law Seminar held at R.G. Drage on Feb. 28, 2026. One topic was the state's Sunshine Law. This topic must be review by all members so he will send everyone a link to review.

Mayor Boyd states the Stark Parks yearly meeting March 4, 2026 included more improvements for the Mill. The canal/lock section were mentioned. Ideally, they would like to remove the debris, repair the lock and clean up the water. Opening the tow path is also a consideration and the Park System did have funding previously. One obstacle with this is that they have to get approval from affected residents for Right of Way. Council will continue to stay in touch with Ms. Sarah Burle of Stark Parks.

ADJOURN: Kurt Stanley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

