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MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 21, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on July 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Grant Downes, Eric White, Kurt Stanley, Claudia Rogers, Jim Miller and Scott Noble. Also present were Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu, Shawn Darr, Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Visitors included Mr. Jannai Shields of Wichert Insurance and Mr. Jim Mooke. Mr. Mooke just wanted to observe the meeting. Mr. Shields is a representative of Wichert Insurance and just wanted to reach out to the Village as a possible option for the Village insurance coverage. Jim Miller asked the process of obtaining a quote from their company. Mr. Shields stated their coverage is not handled in "pools", like we are in now, and is a more traditional coverage. Information would need to be gathered such as number of roads, info from the Police dept, water dept, and extensive questions. Once that is completed they would perform inspections on everything in the Village prior to giving a quote thru one of their many insurance carriers.

MINUTES: Eric White made a motion to accept the June 17, 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: 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 he has been mowing and weed eating. Shawn reports a manhole cover on Plain St. needs to be replaced. Joe Little will get us a price for 1 cover. The gate at the Park also needs a new latch. Shawn also states the handlebars on one of the pieces of playground equipment are broken. He has spread gravel at the benches at the bandstand.

ADDITIONS TO BURSINESS: Jim Miller pointed out that the Village is listed as having 2 different Plain Streets in town. Mayor Boyd will check with Stark County about correcting this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Eric White states that he is still looking for a backboard for the basketball court.

NEW BUSINESS: Claudia Rogers states the school bell project continues for Village Hall. Tom Trussell will move and set the old school bell on a 4 ½' square cement foundation. His cost will be approximately \$9,500.00. Jeff Chiavari has been contacted regarding doing any masonry work. One option would be to see if Whitacre's has any old brick (something that may closely match the Village Hall) that could be located. A second option would be sandstone from Mr. Sonny Fitzgerald. One of these would be placed around the cement base. She states that \$5000.00 has already been collected for this project. Claudia also reports the Historical Society hope to have Veteran banners to hang in town for the next Memorial Day. The Sandy Valley Legion has already made a donation towards this project. Families wishing to participate will purchase their banner for \$50.00 apiece. Claudia hopes to place 2 banners per pole; hopefully close to where they/family live/lived. She hopes to place them on Minerva Rd, Harrison St, Main St and Carrollton St.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White reports that he has spoken with Spencer Electric regarding updating some of the electric at the Park. (Res 2026-16) Claudia Rogers motioned to approve the electrical upgrades with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes. They will be installing those before the Canal Days Festival. Jim also stated the light on the Vince Costello statue needs repaired. Mayor Boyd stated the sound system is in working order.

Eric states the set up for the Festival will be Monday at 6: p.m.

Eric has also spoken with Michelle Edwards of the local softball league. She hopes to be able to access more of the baseball fields. They have increased to 8 teams and only have 3 ball fields but would like 4. She was hoping for the fields by the Fire Dept. Eric will have a meeting with both the baseball and softball teams directors.

SAFETY:

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

Grant Downes states a banner is broken on Lynwood. It looks as if it may have been hit. Shawn will take care of this.

Grant Downes addressed again the idea of trees being added back to the main streets "devil strip".

Conversations are being had socially among residents. Grant states there is an approved tree list which recommends trees that will not get so large that they would cause issues later on. Dean Smith has an approved list and could handle installation, sourcing and pricing. Grant wonders if some money could be used from the Beauty Fund for the Village portion and residents would be allowed to "buy in" regarding trees near their homes. The Village could notify residents of this program with a letter being added to their water bills. Jim asked if there is anything in the zoning guidelines which could be used to prevent residents from putting just anything in the street line and to only allow approved species of trees. Grant will continue to look into this possible project.

Chief Schlimm reports the Second Chance Vests have arrived at Akron Uniform Supply. We will be making arrangements to pick them up. Paperwork for reimbursement of the grant is complete and will be submitted to the state after the purchase is made. The state will reimburse the village \$1,821.05 making the village's cost \$607.01.

Chief states that grant hours and subsequently traffic stops were up this month due to the holidays in June and July.

Chief also stated the police department will be supporting Canton Police Department during the Hall of Fame festivities at no cost to the village.

Mayor Boyd wanted to thank the Police Dept for their presence at the America 250 Celebrations.

The police department is prepared to support the Canal Days Festival.

Fire Chief Eric White reports the Fire Dept has been quiet and has no updates. The asphalt by the Fire Dept needs repaired- 20-30' x 4'. ODOT would be willing to repair but the Village would need to supply the materials. Estimated cost for material would be \$1600.00-\$1800.00. Scott Noble will look into this for more information/options.

CEMETERY: Claudia Rogers reports cemetery income of \$0.00 for the month of June 2026. With the passing of Sexton Tim Costello, there are many things to be sorted. Claudia states the Cemetery committee needs to meet ASAP. The Sexton position will need to be posted. Claudia has spoken with Caleb Fornash. He has agreed to dig for any cremains burial until the situation can be decided. (Res. 2026-16) Claudia motioned to pay \$100.00 to Caleb for any cremains burials with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes. Eric White states that there has been a footer placed in an incorrect position and needs to be moved. It was incorrectly placed due to a miscommunication on our part so we would be responsible for the correction and charge. (Res. 2026-17) Kurt Stanley motioned to pay the \$650.00 to move the footer with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes.

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UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley has called in 2 work orders and 10 outages for street lights and they are being handled. Kurt Stanley reports that AEP has changed their process of updating the street lights to LED. AEP has now implemented a pilot program that we would need to enter. Once that is done, then a feasibility study would be done over the next 6 months. This would assess the age of the light, efficiency, etc.... The 1st stage of the study would be approximately \$5000.00. Kurt reports there is a grant available from the Brightening Ohio Committee. They can approve up to \$500,000.00 for light replacement. Scott Noble reminds everyone that there may be complaints as the LED lights are brighter. Kurt also pointed out that the actual number of lights in the Village could possibly decrease since the new lights would be much brighter. Kurt states there may also be solar opportunities for lighting. Kurt continues to work on this. Kurt asked about the ATT removing the poles and wires. Eric White will email Thomas Failko regarding what the final outcome of the ATT bldg. will be, once they have completed their pullout.

FINANCE: Jim Miller reported that there has been an update regarding our sidewalk project loan. We had not been receiving any invoices, just statements, for some time. Jim spoke with the Bank of Magnolia regarding this. Due to us making the 2 large payments, their system figured that we did not need to make another payment for years. This has been updated so we should start receiving statements again. Jim hopes we will be able to pay this loan off sometime next year.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble stated he is still waiting to get the street paving dates so the Village would be able to notify the Plain St residents so they can plan accordingly. Jim reminded Scott to notify Milhoan Paving that since Cline St does not have drainage, the street will need a good crown.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor L'Hommedieu states he will be finishing the police levy renewal ballot wording so this can be added to the November election. (Res. 2026-14) Jim Miller motioned to place the Police Levy on the ballot with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Boyd states that the canal restoration project with W.E. Quicksall/Spicer Group project continues to move forward. The Village has received 2 invoices for the design portion. There are 2 options for reimbursement. Submit invoices as we pay or divide each invoice by a 95%/5% split. Spicer group has offered to submit for the payments but they would charge approximately \$880.00-\$1000.00. We will be submitting our own invoices for reimbursement – minus the \$5000.00 that is our responsibility. Reimbursement back to the Village should take approximately 40 days.

Eric White asked about mosquito spraying as the mosquito problem seems to be a bit better. Mayor Boyd has not heard anything from the Stark Co Health Dept. regarding this.

Mayor Boyd has received the contract to maintain our involvement with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission. (Res. 2026-15) Jim Miller motioned to allow the Mayor to sign to continue our enrollment with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

Mayor Boyd spoke again with resident Mr. Mike Hamilton. He has changed his plans and is again moving forward with the construction of a "small cabin" on his property.

Mayor Boyd states the Methodist Church would like to give some land (at the east end of Lynwood, .42 acre) back to the Village. Surveyor Dave Bodo wonders if we would want to make a 50' extended easement from the current 30'.

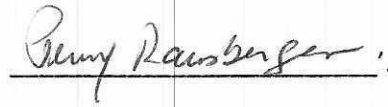
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ADJOURN: Kurt Stanley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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