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MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
May 20, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on May 20, 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 Councilmembers Claudia Rogers and Kurt Stanley with Eric White seconding. All Ayes. Also present were visitors Stark County Ohio Dept. representative Mr. Todd Paulus and Mr. Jay Herstine, Solicitor Kevin L’Hommedeu, Shawn Darr, Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: Mr. Todd Paulus from the Stark County Health Dept. just stopped by to check in with the Council to see if they had any questions or concerns for his dept. He is trying to visit all locales. One item he wanted to speak about is the sewer program of the county. Mr. Paulus reports Stark County has the largest number of private septic systems in the entire state at 43,000. One deterrent for everyone being hooked to Stark County sewer system has been the high cost. Mr. Paulus reports they have been able to get funding to help get more private septs connected to the system.

Mayor Boyd asked Mr. Paulus about mosquito spraying. Mr. Paulus reports the health dept has placed mosquito traps at the Park. They will trap and test the mosquitos for things like the West Nile Virus. If anything tests positive, the County will come and spray. They will continue this process throughout the summer season. Todd also stated the Village could contract with Health dept for spraying. He will have Mike forward prices to the Mayor. Todd also mentioned another thing the Health Dept monitors is rabies. They actually investigate all animal bites. They will also quarantine as needed. The last case of dog rabies was in 1983 and only a few cases of bat rabies in years.

Mr. Jay Herstine wanted to let Council that the Water Dept. will be replacing the “man” door at the Police Dept. as it is in terrible shape. It will also include a window and a drop box for the Water Dept payments. They will be covering the cost of the replacement. An installer will be found for this project. Mr. Herstine also reports that the Water Dept will start looking for a new vehicle to replace the current van. Jim Miller asked Jay if the new water meters that had been installed included check valves. Jim mentioned that per regulations, this was required starting in the last 15 years. Jay states the meters only allow water to flow in one direction.

MINUTES: Jim Miller made a motion to accept the April 15, 2026 regular minutes as presented, which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORTS: Grant Downes 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 Scott Noble. All Ayes.

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn Darr reported he has been mowing and patching potholes. Shawn has repaired the steps at the drinking fountain and also fixed the steps to the bandstand. He also replaced 8 light fixtures at the Bingo stand. Eric asked Shawn if he could take a look at the garage door at the Police dept. as there is a mark on it from something rubbing on it. Shawn will also be painting the inside of the Village Hall door like he had done the outside last year. Mayor Boyd also wanted to thank Shawn for working last Sunday to keep the Village looking so good. Shawn also reminded Council that he will be off work May 24-27.

ADDITIONS TO BURSINESS: n/a

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Boyd stated Commissioner Chris Nichols stated the grant payment from the Stark County Municipal Road Fund would \$12,800.00. This would be used for paving on the Stark County

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portion of Cline St.. Instead of the original amount we thought we would be receiving, it is significantly less. Our portion of the road fund is \$84,000.00 but Stark County bases the award on a % of the amount available with consideration of ALL requests in the entire county. The Village has the option to defer until next year. Mayor Boyd will be calling Mr. Bill Smith to ask a few more questions regarding roll over process, application timelines, formulas, etc....

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric reports that the Canal Days society has submitted a Special Event Liquor Permit for the 2026 Canal Days Festival. This will have conditions/restrictions such as not being near the Bingo Stand (gambling), wristbands issued, police presence, etc... They will also submit to the state and check on insurance coverage. The Sandy Valley Athletic Boosters will operate this again. Eric will also be reaching out to Spencer Electric regarding updating the power on a pole in the Park to a higher amperage at the request of a participating vendor. Eric says the ball field parking continues to be an issue. The thought of extending the poles or some other idea should be considered to keep cars off the grass. He is also trying to contact the coaches regarding the debris they have been placing in the trash cans. Eric has also been working with Shawn on a list of miscellaneous projects to be handled.

SAFETY:

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

Grant noted the semi-trucks seems to have finally slowed down. He stated the ramp for Rt. 30 E will be closing which may cause an impact on our traffic. Eric asked if we have any ordinances regarding engine brake usage in the Village.

Chief Schlimm stated Lt. Alexander completed a shotgun and revolver instructor courses last month and he will attend impact weapons instructor course in June. Chief reported that

both vehicles went into Ruegg Brother's for regular service. They noted that there is an airbag light on constantly in Car 2 and should be brought back in to troubleshoot the issue. They do not know what an approximate cost would be to locate the problem. Jim Miller stated that should be addressed soon. Chief Schlimm attended the

Police Chief's in-service in May. He completed 16 hours of mandatory training while there. One thing of note from the Patrolling Chief's Committee is that an executive summary is being completed. They hope to get published in the coming months. The report highlighting the discrepancy between large department funding with grants etc. compared to smaller departments. The hope is to get small departments more applicable grant funding. More information to follow in the coming months. Chief Schlimm reports we have been approved for

the body armor grant. He ordered two vests for a total cost of \$2,428.06. The state will reimburse the village \$1,821.05, making the village's cost \$607.01. The Village will pay the full amount then we will be reimbursed the grant portion.

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

CEMETERY: The cemetery reported income of \$700.00 for the month of April, 2026. Jim Miller reported that he has replaced the light and receptacle at the flagpole in the Cemetery that had been damaged during the winter.

UTILITIES: n/a

FINANCE: Jim Miller states the appropriations are in the system. Jim reports the oil lease check for the cemetery portion has been received and was \$16,550. This may be used toward our street paving if needed. Jim also stated that information was received from the Carroll County Auditor stating that everyone should

prepare for the fact that the roll back amounts we typically receive will start being less than planned starting next year.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble had requested street paving proposals from 3 different vendors with 2 replying. Milhoan Asphalt Maintenance has the best rates. The streets that will be paved this year are Elm St., Plain St, Brady St. (the Chaddick to Plain section), and Cline St. (the Harrison to Canal section). A portion of the Cline St. paving may be

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covered by the Stark County Municipal Road Fund award. [Res 2026-11] Scott Noble motioned to proceed with Milhoan paving the above streets with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes.

Scott also stated that we will not doing street sweeping this year. They were requiring 2 trucks with a minimum 4 hours plus an extra fuel surcharge. The cost would have been approximately \$4,000.00. Mayor Boyd stated the State will clean the state route (Main Street) at no cost. He will reach out to have that done.

Grant also mentioned that Rose Twsp. has equipment with a street brush attachment that we may be able to borrow. Grant also mentioned they have a grader that may be able to work on leveling our alleys. The size would need to be checked since their blade may be too large to navigate smaller alleys vs county roads. Scott said a wish for the Village would be a Bobcat with multiple attachments.

Eric asked about the stoplight as it is in need of painting. State Highway fund can be used for this. It is our understanding that per ODOT we are responsible for the light and the control box.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedeu presented the resolution wording to request the Police Levy certification values for a renewal. This is needed to add the Police Levy to the Nov. ballot. [Res. 2026-12] Jim Miller made a motion to approve the certifying resolution for submission with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Boyd reports the US Corp of Engineers has completed their levy project.

The Spicer group, who is working with Muskingham Watershed, has been seen inspecting the canal section that is slated for repairs. 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.

The Senior Parade last Sunday went well, even with the small numbers. Monday May 25, 2026 will be the Memorial Day Parade. Line up will be at the funeral home at 10:40 am. They will then proceed up to the Cemetery for a 11:00 am service.

Mayor Boyd states that Magnolia Motorsports Park will be holding a grand reopening at the dragstrip June 13, 2026.

ADJOURN: Grant Downes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. with Eric White seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer
