# MINUTES
# MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
# Sept 16, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Sept. 16, 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 Shawn Darr, Solicitor Kevin L'Hommediu, Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:** n/a

**MINUTES:** Eric White made a motion to accept the Aug 19, 2026 regular minutes as presented, which was seconded by Jim Miller. 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 Eric White. All Ayes.

**VILLAGE WORK REPORT:** Shawn Darr reports he has been mowing and weed eating. He has also been street/alley patching including in front of the Fire Dept.. Shaun has also ordered 50 ton of road salt at $85.26 per ton. Last year we paid $58.14 per ton. Scott Noble mentioned many places are paying over $100.00 a ton. Shaun also mentioned that the truck bed has started rusting in spots. Kurt Stanley mentioned that the bed should be protected because of the Z Tech spray coating. Kurt will be checking on the warranty. Shawn mentioned that he had some debris, soil, asphalt, branches etc... but Mike Schmidt stated that it shouldn't be dumped by the tower unless it was pushed over the hillside. Shawn had hoped to save some of the dirt for Village use. Shawn reports that one of the winter banners is damaged. Claudia Rogers will be ordering a replacement.

**ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS:** n/a

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Boyd mentioned that the paving of Cline St. will need to be listed separately on the Milhoan paving bill. The $12,876.00 will be paid by the Village then we will submit a copy of the cleared check, front and back for reimbursement from the Stark County Municipal Road Fund. Scott stated he has requested Milhoan to bill us with everything broken out separately. Mayor Boyd noted that next year maybe there will be some funds that can be used for Harrison St.
Mayor Boyd and Solicitor L'Hommediue have spoken with The Spicer Group regarding the bidding for the Sandy Canal Restoration project. Multiple bids have been received with most estimates being very close to each other. These companies had requests sent to their references. The lowest bid (by only a few hundred dollars) only had 1 response listing a concern with no responses from the rest of their references. The second lowest bid received 3 good responses. The Council decided to use this company, Lafferty Excavator.

**NEW BUSINESS:** n/a

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** Eric White reports that the Police Dept and file room doors will be replaced by Mr. Jeff Chivari in about 3 weeks. Eric reports Selinsky repaired the boom lift drifting issue and has had the required yearly inspection done at the same time. Eric also states that a Plum St. resident asked about flooding in their back yard. Shawn will take a look at this but due to how much rain and storms we've had, it may be simply be unavoidable.

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**SAFETY:**
Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.
Jm Miller mentioned about a replacement light for the new Costello statue. Grant motioned to allow Jim Miller and Eric White to work on the installation of the lights with Jim Miller seconding. All Ayes.
Grant stated that he has forwarded more public requests to the office to be handled. He also has heard some comments regarding the Magnolia Dragstrip noise. They have been stopping at relatively decent hours but it is just part of the activity.
Grant states that N. County Trail group. who has been negotiating a walking route with Stark Parks that would help walkers from needing to enter the Village, will be getting in touch with Sonny Fitzgerald.
Grant also mentioned there is a house on Elson St. that has a lot of trash laying around. Chief Schlimm will reach out to the homeowner.
Grant has spoken with Holly Toukonen regarding the Christmas Tree. She ~~states~~ asked that Spencer Electric will be adding a receptacle to a current pole that we can use for the lighting of the tree. Ms. Holly may contribute to the cost.
Chief Schlimm states a member of the public recently raised a concern about the Flock camera located at the village limits on SR 542 (South Main near Smith's Nursery shipping entrance). The camera does not belong to the Village of Magnolia or the Police Department. It is owned by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. Complaints for such can be forwarded to that office. The camera is located within the village, however, is within the right of way of State Route 542 and contracted by ODOT. The camera does not issue traffic tickets. It checks vehicle registrations for stolen cars, suspended drivers, wanted/warrants etc. The Flock system has aided the Magnolia Police Department locate a stolen vehicle within hours of it being stolen in the village.
Chief states CAR1 has been serviced and the windshield replaced. CAR2 will be scheduled for early October.
Chief also reports that the adult male accused of stealing a firearm from a residence within the village has been arrested. Those criminal proceedings are currently on-going.
Funds from the State of Ohio have been received from the body armor grant to reimburse the Village.
The Annual Firearms qualifications will be taking place in the coming weeks and the current status of ammunition inventory will cover the next couple qualifications and training. Chief would like permission to sell/donate excess .40 caliber ammunition we currently have in-house another department in need. Chief will check with neighboring depts to see if anyone is interested.
Chief Schlimm also noted a gentleman was found stranded in the Village. Chief helped him get back to New Philadelphia.
Fire Chief Eric White reports the Fire Dept has been quiet except for 2 false alarms today. He also noted the Fire Dept will be holding their Reverse Raffle Oct. 12th at $50.00 per ticket. Eric also states the Fire Dept will be having a station clean-up day this Sat.

**CEMETERY:** Claudia Rogers reports cemetery income of $0.00 for the month of Aug 2026. Claudia states the Cemetery and the Finance committees need to meet within the next couple of weeks to discuss the position requirements, compensation and cemetery rates. Mr. Mike Rogers, who has been helping organize the past information, is offering to help the new hire when found. Solicitor L'Hommediu asked if Tim Costello's family had opened an estate yet and has left a message for Karen Hough (sister). That is needed to be able to access his cell phone.

**UTILITIES:** Kurt Stanley has nothing to report. Grant Downes asked about the clearance issue where trees are hitting the tops of campers coming thru town. Kurt Stanley checked with the utility companies but they do not have any trimming scheduled.

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**FINANCE:** Jim Miller states that the budget for 2027 has been approved by the County. Also, a copy of the electric bill at the Park for the Canal Days Festival has been presented. A listing of the past months was also added so the comparison could be made for "normal" usage vs festival usage. Mayor Boyd states the Beaver Canal society will be contributing something towards the bill. Jim also asked if anyone has reached out to the vendor who had originally offered to also contribute towards the amperage upgrades. Eric will try to reach out to him. Jim also noted that the next Village insurance policy has been received. A line by line comparison to last years policy was done. The only changes were some decreases in asset valuation. Mr. Ron Maxwell will be attending next month's Council meeting to address any questions/issues. No price for the yearly coverage yet.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS:** Scott Noble states the section that has not been paved on Plain /S Main has been looked at. It has not been completely paved for a reason. There are actually 5 catch basins on that street, 2 at corners, 2 at the end against ST RT 542 and 1 in the middle of the street. Scott, Shawn and Mr. Joe Little met regarding the broken catch basins. Mr. Little recommends eliminating the middle basin as it is not useful. The others need replaced. The 2 at the end of Plain against ST RT 542 will be more involved as the clay pipe that runs under ST RT 542 is also collapsing. That will involve ODOT as ST RT 542 will need to be closed for a couple of days. Once the catch basins and pip are repaired, Milhoan will come back and finish the paving. Mr. Little estimates the cost for all of the repairs will be $27,300.00. [Res. 2026-20] Scott Noble motioned to contact Joe Little to start these repairs with Eric White seconding. All Ayes. Scott stated he has been very happy with the service Milhoan Paving has been providing.
Jim Miller mentioned that on Canal St. the curb concrete is broken. Shawn will take a look at this and Jim Miller offered to help him fix this.

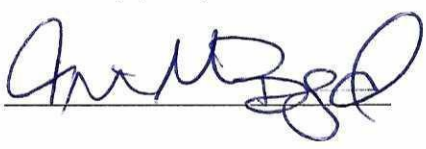
**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** n/a

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:** n/a

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Boyd states we should decide when Halloween will be recognized in the Village. Due to multiple area schedules, it is decided to hold it on Thursday Oct. 29th, 2026. Trick or Treat will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the bonfire at the Park at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Boyd also mentioned that the Village is on the Stark County list for mosquito spraying. Members feel this is now unnecessary due to the weather cooling off. Mayor will reach out to cancel the spraying. Mayor Boyd also noted that a resident has mentioned that the Park has a lot of groundhogs which are causing holes.

**ADJOURN:** Jim Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. with Kurt Stanley seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor



Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

