

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 19, 2007

Present - Mayor Baughman
Council Pres.—Martha (Kathy) Cantrell
Rex Pierce
Dean Bowsher, Sr.
Garrett Pierce – Zoning Inspector

Melinda Ritchie - Clerk/Treasurer
Carol Verity
Rick Murphy

Visitors - Janette Jones
Diane Cowgill

Mayor Baughman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM on April 19, 2007. Mrs. Ritchie read the minutes of the March 18th meeting. Corrections were notes as Council President not represented correctly, and a few typographical errors. Mayor Baughman asked council if minutes were accepted as corrected. Rick Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Kathy Cantrell seconded the motion. All council members agreed. Mrs. Ritchie presented the warrant listing. Kathy Cantrell made a motion to accept the warrant listing and pay the bills. Rex Pierce seconded the motion. All council members agreed.

Legal Counsel

Mrs. Ritchie made council aware that Alison Boggs was out of town on business and had sent communications that she would more than likely not be able to attend.

Kathy Cantrell stated that she would still like Alison Boggs to check into the property situation concerning partial upgrades at Mr. Fuller's residences preventing accurate property appraisals from being completed, thereby leaving village without appropriate property tax receipts. Rick Murphy stated that he has been unable to locate any information via the internet concerning this matter.

Mrs. Ritchie stated she had contacted Bill Lowe concerning the possibility of Leesburg Township adding EMS service to their realm of activities. Because of the cost involved, and dependent upon their equipment being outdated, they are not moving forward on this issue at this time.

Mrs. Ritchie stated that the Liquor permit fees had indeed been received.

Old Business:

Check needs to be voided:

Mrs. Ritchie presented council with an issue concerning a check for \$10.00 that was written to have the mosquito sprayer attended to that was not used due to the condition of the mosquito sprayer at the time. This check should be voided and needs council approval to complete. Rick Murphy made a motion to void out check #5200 in the amount of \$10.00 and return the funds to the appropriate account. Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion. All council members agreed.

Dirt:

Mayor Baughman question Kathy Cantrell if sufficient dirt was delivered by the County for all requirements. Cantrell said that there was not enough to complete all that was necessary. Mayor Baughman will check into the possibility of receiving an additional load from the County.

41 Rose St.

Mayor Baughman reported that he had spoken with Leesburg Fire Chief concerning an inspection at 41 Rose St. The Fire Chief will complete the inspection requested.

New Business:**Resident addresses council:**

Diane Cowgill addressed council with an issue concerning ashes from an adjacent property owned by Mr. Fuller if weather conditions were right. Said ashes are being blown onto her new roof and throughout her yard contingent upon the chimney not being at a regulatory height and not extending above the peak of said house. Rick Murphy advised that until the house is sold or there is a structural improvement performed then the house is within regulation by being grandfathered in under current code.

Mayor addresses visitor:

Mayor Baughman questioned Janette Jones if Pat Titus was planning on keeping her current business location open. Janette Jones reported that she was indeed keeping the business open, and has considered the possibility of opening an additional location at the old grocery store property.

Council member appreciated:

Janette Jones thanked Kathy Cantrell for repairing the handicapped sign in front of Hiney's. It was mentioned that after replacement, it was again knocked down and had to be repaired a second time.

Park news:

The Cantrell's have been working on improvements within the Main St. Park. Estimates have been received for the repair of sidewalks within the park. The lowest estimate was that of \$600.00. Kathy asked council if they were willing to accept the estimate and repair the sidewalk as needed. Dean Bowsher, Sr. made a motion to accept the bid for sidewalk repair. Carol Verity seconded the motion. Rick Murphy abstained from voting. Remaining council members agreed. Kathy Cantrell stated that the contractor requested to be paid upon completion of the job and questioned Mrs. Ritchie if this was possible. Mrs. Ritchie advised it could be accomplished with council approval. Rex Pierce made a motion to pay said contractor upon completion of the job. Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion. All council members agreed.

Clean up day:

Kathy Cantrell stated that clean up day was scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2007. Mrs. Ritchie questioned if Sims had been contacted. Kathy Cantrell said they will be contacted to see if possible savings can be derived from use of their services.

It was noted that Leesburg Township's clean up day was April 28th at Pharisburg. Kathy Cantrell and Mayor Baughman will pass out flyers to residents concerning this matter.

Community Yard Sale:

The community yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th. Mrs. Cantrell will pass out flyers informing residents of this event.

Improper parked car within the Village:

Rick Murphy stated at the corner of Park & Rose streets there is a blue car that has been sitting across from the S.O.S. building for approximately 9 months with expired tags. There is not sufficient room available to ensure that this car will not be hit upon another car complete a turn at this location. Carol verity recommended that the Union County Sheriff's office be contacted for removal of the vehicle.

Information obtained:

Mrs. Ritchie presented council with information pertaining to the requirement of all elected council members to received Public Records Act Training as provided by HB 9. The requirement is a minimum of 3 hours training effective Sept. 30, 2007. Each term served requires the addition minimum hours of training. As determined by the Attorney General one can indeed send a delegate in their place for the training, however based on the wording it is thought to be required to have a different delegate for each official. It was stated that we should request a determination from Alisson Boggs.

All public offices are now required to adopt a public records policy. The Attorney General will provide a sample policy to effectuate requirements being met in an efficient time frame. Mrs. Ritchie will continue to view website and obtain this sample as soon as possible. Effective May 1, 2007 municipalities can not longer require full time employees to reside within the municipality limits. The exceptions to this ruling are certain Emergency personnel as well as elected or appointed officials.

Resident Complaint:

Rick Murphy received a complaint from a concerned resident on the condition of the property at the edge of the ^{South} Magnetic Springs. Mayor Baughman informed Rick Murphy that the citizen should address council with a formal complaint.

Tree Removal

A discussion was held to speak of the removal of an additional tree located on May St., that was to the surrounding residential properties in the event of a storm. Ore's discussion continued about the trees. It was decided to obtain quotes for removal of the trees. Melinda Ritchie was instructed to contact Fisher's Tree Service to obtain an estimate on removal of the tree at 318 May St. as well as the removal of its stump and one additional stump. Mrs. Ritchie was instructed that upon receiving the actual estimates for the job, the lowest should be accepted and work should be completed.

Mayor Baughman exited the meeting.

Village Budget:

Village Budget information was presented to council by Mrs. Ritchie. The temporary budget approved in January for 2007 was not sufficient to remain a permanent appropriation measure. The fluctuations were discussed and approximations were presented. After all material was presented, Mrs. Ritchie read Resolution R-07-04 concerning the budget matters and submission of proper paperwork to the county auditor's office. Rex Pierce moved the adoption of the resolution, Rick Murphy seconded the motion and all council members agreed.

Adjournment:

In agreement that all business had been concluded, Rick Murphy made a motion for adjournment of meeting. Rex Pierce seconded the motion to adjourn. All members agreed to adjourn until May 18, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Village/Twp Hall at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.