

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 17, 2008

Present - Melinda Ritchie – Fiscal Officer Rex Pierce
 Kathy Cantrell – Council President Rick Murphy
 Carol Verity Dean Bowsher, Sr.

Village Solicitor – Alison Boggs

Visitors – Annie Lutz, Mike & Bernice Martin, Brian Wise

Village Solicitor:

Prior to the opening of the meeting Alison Boggs reminded council that due to the November Election council was absent, a mayor, and two active council seats until elected council members completed engagement of the Oath of Office. As such circumstance the fiscal officer must initiate and conduct the meeting until council has been duly sworn in.

In light of this information, Melinda Ritchie called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM on January 17, 2008.

Carol Verity and Kathy Cantrell being duly elected as Village Council Members during the November election were sworn into office through the execution of the Oath of Office for an elected or appointed official for the Village of Magnetic Springs by Alison Boggs.

Absent Mayor: Alison Boggs notified council member that according to the Ohio Revised Code in the absence of a Mayor, Council President will move forward as Mayor until upon which time a formal election has occurred with the concluding election of a New Mayor. A discussion concerning the vacant council member seat in the action of Council President moving forward .During the interim Council can indeed appoint an individual to occupy the council seat that would be empty by move of Council Member forward to the Mayor position.

Due to the November election and reelection of the prior council president, council is absent council president to fill the Mayor position. Carol Verity made a motion to nominate Kathy Cantrell as council president. Kathy Cantrell had no contest to nomination as council president. Rex Pierce seconded the motion. Council member voted as follows...Dean Bowsher, Sr., **yeah**, Martha Cantrell, **yeah**, Carol Verity, **yeah**, Rick Murphy, **yeah**, Rex Pierce, **yeah**.

Reading of the Minutes:

Ritchie advised council due to hours of service for other duties she was unable to complete the December 2007 meeting minutes. Rex Pierce made a motion to wave the reading of the December 2007 minutes with review and approval at a later time. Rick Murphy seconded the motion, and all council members agreed.

Warrant Listing:

Ritchie presented council with the final dollars for the December 2007 warrants. The additional expenditures for the maintenance project consisted of \$875.00 for labor and \$300.00 for miscellaneous supplies. This action resulted in a total expenditure of \$2154.96 for December 2007. Ritchie presented the warrant listing for January payments. Due to computer updates the warrants

will be prepared manually until computer can be brought up to date. The warrants as presented totaled \$4341.49. It was noted additional expenses were deemed to occur for the current maintenance project, as well as the Natural Gas bill that had failed to arrive as of yet. Rex Pierce made a motion to approve expenses as necessary for the maintenance project, and the Natural Gas service for the Village with a report of the total expenditures for January at the February meeting. Carol Verity seconded the motion and all council members agreed. Mayor Cantrell asked council if there was a motion to accept payment of expenses as noted and pending. Rick Murphy made a motion to accept the warrant listing as presented and inclusive of approved expenditures, Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion and all council members agreed.

Presentations to Counsel:

Mayor Cantrell welcomed the visitors to the meeting and questioned if there was a specific purpose associated with attendance. Bernice Martin addressed the council concerning the property at 41 Rose St. She questioned what council was doing concerning the property. It is noted as being a health hazard and overall nuisance to the resident. Bernice noted she was able to obtain an address for the property owner and gather information concerning the property. Alison Boggs discussed with her concerning the address and advised her that contact to the property owner had been attempted for the sole purpose to attempt to resolve the issue surrounding the property. Given light of possibly more accurate information Alison Boggs will transgress to attempt a 2nd contact of the property owner.

Brian Wise addressed council concerning the raccoon population at the Rose St. address. Council members discussed trapping regulations and decided to seek out further information from the game warden concerning regulation on raccoon. Council agrees that condition of the property is as the residents discussed. Forward movement will continue to try and rectify this situation.

Old Business:

Ordinance Review:

Carol Verity reported that she had been reviewing the Village Ordinance for information. Specific information located included that the Village currently does have an ordinance concerning animals. This ordinance was stated to be identified as Ordinance No. 505.09 section 1007. Verity stated other ordinances are in effect that would have assisted the Village with concerns previously addressed. Further review will continue to provide knowledge concerning the Ordinances.

New Business:

Bank Account:

There was a discussion concerning the checking account and approved signers as established. It is noted that currently Robert Baughman is an established signer on the account as well as Carol Verity. Carol questioned if one signer is acceptable to render the checks as negotiable instruments. Annie Lutz, who is associated with a banking financial organization, advised council that if two signers are approved upon the account, only one signer would be required to render a check as a negotiable instrument for payment.

Discussion continued concerning additional signer needed as a security measure. It was questioned what was stated within the Ohio Revised Code. Further investigation will be conducted to educate

council concerning the regulations and the authorized signatures on the account. Carol Verity will be the acceptable signer until the event of any changes.

Contract for Village Solicitor:

Alison Boggs advised council that the previous contract as held with the Village of Magnetic Springs had expired. As a result a new contract for service as Village Solicitor was supplied to the Council members for acceptance and approval. The contract was reviewed. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept the renewal contract from Alison Boggs to service as Solicitor for the Village. Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion, and all council members agreed.

Maintenance Projects:

Council questioned Ritchie concerning funds available for further maintenance of the Village Building. Ritchie advised council that further information would have to be obtained before a proper answer could be executed. At this time due to the work that needs to be completed investigation will not have a completion date until March.

Old Business

Ownership of Town Hall

No Report.

Adjournment:

In agreement that all business had been concluded, Rex Pierce made a motion for adjournment of meeting. Rick Murphy seconded the motion to adjourn. All members agreed to adjourn at 8:26 PM until February 21, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Village/Twp Hall at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.