

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS

MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 16, 2009

Present - Martha "Kathy" Cantrell – Mayor
Rex Pierce
Richard Murphy
Tanya Crist-Knipp

Melinda Ritchie – Clerk/Treasurer
Dean Bowsher, Sr.
Carol Verity – Council President

Village Solicitor – Alison Boggs, Attorney-at-Law

Sheriff Liaison – Not Present

Visitors – Janette Jones
Harry Elliott

OPENING:

This meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:06 PM at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

MINUTES:

There was a discussion among council members concerning the reading of the minutes. Rex Pierce made a motion to wave the reading of the March meeting minutes. Carol Verity seconded the motion and all council members agreed.

WARRANT LISTING:

Ritchie presented the warrants payable in the amount of 2496.03 to Council. Dean Bowsher, Sr., made a motion to accept the warrant listing and pay the bills. Richard Murphy seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

VISITOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Cantrell opened the floor for the visitors. Janette Jones informed council she has been fined \$6000.00 thus far from the EPA concerning the driven well at Hiney's. As of this time the Health Dept will not pass the septic system. They will not pass the well, therefore only option is to drill in the park. Carol Verity stated no drilling to be done by alley and the trees as the old hotel septic is in that location. Drilling has to be 50 ft from any sewer or water lines, and right of ways. Carol Verity suggested the back of the property be the location for drilling.

RESOLUTION READING

However given that the park is titled to the Township at this point drilling cannot commence. Resolution _____ was presented to council for 1st reading. In the event he county Commissioners transferred property to the Village of Magnetic Springs, council moves to allow permission for Janette Jones to drill at the Magnetic Park location for the purpose of establishing a well to provide water to the business location known as Hiney's Saloon.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Memorial Bricks:

Mayor Cantrell will check into prices for the costs of bricks to be used in the Memorial Park

Relay for Life Stop:

No Report.

Bike Fest 2009:

Alison Boggs presented council with information about Bike Fest 2009. The tour within the county includes a stop at the Historical Marker at the limits of the Village. Boggs questions if council would be interested in

making the Gazebo an additional stop on the tour and perhaps sell water, or eats for the visitors. Council discussed this situation and decided they will supply something at the Gazebo for the Bike Fest 2009 participants.

Murals:

Alison Boggs discussed her community and county involvement and a new project concerning Murals placed in different areas. She has done some research and Coca Cola does offer grant money to possibly help with a mural within the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

Balling Property:

Concerning the value applied to the work completed at 41 Rose St. Boggs stated council would need to track the actual monetary dollar amount the Village has expended on going to expend to move forward in attaching the amount due to the property tax bill. Although it was questioned if a value could be added for the labor of volunteers and council members not expecting a monetary compensation, Boggs doubts the ability to complete this situation exists. Only monies expensed and proven can be attached.

No Parking Signs:

Mayor Cantrell stated the State workers will install the signs when they are ready. Red reflective tape will be purchased to make the arrows as necessary for the signs in stock. Mrs. Ritchie volunteered her husband to make and attach the arrows.

Drain Tile Work:

The Union County Engineers still has our work as to be scheduled for the drain tile on Park St. by Debbie Lutz property.

Retention Schedule:

No action has been taken.

Historic Preservation:

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Weeds:

An old letter citing reasons for clean up was review by Alison Boggs to determine its application. Boggs advised the letter is okay, but reference to weeds must be noxious weeds, like Golden Rod, something to pose a health risk. Boggs was questioned if places with high weeds that are potential for mosquito nests would be considered a health hazard. Boggs stated the Health Dept would need to be involved.

Structural Concerns:

Dean Bowsher, Sr., is concerned about the structural soundness of the property located at 8 Main St. Boggs stated the Health Dept. can do an inspection to promote the condemnation of the residences. Although it is leaning, a dual residence, and considered by some residents to be a fire hazard, Bowsher, Sr. stated in talking with the Health Department that they do not have the authority to condemn houses, that instead the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has jurisdiction. It was stated with the small staircase access a fire would assuredly cause great grief for the occupants. Boggs recommended contacting the State Fire Marshall concerning this property. It was stated that the State Code applied to dwellings that have 4 or more families living there. The installation of a rope ladder out a hall access window would make the residency compliant since it does not have to meet State Code. Dean Bowsher, Sr., will contact Jim Hall concerning an inspection for the property.

Mayor Cantrell questioned Boggs if she would contact the gentlemen, David Leitch, concerning the ordinances and zoning ordinances given the condition of some of the properties within the Village.

EMS Contract:

Mayor Cantrell reported she received a letter from the Northern Union Fire District inviting council to meeting for further discussion of the EMS contract. Alison Boggs stated she remembered researching this topic and that a contract was not required to be held. At this time council is not financially able to afford the contract. Discussion continued concerning the previous charges that had been included along with the contract cost. The decision remains that the Village Council will not join in a contract with the Northern Union Fire District for EMS Service.

Mosquito Sprayer License:

Dean Bowsher, Sr. will accept the responsibility of obtaining the License necessary to operate and instruct operation of the Mosquito Sprayer.

ADJOURNMENT:

In agreement that all business had been concluded, Carol Verity made a motion at 8:32 PM for adjournment of meeting. Richard Murphy seconded the motion to adjourn. All present members agreed to adjourn until regular meeting May 21st, at 7:00 PM at the Village/Twp Hall at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.