

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS

MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 15, 2009

Present -

Martha "Kathy" Cantrell – Mayor
Rex Pierce
Ann Lutz
Tanya Crist-Knipp

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

Village Solicitor – Alison Boggs

OPENING:

This meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:05 PM at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 2008 meeting of the Village Council was read by Ritchie. Mayor Cantrell made a correction of McCleary instead of McCarty for the Bill that had the town maps. The snow plow was to be taken for repairs it had not been taken at the time. Rex Pierce was not present at the previous meeting and did not ask for funds available, Ritchie thought perhaps it was Rick Murpy...but will check the notes and make corrections. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept the December minutes with the corrections to be made Tanya Crist-Knipp seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

WARRANT LISTING:

Ritchie presented the warrants payable to Council. The second bill from Union County Engineers (UCE) had arrived and was presented as the tile work since the prior bill was noted as pothole repair and pending drain tile work to be completed. Ann Lutz stated that the tile by her mother's residence was not thought to be repaired. Other members agreed that they did not think the drain tiles had been fixed. Ritchie will contact Joyce Garrard for further explanation of the bill. Amount for UCE is accepted as due bringing the payable to amount due of 4815.01. Ann Lutz made a motion to accept the warrant listing and pay the bills, Carol Verity seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

COMMUNITY:

Holiday Event:

Mayor Cantrell and other council members discuss the outcome of the Christmas gathering for the Village residents. The consensus was the event was a good event...especially for the children of the Village.

Security:

Tanya Crist-Knipp was able to talk to the Pastor Moe about the mention of a security light. He will gladly mention it at the next church meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Street Repair & Signs:

The Village council commented on the street repair that had been done and was satisfied with the job..

Bingo/Gaming:

Alison Boggs reported the Village could not operate a bingo as they did not qualify as a 501C3 entity. The Attorney General indicated that we might be able to rent the building to a charitable organization for bingo and other activities, but we as the Village cannot conduct it ourselves. To rent the building there would need to be a rental contract. There would also be insurance obligations therefore the insurance company should be contacted.

Retention Schedule:

No action has been taken.

Historic Preservation:

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:**Snow/Ice:**

Mayor Cantrell reported the Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities (UCBDD) contacted her with a complaint about ice on the streets specifically the end of May St. at Vances. Joyce Garrard of Union County Engineers (UCE) also received the complaint and notified Mayor Cantrell. Prices for treating streets were submitted by Mayor Cantrell as received from UCE. Discussion continued about cost of treating the streets. Carol Verity thought it would take at least 4 ton of mix to treat our streets bring the cost to \$152.00 for mix taking into account the hours and equipment costs would reflect a possibility of \$400.00 for one treatment. Rex Pierce spoke of street replacement that would occur more frequently as a result of treatment. Concerns were expressed that even if we ourselves tried to treat for the complaint that additional complaints would surface from Village residents desiring salting thereby breaking down the streets.

Mayor Cantrell reported that our liability insurance had also contacted us on how we record and respond to public complaints. The concern was possible insurance claims that could result. Alison Boggs stated once you start to treat you will assume liability to salt every time. Dean Bowsher, Sr. expressed concerns on the amount of money it would cost to treat every time. Based on our current financial situation council determined no monies were available to afford salting the Village streets at this time.

Health & Safety:

Mayor Cantrell reported receiving a resident complaint about the safety of our children and what could be done as she was concerned about trucks pulling children on snow sleds throughout the village streets and not stopping.

Rex Pierce expressed concerns of the snowmobiles and sleds that were coming into town since the recent snow. His thought is signs should be posted stated no operation within Village limits for snowmobiles and 4 wheelers since we do have a Village Ordinance against it.

Council Members:

Ann Lutz reported she will no longer be a council representative. She has received and opportunity to coach Lacrosse at a position in Hilliard. Based on her situation she cannot refuse but will be changing residency thereby invalidating her ability to maintain position. Council members expressed concern with the upcoming grant possibilities for road replacement and her efforts were appreciated. Lutz reported she would still be able to assist us as we endeavor to accomplish the task.

Financial Position:

Council members discussed our financial position and the possibility of increasing millage. Alison Boggs reported it would have to be during a General Election. Dean Bowsher, Sr. commented with the economy and its state, he does not think we would be able to pass additional millage. Although in glancing through late records the Village was thought to be operating on 15 mills in the 80's. Even through informing the residents it is still thought not to pass. It is thought that perhaps targeting the registered voters with the issues may be the way to begin. The Union County Board of Elections may be a place to start to obtain a registered voters list.

Solicitor Contract:

Alison Boggs presented council with contract. Most recent contract expired in Dec. 2008. She expressed council may want to decide not to have her present at the meeting to reduce the financial burden for the Village. That we could maintain contact via email and other communications to handle Village issues. Council does like the ability to ask questions during the meeting. Contract will be approved next meeting by resolution.

ADJOURNMENT:

In agreement that all business had been concluded, Rex Pierce made a motion at 8:18 PM for adjournment of meeting. Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion to adjourn. All present members agreed to adjourn until regular meeting February 19th, at 7:00 PM at the Village/Twp Hall at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.