

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 21, 2010

Present - Martha "Kathy" Cantrell – Mayor
Dean Bowsher, Sr.
Carol Verity – Council President
Tanya Knipp
Melinda Ritchie – Clerk/Treasurer
Richard Murphy
Rex Pierce

Village Solicitor – Alison Boggs

Visitors – Tonya Payne Tracy Stover Deb Lutz
Andrea Weaver – Candidate for County Auditor

OPENING: This meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:10PM at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

Mayor Cantrell opened the floor to the Visitors.

Andrea Weaver was introduced and addressed council members concerning her upcoming candidacy for the Union County Auditor position since Auditor Mary Snider is retiring. Information was presented and accepted from Andrea Weaver.

Tonya Payne and Tracy Stover addressed the council meeting to express concerns over the conditional use permit that would allow her neighbor to use a portion of a residential location as a small store to sell food staples to local residents. Mayor Cantrell explained that the Zoning Board meeting was held Wednesday, January 20th, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Village House and the conditional use permit was granted. Tonya Payne questioned what her options were not that the Zoning Board had already passed the conditional use permit. Alison Boggs stated it was necessary to address the Court of Common Pleas concerning petitioning against the conditional use permit that was granted.

Tonya Payne expressed her dream was to see Magnetic Springs grow back into a medicinal or a spa town again. However the placement of this store is not how she thought the beginnings would happen. Tonya expressed her intentions were to petition the Court of Common Please concerning the conditional use permit since the store is only 12 inches from her home.

OATH OF OFFICE AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Cantrell executed an Oath of Office for councilperson Dean Bowsher, Sr. , and Tanya Knipp who were recently elected in November 2009.

Mayor Cantrell stated with 3 elected councilmember's there still remained three empty seats on council that needed to be filled. Richard Murphy, Rex Pierce, and Deborah Lutz expressed interest in becoming an appointed councilmember to fill the vacant seats.

Present council members voted for executive session to discuss council members' appointments. The vote for executive session was as follows, Dean Bowsher, Sr., yeah, Tanya Knipp, yeah, Carol Verity, yeah. Mayor Cantrell and Council members exited for executive session at 7:25 PM. Council members returned from executive session at 7:28 PM.

Mayor Cantrell nominated Deb Lutz to be appointed as council member. Dean Bowsher, Sr., seconded the nomination. Council members voted as follows Dean Bowsher, Sr., yeah, Tanya Knipp, yeah, and Carol Verity yeah.

Mayor Cantrell nominated Rex Pierce to be appointed as council member. Dean Bowsher, Sr., seconded the nomination. Council members voted as follows Dean Bowsher, Sr., Yeah, Tanya Knipp, yeah, and Carol Verity, yeah.

Mayor Cantrell nominated Richard Murphy to be appointed as council member. Dean Bowsher, Sr., seconded the nomination. Council members voted as follows Dean Bowsher, Sr., Yeah, Tanya Knipp, yeah, and Carol Verity, yeah.

Mayor Cantrell executed the Oath of Office for appointed council members Deborah Lutz, Rex Pierce, and Richard Murphy.

COUNCIL PAY: There was a discussion among council members concerning the current pay rates for various positions; council members currently receive \$20.00 per meeting on a quarterly basis to hold the position. Rex Pierce made a motion to leave council member pay at \$20.00 per meeting on a quarterly basis, Carol Verity seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

The Mayor position currently receives \$250.00 per quarter for service. Rex Pierce made a motion to leave the Mayor Position rate at \$250.00 per quarter for service. Richard Murphy seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

The fiscal officer currently receives \$450.00 per quarter for service. Rex Pierce made a motion to leave the fiscal office rate at \$450.00 per quarter for service, Richard Murphy seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Rex Pierce nominated Carol Verity for Council President. Carol Verity nominated Dean Bowsher, Sr. for Council President. Nominations were accepted and Council Members voted as follows, Dean Bowsher, Sr., Carol, Richard Murphy, Carol, Tanya Knipp, Carol, Deborah Lutz, Carol, Rex Pierce, Carol. There was a unanimous vote for Carol Verity. Carol Verity accepted the position as Council President.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: There was a discussion concerning the scheduling of the council meeting for the 2010 year. Currently meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Dean Bowsher, Sr, made a motion to maintain the schedule and meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Rex Pierce seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEES: Council members discussed the need to have an active Street and active Sewer Committees. Various appointments were made and accepted and are as follows.

Street Committee – Dean Bowsher, Sr., Rex Pierce, and Carol Verity
Sewer Committee – Richard Murphy, Deb Lutz, and Tanya Knipp

MINUTES: Rex Pierce made a motion to wave the reading of the minutes. Richard Murphy seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

WARRANTS: Melinda Ritchie presented the warrants that were due and payable in the amount of \$3887.47. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept the warrants and pay the bills, Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

PARK WELL: The necessary paperwork on the well within the Park has still not been returned from the Ohio EPA. Several attempts have been made to obtain the information. Alison Boggs will follow up with the EPA.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET: Council reported that no voluntary demolitions have been brought forth at this time. In order for a demolition to be performed the Fire Chief, or the Health Department must review and condemn the property as unsafe.

Dean Bowsher, Sr. questioned if an ordinance could be established to claim buildings as a nuisance. Alison Boggs stated the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) is enough. Animal, Health, Structure, are addressed within the ORC.

Council members discussed the possibility of moving the building permits to Union County Jurisdiction. Dean Bowsher, Sr. made a motion for council members to move forward to gather more information on transferring the jurisdiction.

Mayor Cantrell contacted Ben Laird with Leesburg Township to see if he is interesting in proving zoning enforcement for the Village. Alison Boggs stated that he would not necessarily enforce the Leesburg ordinances, but to enforce Magnetic Springs ordinances.

Alison Boggs will talk to Rick concerning the transfer of 41 Rose St. to the Village of Magnetic Springs.

It was reported that Mrs. Pam Feasel is raising rabbits at her residential home on Park St. however it was also reported that there were new owners of the property and the Mrs. Feasel will be vacating the premises.

It was reported that the old foundry to the North will be converted to an indoor flea market.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tanya Knipp is very interested in Audrey Stone being given a title of Economic Development Director or something similar so she can examine information from the Historical Society and other places to assist in moving forward with restoration of Magnetic Springs. Audrey Stone is very interested in eventually having a bed and breakfast of her own here in Magnetic Springs. Council members reported The Tack Room would not be a viable business at this time as it would need updated well and aeration system before it could be used as a business. Tanya mentioned a couple she met at the Pitstop that were from Dayton and in conversation she learned that they had not ever been in Magnetic Springs although they were as close as Pharisburg. Our spring is only 1 of three in the United States that has the magnetic quality.

Cantrell commented if a title was given to Audrey Stone, she is concerned that Audrey would have access to information or have more control than what Council would think was allowed. Alison Boggs stated it would be good; however she would need to report to council. Carol Verity stated Bob Parrot has information on the history of Magnetic Springs.

It was mentioned that Audrey Stone may have the opportunity to work for the Union County Chamber of Commerce as Economic Developer for the Chamber, where she would work with 4 Villages. Alison Boggs will speak with Audrey Stone as to what path needs to be followed.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Mayor Cantrell reported she had shut off the water faucet at the park until warmer weather arrives so that it can be repaired.

Email notification was received that Corporal Weller is no longer our liaison as he has changed positions. Another Liaison will be appointed.

ADJOURNMENT:

In agreement that all budget business had been concluded, Rex Pierce made a motion at 8:15 PM for adjournment of meeting. Richard Murphy seconded the motion and all present council members agreed to adjourn until January 21, 2010, at 7:00 PM at the Village/Twp Hall at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.