

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 22, 2015

Present-	Martha "Kathy" Cantrell, Mayor	Dean Bowsher, Sr.
	Carol Verity, Council President	Darrel Wheeler
	Casey Tuck, Fiscal Officer	Debbie Lutz
	Rex Pierce	

Village Solicitor—Alison Boggs

Sheriff—not present

Visitors—not present

OPENING:

This organizational meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:00 p.m. at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS—No reports.

SOLICITOR—Alison Boggs

SHERIFF—No reports.

MINUTES:

Rex Pierce made a motion to waive the reading of the December 2014 meeting minutes. Deborah Lutz seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

TREASURER REPORT/WARRANTS/BUDGET:

Casey Tuck presented council members with the warrants payable for Ohio Edison, Columbia Gas, Time Warner Cable, salaries, etc. The total amount due for all warrants as payable was \$1,905.02. All warrants were disbursed to be signed. The bank reconciliation report was distributed for the month of December. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Dean Bowsher Sr. seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

ORGANIZING DETAILS:

Village Solicitor—Alison Boggs renewed her yearly contract with the Village, acting as solicitor for Magnetic Springs. Rex Pierce made a motion to renew Boggs' contract, Dean Bowsher seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Annual Appropriation Ordinance—Carol Verity signed these papers to be sent to the Union County Auditor for certification.

Council President—Darrel Wheeler nominated Deborah Lutz for the position; Lutz declined. Lutz nominated Carol Verity for the position; Verity accepted. All council members were in favor, electing Verity as Council President.

Re-elections—Deborah Lutz reminded fellow council members that herself, Carol Verity, and Mayor Cantrell were all due for re-election this year, and will need the proper forms. Lutz said she can obtain them from the Board of Elections.

Council Wages—All council members agreed to keep the current pay rate as is--\$20.00 per attended meeting.

Regular Meeting Schedule—All council members agreed to keep the current regular meeting schedule as is—regular sessions on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Neighborhood Watch- The next meeting is to be announced.

Facebook— No reports.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Water Well—There are no reports due at this time.

Zoning—Casey Tuck reviewed the Longbrake zoning situation with council. The recommendation was read for the second time. Darrel Wheeler made a motion to approve the recommendation, Deborah Lutz seconded the motion. All members agreed. The third reading will be on February 19, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trash on Right of Way/Unkempt Properties—Mayor Cantrell asked if the broken refrigerator had been removed from the property where Dale Curren resides, owned by Elmer Fuller. Dean Bowsher reported that it had not. Carol Verity noted that she has been on the village council for over twenty years, and it's her opinion that the village is no further along with Mr. Fuller now, than they were then. Bowsher heatedly expressed his opinion regarding the need for ordinances to be in place pertaining to homeowners and their properties. These ordinances would need to supersede all past ordinances and be effective right away, including fines. Rex Pierce remarked that there would need to be several different ones. For example, Mayor Cantrell mentioned about front porches being cluttered, and Carol Verity added that the house on May Street with the stucco is trashed and abandoned. Bowsher feels that property values decrease based on these neglected comparable houses. He would like to be pro-active on the matter. Verity asked Alison Boggs if they need to have the ordinances written up. Boggs replied that "effective today" ordinances should be read three times and proper notice given to residents; an emergency ordinance would probably not be necessary. Boggs suggested hanging a notice at the post office and making a notice to ALL landowners. This way, people are given the chance to object and talk. Verity, Lutz, and Bowsher all voiced their concerns again about junk cars on the properties and questioned why someone would keep the car, after years of it being broken down. Rex Pierce was all for going in the direction of new ordinances that will hopefully spark residents to clean up. Boggs mentioned that this can appear as "spot enforcement", but owning multiple parcels is the issue—shape up or ship out, she said. Casey Tuck said she would work on looking through the Basic Code book, as well as Ohio Revised Code to find applicable ordinances. Boggs advised that many templates can be found online. Mayor Cantrell strongly believes that if people were imposed fines, they will clean up their properties. Rex Pierce commented that \$100 per day would get their attention. Bowsher recommended giving property owners a fair amount of time to remedy issues. For example, a property with noxious weeds has two weeks to cut them until a fine is enforced. Bowsher questioned Boggs if it was legal to check properties/interiors to see if they are livable and up to code. Boggs said there has to be an arrangement with the county engineer. They must look at the property, but first permission must be obtained by the landowner, tenant then has to be notified at least 24 hours in advance. Boggs questioned who is the zoning inspector? Tuck—it is Bill McClary. Boggs stated he should be knocking on doors to enforce zoning issues.

Pierce questioned if council was able to pass an ordinance about the school property and not allowing any building on it. Darrel Wheeler said he believes that's not possible. Boggs said it all depends on the zoning regulations.

Sidewalks—Zack Cordial wrote a letter addressing the possibility of repairing the sidewalks, especially on Main Street. Rex Pierce noted that it could take as much as \$100,000 to perform this work. Dean Bowsher said that it is the responsibility of the village to fix them.

Insurance Bond—Casey Tuck's bond needs renewed. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept, Dean Bowsher seconded the motion, all agreed.

Spring Clean Up—May 30, 2015 has been tentatively decided for clean up/dumpster day. Casey Tuck said she would email the Master Gardeners to let them know, so they can plan to have their planting/beautification project coincide with the village's.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kathy Cantrell questioned if there was any more business to be discussed. Council members agreed that all business had been concluded. The next regular meeting will be held on February 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Rex Pierce made a motion at 7:51 p.m. to adjourn, Darrel Wheeler seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.