

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS  
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 18, 2018

Present-	Martha "Kathy" Cantrell, Mayor	Darrel Wheeler
	Deborah Lutz	Casey Tuck
	Craig Ridgeway	Rex Pierce

Village Solicitor—not present

Sheriff— not present

Visitors—Whitaker Wright, Danny Cox, Luke and Christine Ellerbrock, Pastor Judy Cramer

OPENING:

This organizational meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor Martha "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:01 p.m. at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS— Whitaker Wright with the CDC was present to discuss further grant application planning. The UC commissioners have approved for the Village to work on the grant application for neighborhood revitalization. This grant allows up to \$500K for public infrastructure for low to moderate-income places to improve living conditions. It is a two-year work program. Wright says it is a comprehensive program and we will try to hit on all areas as possible. Wright stressed the need for resident participation to talk through ideas and gain public input. Wright says this looks better to the state because the village is really trying to help themselves. The village has a lot of pride and a lot to offer and that is what we would like to show the State. Wright said there would be 4-5 meetings to discuss the app. The app will be submitted in June and the county holds a public hearing in May. A cost estimate needs to be done by late April, early May. In March, we need to involve the engineers to prepare estimates. January-March is the time to discuss potential projects. The next meeting we should talk about volunteer work, such as cleaning the park, picking up trash, planting a garden, cleanup day, etc. Wright questioned things the village already does. We hang flags, plow snow, hold annual cleanup day.

Lutz asked if we could purchase a lawnmower. Wright says no, the grant does not allow for the purchase of equipment. Wright questioned fire protection, says the engineers could look at existing hydrants. Wheeler says he can ask Jim Hall to look into it. Drainage could also be looked into as well, per the \$200k estimate from the engineers. Ridgeway asked if streetlights could be installed. Wright says yes, if the village owns it and the village plans to pay the electric bill long term. Other issues brought up for possible grant repairs were road replacements. Lutz feels that at least four roads need replaced: May, Rose, Olive, Magnetic, E. Park, and possibly E. Catherine Streets. Wright suggests having the engineers give an estimated price per street and we can pick/choose from there. Wright says as far as sidewalks, we should replace the ones that primarily lead to a public place, such as the park, PO, etc. He says we can use the next meeting to prioritize better. Lutz also asked about parks. Wright says that is eligible under the grant.

Wright asked if we can move the next regular meeting up one week to February 8<sup>th</sup> @7p.m. All agreed it worked with their schedules. Wheeler made a motion to approve the schedule change and Ridgeway seconded the motion. All members agreed.

Pastor Judy Cramer—church has an outreach group that is anxious to help. Cramer says they just need given a project. Cramer mentioned that she spoke with a rep from Lowe's about an app for a grant to build a community center. She gave the info to Wright. Cramer also mentioned her partnership with Ohio Building Plan, the Union County Foundation and their possible willingness to help.

Danny Cox—floods cover both fields across the main road and comes into homes on Main St. Cox believes this is cause for concern. Pierce says the creek needs dredged, possible beaver dams. The ACE have been slow to respond. Cox also asked about mosquito spray coverage; Wright says that falls under normal government operations. Cox also wants to express his thanks from him and his mother to council for their efforts and work for the village.

Luke Ellerbrock—Ellerbrock was jogging the other night and says the local police approached him because there were calls about a suspicious person walking around town. Ellerbrock says he was wearing camo and just really bundled up! Council apologized for the mishap.

SOLICITOR—No reports. Need to sign updated contract at next meeting.

SHERIFF—No reports.

#### MINUTES:

Rex Pierce made a motion to read and approve of the December 2017 meeting minutes. Craig Ridgeway 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, etc. The total amount due for all warrants as payable was \$2,213.81. All warrants were disbursed to be signed. The bank reconciliation report was distributed for the month of December. Darrel Wheeler made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Deb Lutz seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Water Well—the village and the new owners/management of Hiney's Saloon need to update the water well contract.

Junk Cars—Boggs not present to discuss further. Mayor Cantrell recommends Tuck and Ridgeway possibly work on this project together.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Post Office Vandalism—Cox brought up the issue of children vandalizing the post office. Wheeler recommended setting hours, and locking the doors when not in specified period. Cox asks if cameras are allowed in the building, since it is a federal place.

Pay Rates—Darrel Wheeler made a motion to keep current pay rates for council the same. Ridgeway seconded the motion and all members agreed.

Council President—Rex Pierce made a motion to keep Deborah Lutz as the temporary president of council. Ridgeway seconded the motion and all members agreed.

2018 Cleanup Day—Tuck will call Sargent and see what times are ideal for them on Saturdays before council confirms the date. Ridgeway says he has a friend who also has a container business and he will ask them as well.

Investments—Tuck is still in the process of gathering information for possibly investing some monies.

Meeting Schedule—Pierce made a motion to keep council meetings on the same schedule, every third Thursday of each month. Wheeler seconded the motion and all members agreed.

Drain Repairs—Rex Pierce asked if we contacted Union County about tile repairs. Mayor Cantrell—not yet.

Furnace Repairs—Mayor Cantrell has called a company to repair the furnace at the village hall. Pierce made a motion to have the repairs made and pay if needed, pay after work is completed. Ridgeway seconded the motion and all members agreed.

Fire Extinguishers—Wheeler says the village needs to be compliant with fire safety code, and the village hall needs at least four extinguishers. Tuck and Wheeler will look into pricing for next meeting.

Water Softener—Wheeler and Pierce mentioned the possible need for a water softener for the village hall.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Facebook— No Reports.

#### VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Water Well—

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor 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 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Ridgeway made a motion at 8:11 p.m. to adjourn, Pierce seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

  
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Mayor, Martha Cantrell

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Deborah Lutz, President