

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 19, 2014

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

Village Solicitor—not present

Sheriff—not present

Visitors— Judy Cramer, Kevin Longbrake, Patricia King, Sylvia Zimmerman

OPENING:

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

VISITORS—Pastor Judy Cramer was present to request help for the following Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. She and the Master Gardeners group are seeking volunteers, ideally children, to help spread mulch and assist them in their efforts to beautify the community. Mayor Cantrell said she would let people know who may be interested. Pastor Cramer also mentioned the last session of the parenting class being held at the Magnetic Springs United Methodist Church would be on Tuesday @ 4 p.m. The YMCA is still coming to MSUMC on Wednesdays throughout the summer from noon until 4 p.m. for youth group. Rex Pierce questioned Cramer on whether or not she had heard that there were hungry people in town; he had received a phone call and wanted to direct the inquiry. She told him that between the church in Magnetic Springs and Pharisburg, they can always find food to help the needy.

Kevin Longbrake attended the meeting on behalf of the zoning issue. Council sent letters to the surrounding homeowners informing them of Mr. Longbrake's request to change the current commercial zoning to agriculture. Patricia King, a neighboring landowner, attended as well, with her concerns about the zoning change. According to King, the factory that Longbrake now owns has actually been in her family for years. Her husband John and she are happy about Longbrake's purchase and are excited about his small business plans. She had a couple questions: are shrimp quiet? Longbrake: yes. King: Do they produce odors? Longbrake: Inside the building, yes; the feed is odorous. Outside, no odors. King: Is there any waste? Longbrake: There is little waste, although they molt. OSU will pay for the moltings, which eliminates that waste. There is bacterial waste inside the tanks, a small amount, and it is then reused as fertilizer. King: Will you drain the tanks? Longbrake: No, evaporation occurs, but the tanks are never drained. King: Will there be any noise with motors? Longbrake: There is a motor that really cannot be heard outside the property and it is only about 72 decibels. King: Will the business be annual or seasonal? Longbrake: Annual. King: Will there be a storefront? Longbrake: The plan is to be open one day per month, it may become a daily thing, depending on demand. King: Which part of the building will be sales? Longbrake: Office section. Mrs. King claims her perspective is that Mr. Longbrake is a hard-worker and a good guy. She and her husband are very supportive of his business endeavor and are approving of the agricultural rezone.

Council member Richard Murphy asked Sylvia Zimmerman to put caution tape on her residence at 54 Main Street because children are playing in a hole on the property and he is worried for their safety.

SOLICITOR—No reports.

SHERIFF— No reports.

MINUTES:

Rex Pierce made a motion to waive the reading of the May 2014 meeting minutes. Richard Murphy 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, Walters Insurance, etc. The total amount due for all warrants as payable was \$7328.94. All warrants were disbursed to be signed. The bank reconciliation report was distributed. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Carol Verity seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Village Problems/Nuisances—Mayor Cantrell brought up a current issue of misuse of airsoft guns. Trevor Gilbert was shot with one of these pistols and the sheriff investigated the incident. Council believes there to be a current ordinance in place that bans the use of these guns.

The Call residence has a basketball hoop on the side of the road. This is unsafe, as the game is then being played in the roadway. Several letters have been sent in previous years.

Dirt bikes and ATVs have been riding on the roads. There has been someone on a dirt bike riding on Melissa Stiles' property across from the park. Riders are not safe—high rates of speed and disobeying traffic signs. Obscenities written on the park table by Adam Dominy had been painted over by the time the deputy arrived; no report was taken.

Volunteers—Church group volunteers worked around the village for two days and did a satisfactory job, according to Mayor Cantrell. She has an idea for the placement of bushes by the air conditioning unit for when the Master Gardeners come.

Post Office—Carol Verity recommended that council write a letter to the Post Master of our local branch, Skip LaRosa, about the poor conditions at the office. The floor is very dirty, as well as the rugs are old and tattered. The entire post office is malodorous and deplorable. She suggests new rugs, perhaps, and a thorough cleaning of the premise. Ms. Verity feels that the employees are unconcerned about the place and would like action taken.

Wi-Fi—Casey Tuck questioned council if they would approve the installation of a Wi-Fi modem through Time Warner Cable for the Village Hall building. The initial setup is a one-time fee of fifty dollars. There is a ten dollar monthly recurring charge. Wireless internet connection would assist Tuck in her clerical duties. Rex Pierce made a motion to approve the installation, and Carol Verity seconded the motion. All members agreed. (Thanks guys!)

Neighborhood Watch—The next meeting is to be announced.

Facebook—The Village of Magnetic Springs' Facebook page has 86 "Likes"!

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Water Well—Mrs. Jones dropped off the requested paperwork as requested by council. All forms and tests are up to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Longbrake Rezone—Following the question and answer session between Mr. Longbrake and Mrs. King, Mayor Cantrell asked if there were any other questions. She asked if council agreed to rezone the property agriculturally. Richard Murphy made a motion to approve the rezoning of the property from commercial to agricultural. Deborah Lutz seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Rex Pierce: yes. Carol Verity: yes. Darrel Wheeler: yes. Deborah Lutz: yes. Richard Murphy: yes. Dean Bowsher: yes. Mayor Cantrell stated that Mrs. Tuck would get paperwork to our solicitor and get things in order to legitimize the approval. Cantrell advised Longbrake to call if he had any further questions or issues.

Longbrake mentioned that Sylvia Zimmerman suggested he bring shrimp to the Civil War Presentation. Mr. Longbrake did not think that would be possible, as the shrimp would not be ready at that time. He may put a sign up that reads "Coming Soon". His storefront will be called "Mermaid Aquaculture, LLC."

Civil War Presentation— Sylvia Zimmerman thanked council for their donation of materials to be used in the August production. She asked permission for the placement of picnic tables on the yard of the village hall, and where the best spot would be. There will be staged a 40x40 tent with risers; Zimmerman asked to hold the risers in the village hall until the event. She is obtaining insurance for the production. Zimmerman also requested permission to use the alley between the park and Hiney's for vendors. Discussion about road blocks and parking by the gazebo arose. Mrs. Zimmerman asked to close Rose, May, and Magnetic Streets for Saturday and Sunday. Carol Verity voiced that only Saturday would be better, and open them back up at night. Darrel Wheeler questioned: who closes the road? Who needs informed? Who provides the signage? Is there a cost involved? Mayor Cantrell stated that Union County loans the signs. Wheeler asked Zimmerman to let us investigate further before we make any decisions on this topic. Zimmerman offered council to advertise or set up the corn hole boards for sale at the event to help out. Mayor Cantrell asked if the vendors could donate a small amount to the village if they use our electric for the event. Verity mentioned that if vendors/Zimmerman asks for donations for food at the event, the health department will not be involved.

Mural—No reports.

Flooding— Carol Verity has not heard from the Army Corps Engineers, but will try to contact them to check on the status.

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 July 17th at 7:00 p.m. Rex Pierce made a motion at 8:22 p.m. to adjourn, Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.