

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MAY 20, 2010

Present - Martha "Kathy" Cantrell – Mayor
Dean Bowsher, Sr.
Carol Verity – Council President
Deb Lutz

Melinda Ritchie – Clerk/Treasurer
Richard Murphy
Rex Pierce

Village Solicitor – Alison Boggs

Sheriff Liasion - Corporal Matt Warden, Union County Sheriff

Visitors – Debbie Seely

OPENING: This meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:06 PM at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

MINUTES:

Rex Pierce made a motion to wave the reading of the April 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 \$5250.01. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept the warrants and pay the bills, Carol Verity seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST:

Ritchie presented council with a public records request that included Village Financial information as well as Village Council member information including but not limited to birthdates of the council members. Ritchie was concerned this information was too in depth of a request. Alison Boggs reviewed the request and want to check for validation of the information requested before submission is made.

SHERIFF LIASION:

Mayor Cantrell opened the floor for Corporal Matt Warden who questioned council members if there were any issues they were aware of. Mayor Cantrell heard there was a sex offender in town but not registered. It was thought that the Sherriff did respond, however Council was not aware of the incident prior to the response and would like to know if there could be more information relayed by the sheriff's office to allow council to better assist with citizen protection. It was stated that knowledge is protection. Corporal Warden stated he was not aware of this particular situation. Alison Boggs stated that the person must have a conviction to allow the Village Council to move forward and act upon the ordinance for sexual predator restrictions. Mayor Cantrell questions Richard Murphy as she had heard the sexual predator was living at his house. Murphy stated that the person she spoke of must be Brian and he was previously asked to leave.

Mayor Cantrell reported that there were cars across from the Village Hall on Magnetic St. that have been sitting on block for 4 days with expired tags. Corporal Warden questioned if our ordinance on expired tags would take care of this issue. Yes the ordinance only allows for a shorter time period for expired tags.

ORDINANCE READINGS:

Alison Boggs presented Ritchie with Ordinance 10-04 and 10-05 that will allow the Village of Magnetic Springs to move forward with the establishment of a building department to enforce commercial building codes through the authority of the Union County Building Department. Mary Sampsel was not reachable but all that will be left would be to complete the application, sign it, and get with the commissioners to get into an agreement with the.

Ritchie read Ordinance 10-04 Establishing the Village of Magnetic Springs Department of Building Regulations for Commercial Buildings which included in Section IV the enactment of this legislation to be an emergency. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept Ordinance 10-04 Establishing the Village of Magnetic Springs Department of Building Regulations for Commercial Buildings as emergency legislation. Richard Murphy seconded the motion and all present council members agreed to pass the motion and accept Ordinance 10-04.

Ritchie read Ordinance 10-05 Authorizing a Request to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to Certify The Village of Magnetic Springs For Enforcement of the Building Code of Ohio (BCO) with the Condition that the Union County Building Department Exercise Enforcement Authority, Make Inspections and Accept and Approve Plans and Specifications on Behalf of the Village of Magnetic Springs, OH which included in Section VII the enactment of this legislation to be an emergency. Dean Bowsher, Sr. made a motion to accept Ordinance 10-05 Authorizing a Request to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to Certify The Village of Magnetic Springs For Enforcement of the Building Code of Ohio (BCO) with the Condition that the Union County Building Department Exercise Enforcement Authority, Make Inspections and Accept and Approve Plans and Specifications on Behalf of the Village of Magnetic Springs, OH as emergency legislation. Richard Murphy seconded the motion and all present council members agreed to pass the motion and accept Ordinance 10-05.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 10-02 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the benefit of Village of Magnetic Springs, Union County Ohio for the purpose of current expenses with said tax being a replacement of an existing tax at a rate no exceeding 5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to .50 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for 5 years. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept the resolution and submit a renewal levy for voter approval. Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion. Roll call is as follows: Richard T. Murphy, Yeah, Carol A. Verity, Yeah, Dean E. Bowsher, Sr., Yeah, Deborah Lutz, Yeah, Rex Pierce, Yeah.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET:

John Cleek stated 3 houses have been approved and are going out for bid for demolition. Some action should be seen within the next month.

Mayor Cantrell mentioned obtaining the replacement grid for next to Fitch's residence. Richard Murphy has contacted several contractors that are keeping their eye out for the replacement grid.

Dean Bowsher, Sr. stated he has spoke with Wes Dodds and there may be monies left from a grant previously given to Peoria who are not known to be ready to receive the grant. The amount could possibly be enough to repave 1 or 2 streets within the Village.

Ritchie stated she had been in contact with Decker Construction concerning receiving an estimate for repair of the streets. Return contact should be made to Mayor Kathy Cantrell to establish a meeting time. She will follow up with Decker Construction with another request for contact.

Paint marking companies were not contacted at this time. Follow up ill continue.

Dean Bowsher, Sr. stated that 8 N. Main St. has recently been transferred from Art Burchett to Mark Cromlish effective April 28, 2010. Alison Boggs will contact the Department of Health and Safety. Boggs stated that neither Rick nor Missy have been contacted by Jim Hall concerning the property. Dean Bowsher, Sr. stated Jim Hall was to email Alison Boggs concerning the letter that needed to be written to ensure that all information necessary was included.

Mayor Kathy Cantrell reported that Josh Fitch stated he has some siding for the Village Hall repair.

Deb Lutz reported that she would not be available to assist with the Village Clean Up Day on June 5th. Ritchie reported that she would be out of town on June 5th and would not be able to assist.

Deb Lutz questioned if a property in town was big enough to have large animals of which she knows of 3 what method would be required before it would be permitted. In order to be permitted to have large animals one would need to go to the zoning board for approval to get a variance.

Mayor Cantrell reported that dirt needs to be placed at the property across from the Village Post Office. It may be necessary to remove the handicap sign in this location to get the dirt in. Permission has been given for the removal as long as the sign is replaced.

PARK WELL:

No comments.

41 ROSE ST:

No Comment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Alison Boggs questioned if the Village of Magnetic Springs would have an ordinance on file that would prohibit the mural to be painted. Each council member discussed this and was not aware of an ordinance that would put any restrictions on the mural. Alison stated that she is currently working on getting panels donated and the paint as well then she will get started.

Richard Murphy questioned if we were going to leave the tornado siren in place. Council members desire to leave the tornado siren standing but would like to paint it. Alison will discuss this with the lady to paint to mural to see if a color will be preferred.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Deborah Seely complained about the cats within the Village. She stated 20 cats were in her yard. Carol Verity recommended the only current solution known was to catch the cats in live traps and pay to have them euthanized. She has disposed of a few herself in this manner being that cats are natural predators and therefore protected.

Deborah Seely stated that she cannot continue to do all the yard work required. She stated so does not mind mowing the Village right of way, but the limbs, dirt mounds, and stuff at her property are ridiculous. Deborah Seely acknowledged that some of the limbs were indeed from her property but that the Village needs to clean up the piles as she is not able to complete this task and her husband has been sick for quite some time. Dean Bowsher, Sr. stated that it is possible that Jim Hall will have fire training and use that particular brush pile for that task. Mrs. Seely stated she has no budget to help with the cost of cleaning the area up. Rex Pierce stated he will try to work on the dirt mounds.

Several council members expressed the need for the Village to purchase a push mower to assist with the removal of unwanted weeds as well as regular trim and mowing in the Village right of way. Ritchie will check the budget to see if monies are available in the budget or if it will needed to be budget to purchase. It was also mentioned that a snow blower would assist in clearing some of the Village areas in the winter. A riding mower will also need to be purchased before too long. The one we have does not operate well.

Richard Murphy commented that the basket ball hoops were still on Catherine St. as well as other locations where the kids are actually playing in the street. Notices were to be sent.

SEWER COMMITTEE:

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

In agreement that all business had been concluded, Rex Pierce made a motion at 8:17 PM for adjournment of meeting. Deborah Lutz seconded the motion and all present council members agreed to adjourn until June 17, 2010, at 7:00 PM at the Village/Twp Hall at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.