

Village of Magnetic Springs

Council Meeting Minutes 11/11/2005

Meeting Attendees:

Mayor - Bob Baughman
Clerk - Kendra Parsley
Council President - Carol Verity
Kathy Cantrell
Rick Murphy
Rex Pierce
Melissa Stiles
Fiscal officer - Don Jolliff

Guests:

Diane Cowgill	Harry English
Sallie Slone	Bill Lowe
Mark and Karen Ross	Wendy Jolliff
Kelly Bushong	Tonja Nipp
June McCarty	Linda Ritchie
Greg Ridgeway	Carol Miller
Pamela and Gerald Schenk	Dean Bowsher
Cheryl Shultz	

Mayor Baughman called the meeting to order. He reported that the bills didn't get paid and that someone may have stole the mail. Jolliff present the warrant listing. Verity made a motion to accept the warrant listing. Murphy accepted and all agreed.

Jolliff suggested that council may have a solicitor ask a judge to move some of the monies out of the highway fund. He also reported that he has returned all records, computer and printer.

As a parting comment he expressed that he is disappointed in the article that was published in the paper and felt that council owed him an apology.

Baughman and Jolliff exchanged words regarding a miscommunication concerning council meetings and the bills. Prior to the last meeting, Jolliff checked the mail box and there were no bills to be paid. Baughman expected him to have a warrant listing for the meeting because we have bills due every month. Jolliff is unable to attend the Monday night meetings however was willing to leave the warrants and listing for the council to review and approve. Since there were no bills to pay, Jolliff didn't leave a listing. Baughman expressed that Jolliff should have called him. Jolliff expressed that the article in the Marysville Tribune viewed him negatively. Baughman expressed that he didn't have that article. Baughman apologized to Jolliff about the miscommunication but expressed that he felt Jolliff should have called him when he didn't find any bills in the mailbox.

Baughman reported that the tax levy failed. He also expressed that part of the failure may have been caused by an article in the Richwood Gazette. He proceeded to read the article which gave dollar figures for a property valued at a certain amount.

The levy failed by 5 votes.

Baughman asked what the residents thought about it.

Resident - the extra 10 mil should have been separated as 5 mil renewal and 10 mil new. The resident expressed that they would have voted to renew 5 mils. The resident also asked why do we have a lot of people tonight? Did they read the paper or because of interest in the village. The resident recalled when she was on council there was hardly ever any guests.

Resident - If it was clearer of what the money covers. Better definition of what the money would be used for. Baughman responded that there was a paper taken around to the residents.

Resident - Instead of negative stuff in the media. A list of pros and cons of things that need to be done would have been helpful.

Resident - I think that if you put it back on without the negativity. No one is lazy and everybody deserves something. This is what the costs are and what the 10 mil would be for. Personalities need to be more positive. It was expressed that Baughman listed people as lazy in the media and some residents at the meeting took offense to that. A few residents expressed that there family members have been suffering from illness and were not able to get out to vote and to say that they are lazy is not fair.

Resident - Attorney Evans is a lawyer who is semi retired.

Cantrell - A retired lawyer or someone just starting out may be our best bet.

Stiles - I think we ought to run an ad for an attorney and fiscal officer and take applications.

Cantrell - We need to decide what we are going to do.

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Cantrell - We need to run an ad. We may not have got the levy but we'll make it.

Verity - Jeff Herschult has an office in Richwood. Will contact.

Robert Evans on Sivey road.

Stiles - So were going to contact them. Ask how much and if they can attend the meetings.

Murphy - There's always the Ohio Bar Association they may be able to refer someone that meets our needs.

Garret Pierce and Rod Fitch are interested in the permit position.

Stiles - we should discuss probably executive session - invite them to the meeting scheduled for the 21st.

Stiles - About the bills, we need to find someone who's going to do it and stick to it.

Pierce - Someone in town

Verity - Asked Ritchie, Slone and Parsley if they were interested. All responded that they were.

Verity - If Parsley does it we'll need to find a secretary.

Parsley responded maybe it would the job could be combined because it's viewed that the clerk is responsible for overseeing the finances.

Cantrell - Sean Miller has the paperwork for the zoning.

Pierce - Will contact Miller to get the paperwork back.

Resident - Primary's are in May has Council talked amongst yourselves about putting the 5mil back on the ballot?

There hasn't been any talk but Stiles was going to bring it up.

There are open council seats that may be put on the primary's.

The meeting on December 19th needs to be held at 6:00pm. The trustees have a meeting at 7:30pm.

Resident- I'd hate to see the Village dissolved. If there is anything we need to do just let us know. We just need to communicate.

If mail has been taken is it possible that checks may have been taken?

Baughman - there was one but it has been taken care of.

Baughman - I hate politics. I was asked to do this job. If anybody can do a better job than me then step up and I'll step down.

Reviewed Fund Status

Resident - 15 mils is a large amount of money for people on a fixed income or dealing with illness.

Baughman - had a copy of his taxes and there was discussion of how there determined and how much of an actual increase it would be.

Problem Housing Discussion -

Kelli Brights house is owned be Chase Home Financial

Hansons place is getting cleaned up.

145 May - has not been touched in months.

Fuller house - freezer on the porch.

Heckers place - refrigerator on the porch

Can we call the sheriff regarding the properties with refridgerators?

Resident - how can the village residents help?

Cantrell O My concern is that I have more time now to drive around and see the town. There are a lot of places that need cleaned up.

Verity - What can we do? We have sent several letters asking people to clean up and if they don't there isn't a whole lot we can do.

Hanson's may be up for sale.

Verity -Sally what about the lot across from it? Sally - They mow.

Cantrell made a motion to adjourn. Pierce seconded and all agreed. The next meeting is scheduled for 11/21/2005.