

# **VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

**Present -** Martha "Kathy" Cantrell – Mayor  
Tanya Knipp  
Richard Murphy  
Rex Pierce

Melinda Ritchie – Clerk/Treasurer  
Dean Bowsher, Sr.  
Carol Verity – Council President

**Village Solicitor –** Alison Boggs

**Liaison –** Corporal Kevin Weller

**Visitors –** Phoebe Knipp  
Jason R. Stanford

Sally Sloan

### **OPENING:**

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

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the September meeting were read. There were name corrections, typographical errors, as well as corrections concerning Tanya Knipp's community connections. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

### **VISITORS:**

Tanya Knipp introduced Jason Stanford from the Union County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Stanford spoke of different elements available through the Commerce that would assist Magnetic Springs in the future. Christy Clark does most of the technical aspects such as websites, and facebook. They will work with us as an economic development partner attracting new business and help to expand. There is help to undergo downtown revitalization. People who care should establish a group to work on revitalization. Christy Clark has worked with 4 different communities on marketing and public relations. She has designs with basic revitalization and economic restructuring, which would help to attract new business organizations. There is a lot of history in Magnetic Springs. Increased communication between village and residents to get them involved in community revitalization.

Dean Bowsher, Sr. stated the Village is run down and needs to be cleaned up. He has seen tourists looking for older places. The overall feeling is that some residents and property owners are not concerned with cleaning up because they do not want property tax increases.

Cantrell asked if a fee was involved to work with Union County Chamber of Commerce. Jason felt there would not be any fees associated with the work they do for us. Dean Bowsher, Sr. commented that financially the Village will struggle next year. Even with the new levy passed, without the renewal we will be at the same levy rate that we were.

### **PARK WELL:**

Council expressed concern to Alison Boggs over no paperwork filed at the Village on the well. Richard Murphy reported that a 20 page document was sent to the EPA for signatures with no copy taken. Testing information was turned in as well. Wes Brightenstein is on vacation and will get the drill log and stuff to us when he gets back.

### **VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET:**

Rick Rodger at the county advised Alison Boggs there were two properties in Magnetic Springs that failed to sell. He stated the county prosecutor would need to petition the court for permission to transfer the properties.

Sally Sloan reported the old post office was advertised in the Marysville paper for Sheriff's sale December 4, 2009.

A discussion occurred concerning the grocery store proposal and its legality. Boggs stated a conditional permit could be issued to operate as a store. In the case of a grocery store, if benefits of health, safety, and well being of the Village outweigh the detriments the store would cause then it should be approved.

Concerns are if the business grew and became a staple, then what parking could be available. Perhaps the side yard could be used. Council should advise Ms. Zimmerman that she needs to think about parking. The parking situation should be established before a variance or conditional use permit is granted. All approvals from the Union County Health Department must be received prior to the Village Council moving forward in this decision.

Council should move forward in insuring an active zoning board is in working order. Dean Bowsher, Sr. questioned how many are supposed to be on the zoning board. Cantrell reported there are 5 on the zoning board by our ordinance. At this point only 2 of the original 5 remain so not vote could be established. Even if another member was on board that is not enough. Records indicate that 4 out of 5 need to vote for approval.

Carol Verity suggested that after the first of the year we need to reestablish committees like zoning, and the street committee.

Boggs stated David Leitch was interested in helping with zoning assistance; however he was informed by Concord Township that he could no longer have additional position while employed by them.

#### **WARRANTS:**

Ritchie presented council with the list of due and payables. Total warrants \$611.26. Rex Pierce made a motion to pay the bills, Richard Murphy seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS/RESOLUTION:**

Ritchie reminded council that the budget would have to be covered at the next Village meeting.

#### **PARK OWNERSHIP/MURAL:**

No information to report.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

Corp. Kevin Weller reported calls for service for October were up 6 from September to 20. Other than that things seem kind of quiet. Council mentioned the alley off Catherine St. concerning the situation with parked cars and the fence line. The fence line has been cleaned out and some of them have been moved a little, but are still in the way for plowing. Cantrell physically checked the alley and no parking signs are active. Boggs suggested having them ticked. Sally Sloan reported they park in yard when asked to move out of the alley which is not preferred. Cantrell stated that Fuller's junk trailer is in the alley as well. Pierce reported there is another trailer with tires. Corporal Weller exited the meeting to check on the situation.

Cantrell reported she could not locate the tree that Rex Pierce wanted looked at. Cantrell also reported problems with Community service workers. They do not want to work until the last minute to make their time. Then they push Cantrell to finish within their time frame. Therefore Cantrell has elected to no longer use community service workers.

Ritchie suggested council arrange for a trashcan at the Village Hall. Since the North Union bus now picks the kids up from this location she has noticed trash from morning intakes being left at the facility by the kids. Perhaps a trashcan would assist in the collection. Sally Sloan said she would check as she thought perhaps she had something the Village could use.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

In agreement that all meeting business had been concluded, Rex Pierce made a motion at 8:40 PM for adjournment of meeting. Dean Bowsher, Sr. seconded the motion and all present council members agreed to adjourn until regular meeting December 17, 2009, at 7:00 PM at the Village/Twp Hall at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.