

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Present -

Martha "Kathy" Cantrell – Mayor
Carol Verity- Council President
Darrel Wheeler
Debbie Lutz
Melinda Ritchie

Dean Bowsher, Sr.
Rex Pierce
Richard Murphy
Casey Tuck

Village Solicitor – Alison Boggs

Sheriff – not present

Visitors – Mona Morgan, Jeremy Larrick, Sylvia Zimmerman

OPENING:

This meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:00 PM at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS – Mona Morgan and Jeremy Larrick have expressed their desire to attend the council meetings to be better informed about their community. Ms. Morgan works for Union County Community Action and mentioned that through her work, the Village may be able to benefit from grants or other funding with her help in the future.

Sylvia Zimmerman attended the regular meeting to apprise our council members of an idea. Upon her recent attendance of a presentation at the Marion-Harding Symposium describing the personification of General Ulysses S. Grant, she has invited the cast to perform the show locally, with Magnetic Springs as the venue. General Grant was an inspiration to all people, then and now, Mrs. Zimmerman stated. She believes that the show would be a great way to bring a little bit of the outside world to our village. The show dates are August 7, 8, 9 of next year. Mrs. Zimmerman has already contacted the show creators and has paid for their presentation of the re-enactment; she asks for no money from the village, just our support of the project. Mrs. Zimmerman stated that all volunteers would be welcome, including the juveniles in our community. She believes this may even be an encouragement to the children. She has suggested that Bob Parrott can give tours around Magnetic Springs, and involve Tri-County. There will be livestock, vendors, food, and music. Lots of ideas were talked about. Mrs. Zimmerman has presented her idea to several local entities including: Richwood, UCHS, and Marysville Fair Board. She also has plans to speak with Leesburg Township about her proposal. Carol Verity said she was very interested in this idea; re-enactments are intriguing to her. Alison Boggs said the juveniles could be involved and it would be great for them. Melinda Ritchie questioned the involvement of the kids, and was unsure if they would be up to it.

SHERIFF – No reports.

MINUTES:

Rex Pierce made a motion to wave the reading of the ~~September~~ ^{October} meeting minutes. Dean Bowsher seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

TREASURER REPORT/WARRANTS/BUDGET:

Melinda Ritchie presented council members with the warrants payable for Ohio Edison, Columbia Gas, Time Warner Cable, Union Co. Engineer, etc. The total amount due for all warrants as payable was \$20, 440.00. 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. It was stated that the bills from Union Co. Engineer should all be paid now. There is a late fee situation with the Time Warner bill. The due date falls on a day not in accordance with the monthly council meeting, when payments are disbursed, causing a late fee every month on our account. Casey Tuck has volunteered to call Time Warner in an effort to remedy the situation.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Cars – No reports.

8 Main St. – The house has finally been demolished successfully. Both council members and residents can agree that it is a job well done.

Streets-

Park- No reports.

Utilities- Mayor Cantrell said that we are still waiting on all electric companies to remove their devices from the electric poles. Rex Pierce said the electric company will come and reset the new poles. There are about two or three lights out; Mayor Cantrell has called about it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Neighborhood Watch- On the recent meeting held on November 12th, Casey Tuck reports that including herself and Deputy Kim Zacharias, there were two residents in attendance. The group discussed basic tips and suggestions about what to do in certain situations, tactful ways to be watchful and caring about your neighbors, and they played a trivia game. The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Juvenile Recreation- Dean Bowsher, one of the residents who attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting voiced his opinion on the issue of problematic children in the neighborhood. He states that people who complain about the kids need to assist the council members in coming up with a plan for the children to do activities. He pointed out that the children can play baseball and the basketball court with hoops will be finished soon. Rick Murphy also mentioned the playground at the church. This play area is for children twelve and under. Mr. Murphy also said that he believes the baseball backstop is still up at the old school yard and the kids can play there, but is unsure of insurance issues in the case of liability. Mr. Larrick is under the notion that the children were not allowed to play on the ball field at the edge of town. Melinda Ritchie states that the village could seek grant appropriations and levies for recreation to aid this issue. Mayor Cantrell believes that the down side of all this is that there is nobody to maintain these recreational areas. Dean Bowsher agreed with Ms. Cantrell, who also stated that it was discouraging to Pastor Judy who does so much work and it goes unappreciated and gets destroyed. Richard Murphy stated that everything the council does in his opinion, gets thrown back in their faces. His example was when the school removed all the toys and equipment from the site where the school used to be. Rex Pierce said that although empty, the lot surely has to carry some sort of liability insurance.

Bus Stop- A special thanks to Darrel Wheeler, Bill McClary, and Eric Tuck for working together and moving the bus shelter to the new pick up location.

Harper House- Mrs. Christian called Mayor Cantrell and said the village drain is causing issues. Ms. Cantrell informed Mrs. Christian that the Bill McClary, with zoning, met with the contractor with zoning map in hand, and the contractor dismissed him, practically. Rex Pierce stated that the contractor was liable; a new well may need to be installed due to water traveling towards the house, not the street. Debbie Lutz added that they piled dirt on top of the leech bed and pipes and made it higher than the ground. Mr. Pierce added that there was no way a leech bed will work. Alison Boggs filed the easement for this project. Council members questioned whether the job was ever inspected upon completion.

Community Service- Mayor Cantrell questioned if anyone has any ideas or projects for the community service worker, Annie. She has already cleaned the town hall, changed flags on the poles, and cleaned up the park. Carol Verity said things for her to help with were limited this time of year. Melinda Ritchie suggested that she pick up trash at the church, since it is a public place.

Flags- Darrel Wheeler has prices on new flags for the village poles. They will need to be budgeted in for the next year. The total cost will be approximately \$600.00. This raises the question of whether the flags should be up all year long, or just during summer months. The new flags should hold up longer. Carol Verity voiced

her concern that the harsh weather was indeed rough on the flags. Rex Pierce made the motion to budget the flags for purchase in the upcoming year, and Darrel Wheeler seconded the motion. All agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kathy Cantrell questioned if there was any more business to be discussed. Council members agreed that all business had been concluded. Rex Pierce made a motion at 7:50 PM to adjourn, Dean Bowsher seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed to adjourn until regular meeting November 21st at 7:00 PM.