

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 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—Alison Boggs

Sheriff—not present

Visitors—Karen Long, John Weiss

OPENING:

This meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:04 p.m. at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS—Karen Long and John Weiss were present to represent the Union County Master Gardeners Association. They were part of the group that came in the springtime to help beautify Magnetic Springs. Karen Long informed council that they would like to be involved again for the upcoming 2015 year. According to Long, their first mission is to educate the public, promote service and learning, and collaborate with communities. She says that the project in Magnetic Springs was a great way for them to branch out. They have a three hundred dollar budget to spend in 2015 for Magnetic Springs. Mrs. Long would like to focus on three areas, suggestively along Main Street. These areas include: the church sign, the post office steps, and the historical marker at the ball park. Long asked if planting at the Village Hall would be a good idea? All council members agreed that they would like that.

John Weiss stated that Magnetic Springs has character, charm, and lots of potential. He mentioned the Ulysses S. Grant festival and said he had a wonderful time, and hoped there would be one next year. In regards to the town beautification project, Weiss says that this will improve the appearance of the town's surroundings, increase property value, and create a sense of pride with the townspeople. He asked for ideas from council members. He suggested they improve sidewalks? What are problem areas? Should we focus on Main Street at first? In relation to this, Weiss suggested that we stage two to three days a year designated for "Magnetic Springs Town Beautification Day (s)". Tuck suggested that the day(s) coincide with our annual Cleanup Day. Mayor Cantrell mentioned that we recently had several stumps removed that would improve the appearance of the village, especially since it would hinder weeds from growing around them.

Karen Long asked if there were any more ideas. Darrel Wheeler asked if there was a way to get rid of starter suckers for crabapple trees. Long said there was actually a product called "Sucker Stop". This product is made to stunt the growth of the noxious plant, and Long will try to get the product.

Mayor Cantrell mentioned it would be nice to work on the big bed around the gazebo at the park.

Weiss asked if council was interested in their ideas. All agreed. Carol Verity offered to help on her days off and said the Master Gardeners were welcome to use her mulch and compost pile. She also mentioned that ads could be made on the post office bulletin board and Facebook page. Weiss mentioned a sandwich board to advertise also.

Karen Long questioned whose mother owned the saloon and who lived by the post office, as they were very helpful with watering the plants after they completed their work this past year. The two women were Jody Jones and Dee Elliot. Long wished to thank them.

Weiss said that council and the Master Gardeners need to establish an ongoing dialogue to develop a master plan. He asked if there was an organization or funds from the village. Deborah Lutz suggested that Pastor Judy may be able to have a fundraiser to help.

Carol Verity asked what could be done about the bridge, as it is very drab. Long agreed to look at it and get ideas.

John Weiss said he would like to involve whoever they can—boy scouts, schools, juvenile court. Alison Boggs said that West Central Community Center residents need community service hours, and may be available to help. It would definitely be a good source of manpower. Cantrell stated that the juveniles have done a great job in the past. Boggs hopes that they got a sense of pride and will come back.

Casey Tuck was designated as a contact person.

Lutz asked if church members or anyone would be interested in a landscaping class. Long commented that she would be happy to teach it. Verity suggested it be incorporated into the church ice cream social. Weiss recommended a plant growing contest.

SOLICITOR—Alison Boggs is continuing to investigate Dale A. Curren, a previously convicted sex offender living in the town. There has still been no response from Rick, owner of the property on Rose St. On that note, Cantrell has had no response from Ron Scheider about donating the property on the west side of the Village Hall either.

SHERIFF—No reports.

MINUTES:

There is a correction in the October 2014 Minutes. In the first paragraph under *VISITORS*, it should read “Hellsworth property”, not “Fogle property”. Casey Tuck has made changes to the master copy to reflect this error correction. Rex Pierce made a motion to waive the reading of the October 2014 meeting minutes. Deborah Lutz 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, etc. The total amount due for all warrants as payable was \$682.13. All warrants were disbursed to be signed. The bank reconciliation report was distributed for the months of September and October. Rick Murphy made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Carol Verity seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

Resolution R-14-11 was discussed to be necessary to reallocate funds within the general fund to document fees charged for the second half of 2013 real estate taxes. Dean Bowsher, Sr. made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Deborah Lutz seconded the motion. All present council members agreed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Neighborhood Watch- The next meeting is to be announced.

Facebook— The Village of Magnetic Springs’ Facebook page has 99 “Likes”!

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Water Well—No reports due at this time.

Zoning—Casey Tuck reviewed the Longbrake zoning situation with council. She notified them that we are on Step 5 in getting the request completed. Tuck is waiting to hear back from Brad Bodenmiller with the LUC on what to do next. According to the meeting minutes from the Zoning Appeals Committee, the application had been approved.

Noxious Weeds—Rex Pierce questioned the property on E. Magnetic Street (Hatter’s). He asked if Alison Boggs had sent a letter or if the council needed to in regards to broken windows and noxious weeds. Boggs questioned if council thought the Fire Marshall or Health Department would condemn it? Carol Verity noted that it may have asbestos shingles. Darrel Wheeler stated the shingles were asphalt.

CDC Letter—The letter from the CDC last month was actually just to gather numbers, not specific properties. This collection of data will be sent to the Attorney General's office for review to distribute funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stumps—Casey Tuck contacted Dave Hoover to finish the stump removal and the problem limbs that were forgotten the first time around. Hoover agreed to come back out and get them.

Village Hall—The furnace at the village hall was not working correctly, as observed by Casey Tuck. Darrel Wheeler looked at it and got it working again. He informed council that it needs a new combustion air fan though. He temporarily sealed the vent on the roof, but approximately forty dollars is needed to replace the vent cap. Rex Pierce made a motion to approve this purchase, and Rick Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Annual Donation—Carol Verity and Mayor Cantrell suggested that council give the annual five hundred dollar donation to the Master Gardeners this year, instead of the Union County Sheriff's Office. Cantrell asked council how they felt about this. Rex Pierce said that he is for giving the funds to someone who helps our village. Rick Murphy stated that he rarely sees patrolmen coming through the village. Murphy made a motion to commit giving the five hundred dollar donation to the Master Gardeners for the upcoming year of 2015. Pierce seconded the motion and all agreed. Verity said she would inform the Master Gardeners at the next meeting.

2012-2013 Audit—A representative from the state was present earlier this month to perform a basic audit for the Village of Magnetic Springs. The final report concluded seven findings, five of which were continued from the previous audit, and never corrected. See audit report for more details.

2015 Budget—Casey Tuck informed council she would still be working on the 2015 budget in the upcoming weeks and asked if there were any requests or other items that should be included. Darrel Wheeler suggested budgeting two hundred dollars for flags.

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 November 20th at 7:00 p.m. Rex Pierce made a motion at 8:02 p.m. to adjourn, Rick Murphy seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.