

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2013

Present -

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

Dean Bowsher, Sr.
Rex Pierce
Richard Murphy

Village Solicitor – not present

Sheriff – not present

Visitors – Casey Tuck, Gypsy Stultz

OPENING:

This meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:03 PM at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS – Casey Tuck attended the regular meeting of the Village of Magnetic Springs for the fifth time. She continued to assist Melinda Ritchie in recording of the minutes, to further acquire knowledge and learning of the Clerk/Treasurer position. Gypsy Stultz came to express gratitude for a job well done on her previous driveway issue. Mrs. Stultz thanked the council for their part in having the county finish the street by her home. She said she was surprised to see it blacktopped. Mrs. Stultz also stated that it looks the nicest it has been in years. Mayor Cantrell said that we were glad to help and happy to do this for her.

SHERIFF – No reports.

MINUTES:

Richard Murphy made a motion to wave the reading of the September meeting minutes. Rex Pierce seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The report has been received from the OHEPA. Richard Murphy brought the paperwork. The topic of Gypsy Stultz's property was brought up. Everyone agreed that it looked great and the job was completed satisfactorily. Rex Pierce stated that the county did a job well done.

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 \$19,428.27. All warrants were disbursed to be signed. The bank reconciliation report was distributed. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Richard Murphy seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed. Melinda Ritchie said that tax records were being requested from Save Our Springs from 2012. Some council members claimed that they went out of business upon the owner passing away in September of 2009. Melinda Ritchie informed the council that warrants need to be changed to pay Bill McClary. The new amount is \$19, 528.47. Richard Murphy made a motion to amend the warrants and Rex Pierce seconded the motion. All agreed. In addition, a resolution for defining appropriations as necessary for phone/internet service needed to be signed, and a revision filed of appropriations for Resolution 13-10. Rex Pierce moves the motion, Richard Murphy seconds it. All agreed.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Cars – No reports.

8 Main St. – Mayor Cantrell received an email that the bid paperwork was sent to Union County to be signed. Mayor Cantrell forwarded the e-mail to Alison Boggs and requested she follow up on the matter. No answer from Mrs. Boggs.

Abandoned Houses/Mowing- Debbie Lutz said that new locks have been placed on the house at E. Magnetic Street. Richard Murphy noted that the roof on this house was beginning to collapse.

Streets – The house on Park Street has continued to be a problematic situation. Mayor Cantrell has been in contact with UCDJFS about several concerns. One such complaint is the broken window on the house. A representative from JFS claims that the family is getting assistance with rent, utilities, appliances, and clothes, but is unsure about repair on the broken window. The mother and father have been ordered to attend parenting and hygiene classes as a part of the assistance program. Mayor Cantrell added that 81 Rose Street residents have been taking items from the My Street dumpster and a lot of this has been going on, causing great concern. She tried to enlighten the representative from JFS that this was not just a personal concern of hers, but a community one. The owner, Elmer Fuller had been contacted, but has been quite ill. His son, Tony Fuller has been contacted in lieu of this information.

Park- No reports.

Utilities- Mayor Cantrell said that we are waiting on all electric companies to remove their devices from the electric poles. The Main Street pole may need to go; supposedly the electric company will check on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Facebook- Casey Tuck updated the council members on our new Facebook page. The page currently has 54 “likes”. She also reiterated that announcements and reminders could be administered through the Facebook page to reach more residents.

Neighborhood Watch- Casey Tuck brought the council members up to speed on the first Neighborhood Watch meeting. Several council members as well as Deputy Kim Zacharias and three residents were in attendance. The meeting went well, introductions were made and contact information disbursed. The group went over safety issues, resident concerns, and what to do in certain situations. The first introductory meeting was thought to be successful. The next meeting date is yet to be announced.

Dumpsters- There have been several dumpsters around town recently, and this raises the issue of permits. You do have to have a permit to have a dumpster on your property. Bill McClary was unaware of this. There is no fee for a dumpster, it is simply a formality. Residents must be in compliance, and the dumpsters cannot just sit on a property for a prolonged period of time. Mayor Cantrell stated she would look for the dumpster permit information.

Ball Park- It has been observed that the basketball court has been paved, and lines painted. There are no hoops yet.

Former School Grounds- Debbie Lutz believes that the school should have donated this land to the village. Carol Verity mentioned it would be a good place to “go green”. There could be a walking path and a nice place for residents to enjoy themselves.

United Methodist Church- The church is very excited about the work on the new park. Mayor Cantrell added that Pastor Judy has been working very hard and receives no gratitude. Richard Murphy stated his ideas that kids twelve and over should not be playing on the children’s playground. Previously issues had been raised about older children “taking over” the play place.

Kubota Tractor- Rex Pierce informed the council that Leesburg Township has given the Kubota tractor to the Village of Magnetic Springs. He said that there are several extra parts for it, including extra mower blades. He and Paul Thompson have parts in their truck. Mr. Pierce will be in charge of the tractor, and it will be housed at the township hall. Leesburg Township will continue to carry the insurance and the Village’s only expense will be diesel fuel.

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, Richard Murphy seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed to adjourn until regular meeting November 21st at 7:00 PM.