

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2014

Present -	Martha "Kathy" Cantrell – Mayor	Dean Bowsher, Sr.
	Darrel Wheeler	Casey Tuck- Fiscal Officer
	Debbie Lutz	Rex Pierce
	Richard Murphy	

Not Present—Carol Verity

Village Solicitor—Alison Boggs

Sheriff—not present

Visitors—Elmer Fuller, Kevin Longbrake, Jesse Conrad

OPENING:

This meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor "Kathy" Cantrell at 7:06 p.m. at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS—Elmer Fuller was present at council to discuss several properties that he owns within the village that have been the subject of numerous complaints. Several houses have noxious weeds; Fuller said he took care of that problem. Another complaint with his tenants; a couch had been on their front lawn for many days. Fuller contacted the tenants and the couch was removed. The same home has a broken window—Casey Tuck asked Mr. Fuller to have it repaired; he agreed. Rex Pierce mentioned that he has had a few people complain about rodents and critters residing in and around Fuller's properties. The biggest problem area seems to be two neighboring properties on May Street. Surrounding residents claim to see raccoons, groundhogs in and out of the houses that are unoccupied. Mr. Fuller said that he has had that problem with all of his properties, not just the ones in Magnetic Springs. He said he will set live traps in an effort to rid the properties of rodents. Mr. Fuller stated that his properties should not be the only ones under scrutiny—other homes in the village are bad too. Council agreed and said they will be sending letters to every homeowner that violates village ordinances. For example, it was also mentioned that the home on 404 May St. (Hellsworth property) has a garage that needs repair on the roof that has caved in. Casey Tuck has taken pictures of these properties and said she would send a letter out.

Jesse Conrad, chairman of the Magnetic Springs Zoning Appeals Board, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the Longbrake zoning issue. Kevin Longbrake was present as well. Casey Tuck presented Conrad with the completed application for a request for rezoning. He informed Mr. Longbrake that the fee to request a zoning change is \$150.00. This cost covers the pay for the zoning board members, and to put the notice in the newspaper. The zoning board consists of six members: Jesse Conrad, Malcolm Manville, Sally Slone Ross, Paul Thompson, Jim Cox, and Ben Laird. Longbrake questioned if there would be any additional fees; Conrad—no. Conrad said he will gather the board for a meeting, put notice in the newspaper and get things moving.

SOLICITOR—Mrs. Boggs reminded council that in December they need to plan an organizational meeting in January 2015. She also had sent a letter to the property owner next door and has had no response, but wanted to keep the conversation going. She has put it on her calendar to ask him about it once a month. Mayor Cantrell asked Boggs if she was aware of the sex offender that was living within the village, Dale A. Curren, as she is highly concerned. He is a past offender that is no longer on the registry. Cantrell said the sheriff's department is aware of the situation. Boggs said that the sex-offender registration has been amended several times, and this is most likely why he no longer has to register. She mentioned that the village has an ordinance about it. Rick Murphy explained that the ordinance is only if the offender is registered. Elmer Fuller asked if Curren had a voucher. Cantrell stated that she has tried to make all residents aware of him.

SHERIFF—No reports.

#### MINUTES:

Rex Pierce made a motion to waive the reading of the September 2014 meeting minutes. Richard Murphy 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, Hoover Tree Service, etc. The total amount due for all warrants as payable was \$4,344.61. All warrants were disbursed to be signed. Tuck questioned an outstanding warrant made to Sargent Enterprises a couple months ago. Elmer Fuller informed Tuck that two family members of the company had been quite ill, and maybe that was the reason. The bank reconciliation report was not distributed, as it was not reconciled. Casey Tuck informed council that the error was due to misappropriations in the revenue budget for real estate tax fees. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Darrel Wheeler seconded the motion, and 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.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Online Banking—Casey Tuck asked council for their approval to enroll with Richwood Banking Company's Online Banking Program. Tuck explained that right now she can only see bank activity once a month when the statement is received. Tuck would be able to address any issues quicker and before council meetings if she were able to view bank activity as needed. Rex Pierce made the motion to approve online banking enrollment, and Darrel Wheeler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Halloween—Trick-or-Treat will be on October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5-7 p.m. this year. Casey Tuck has posted it at the Post Office and on Facebook. All local newspapers and news channels have also been notified.

Stumps—Casey Tuck informed council that Hoover Tree Service had removed problem stumps and trees on the village properties. It was brought to Tuck's attention that two stumps were missed and a couple limbs. Tuck was unaware and said she would contact Hoover to come back and get the items that were missed.

CDC Moving Ohio Forward Program—The government program that assists entities and residents remove nuisance and dilapidated properties has sent a letter requesting a number of potential properties that Magnetic Springs may have that need torn down. Casey Tuck asked council and Mr. Fuller if they had any requests for the service. Alison Boggs said the funded amounts are split between properties. According to her, the ORC has two ways for properties to be torn down, and one is health concerns. She mentioned that Jim Hall is the Fire Marshall and there is a form that needs filed for neglected structures. Council members mentioned a few properties that may benefit from the service, including the Tack Room business, Peiffer house, Longbrake barn, and a property of Hatter's. Mr. Fuller said he had no properties within the village that would need this assistance. Kevin Longbrake asked if anyone knew what he could do with an old vehicle that was on his property. Many ideas, such as contacting Kirby's, were given. Boggs noted that this free money from the CDC grant, if given to the village, is to get rid of homes that need demolished. You must first have the property owner's permission. She recommended that council list all properties and turn it in to the CDC.

Heritage Cooperative—Casey Tuck received a letter from Heritage Cooperative, where the village gets fuel from, advertising a credit card with a five cent per gallon discount. Tuck thought it may be a good idea to apply for the credit in order to gain the discount. Rex Pierce made the motion to apply for the card, Darrel Wheeler seconded the motion. All present members agreed.

2015 Budget—Casey Tuck informed council she would 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 said that we should appropriate some funds for repair of the park gazebo. It needs a new roof and the fascia needs repaired. Wheeler recommended budgeting a maximum of one thousand dollars. Rex Pierce asked about sidewalk repairs. Wheeler suggested the village hold on to see about sewer plans before we consider sidewalks.

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Rex Pierce made a motion at 7:49 p.m. to adjourn, Rick Murphy seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.