

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2019

Present—Martha “Kathy” Cantrell
Casey Tuck
Melissa Stiles
Craig Ridgeway

Darrel Wheeler
Rex Pierce
Deborah Lutz
Elena Ritchie

Village Solicitor— Alison Boggs, present

Village Zoning Officer— not present

Sheriff—not present

Visitors—Nell Liston, Mike Liston, Dee Elliot, Vicky and Frank Carson, Patricia Titus, Craig Mescher, Nate Sparks

OPENING:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor Cantrell at 7:01 p.m. at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS—Patricia Titus was present to update council on the status of Hiney’s Saloon and the water well agreement. According to Titus, the estate is in probate, should be settled within the next few months. Titus agreed and signed the water well agreement for a temporary time until Jodie Jones gains the Saloon and resigns.

Mike Liston has tilled up the gardens in preparation for the winter months. Tuck has submitted the Scott’s Greenspace Grant application. Liston also wanted to renovate a structure on his property for his father in law, asked council permission. Wheeler advised him to consult with Union County on this.

Nate Sparks was present to discuss an issue he and his family members are having with the residents at 119 Main St. Tuck advised him to call the police, council is unable to do anything.

Craig Mescher was present and brought maps to show improvements and confirm work to be done— storm drain, sidewalks from Main to Rose St., more needs added to both sides of Park St., north side of Park and Catherine; paving is the same: Magnetic and Olive St. loop, all of Magnetic St., guardrails are the same. Wheeler asked if we could add or revise to the storm drain needed at Park St. down to Rose and Catherine St. and tie into drain at Catherine St.; Mescher said he would contact John Cleek and confirm, thinks it’s possible. Mescher apologized for the delay, some work can be done in the winter, he added. Mescher may have additional storm drains as an alternate and added that corner drain and grass area at end of town could be done cheaper by a local company, most likely.

SOLICITOR—Boggs says that the decaying infrastructure of the village is a concern. Under the ORC, VOMS can levy assessments and have income taxes. Boggs emphasized the need to generate revenue in case of emergencies and general big-ticket projects. Boggs will be attending a webinar in the upcoming weeks about this topic and collaborating with commercial property owners, etc. For example, when the EPA comes and requires that we have a wastewater plant.

SHERIFF— No reports.

MINUTES:

Rex Pierce made a motion to waive and approve the September 2019 minutes. Wheeler seconded the motion and all 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 \$2178.99. The bank reconciliation report was balanced and distributed for the month of September. Stiles made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Ridgeway seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

CDC Grant—Dee Elliot asked when the blighted houses would be torn down. Mayor Cantrell informed her that the bids are with the Union Co. Commissioners.

Food Bank—the monthly food pantry is doing well.

Tenant Registration Policy—Tuck will compile list of non-compliant owners. Elliot says our situation reminds her of Shawnee Hills years ago. Elliot gave council encouragement; council thanked her for her support.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Hall Remodel—no reports.

Community Garden—Tuck is in the process of applying for the Scott's Greenspace Grant.

113 May St.—Boggs is sending a certified letter to Hellwarth to give him the option of tearing down the garage himself. Cantrell wants to ask the construction company that may do the houses for a quote on the garage. Elliot asked if the home could be sheriff's sale potential; Boggs said she could ask Thayne and then the garage would be a new owner problem.

2020 Budget—Wheeler says need to budget for alleys, paving, may be able to deal with Access Engineering if they are already in town doing work (bar, Baughman, behind Sellars, behind big blue house).

Sunshine Law—on December 6, Boggs will be attending the mandatory Sunshine Law training on behalf of VOMS.

Fountain St—Larry Bradley has a truck at the property that has been sitting. Also needs finished cleaning up.

2020 Budget—Wheeler reminded council members to have ideas for budget submitted or ready to be discussed by next meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Facebook—No Reports.

Debt to Village—Boggs working on Cromlish issue.

Halloween 2019—Mayor Cantrell will bring chili and hot dogs, Pierce will bring popcorn and straw, Ritchie may ask Rural King to donate bags for popcorn. Ritchie will be doing the decorations. The Carsons will donate mums and pumpkins for photo area. Ritchie asks members of council to donate one bag of candy and Little Debbie cakes. Ritchie plans to make punch and wants to decorate the day before the party. Wheeler will bring cups and bowls.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Water Well— see above.

Zoning— Pierce made a motion to eliminate Rick Murphy as current Z/I. Ritchie seconded the motion and all members agreed. Following this, Murphy resigned his position as Zoning Inspector as of October 17, 2019. Tuck will create a job description and post it. Mayor Cantrell will ask him for the keys and Z/I materials back.

R-19-10—Ritchie pass, Pierce seconded; all members agreed.

Ordinance 19-03— vacant buildings, first reading; Stiles motions to pass, Pierce seconds; all members; Ritchie—yes, Wheeler—yes, Lutz—yes, Ridgeway—yes.

Ordinance 19-04—fee schedule, Ritchie motions to pass; Pierce seconds; first reading; Ritchie—yes, Wheeler—yes, Lutz—yes, Ridgeway—yes.

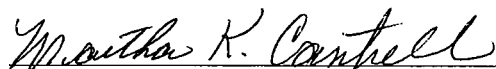
41 Rose St. — Boggs has not yet spoken to Thayne about the delinquent taxes on Rose St. property. Carson asked if VOMS would be selling the property next door. Mayor Cantrell says it has not been talked about.

8 N. Main—Boggs will do a filing fee for court proceedings; file a complaint to get declaratory judgement, prove he is living there; needs eyewitnesses. Tuck saw them dumping a five-gallon bucket over the bridge. Tuck will email Rast's letter to Boggs.


404 May St.—Stiles says ATV's are on streets, what about property? Ritchie added that it was private property. Boggs says the neighbors may file a civil suit for trespassing, but it is ultimately up to the neighbor or person with the complaint.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor 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 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Pierce made a motion at 8:33 p.m. to adjourn, Ridgeway seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.



Mayor, Martha Cantrell



Deborah Lutz, President