

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR July 10,1997

Council members present were: Bob Baughman, Rex Clevenger, ~~Jim Gibson,~~ Bill McCarty, Rex Pierce, Carol Verity, Mayor Jesse Conrad and Clerk Lorrie Pheifer. Others in attendance were: Janis Davis, Allen Fitzpatrick, Kathy Cantrell, and Ray Kransky with Poggemeyer Design Group.

The minutes of the June 12,1997 meeting were read with McCarty making a motion to approve the minutes as read and Verity seconding the motion. All yeas. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$82,161.88 total of all village accounts. McCarty made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read and pay all bills with Baughman seconding the motion. All yeas.

No Committee Reports were given at this time.

Mayor Conrad introduced Ray Kransky from the Poggemeyer Design Group to address council concerning past and present projects. Kransky advised council that the new storm sewers scheduled to go down May Street would be kept to the side of the street thus eliminating the patching in the middle of the streets. The storm sewers would be patched into the manhole off the alley by the firehouse and would extend down May Street along the east side to just south of Millard Street. This project would include 2 catch basins at Catherine Street, 1 catch basin across the street from previous said basins, 4 catch basins (1 at each corner) at Park Street, and 3 catch basins at Millard Street. Kransky stated a 22A with windows type basin would be used for the Park Street elevations to alleviate plugging. Kransky stated if a conflict from the old sewer lines should occur the project would realize a larger cost. McCarty stated he understood the storm sewer would go to the end of May street by the Teet's property as this and the school are main areas of concern for the water problems. McCarty stated he felt alot of money has been spent when the areas with the most problems are still not being fixed. McCarty went on to state that the projects of the past has made more problems than solutions. McCarty stated he thought the initial survey of these areas was to see where the problem areas were. Kransky stated he was not on the initial project so he has no idea why they started where they did. Council relayed to Kransky that the contractors are not finishing the projects satisfactory to council and villagers. Conrad stated that with any improvement there has to be a transition period such as what Plain City, Ostrander, and Bucyrus is experiencing. McCarty asked Kransky who does the final inspection of these projects to release funds. Kransky stated he signed off on these projects himself. McCarty again stated that the whole inspection was poor. Council questioned Kransky as to whether the drop at Rose Street could be fixed also the ones on the Main Street. Verity stated she felt the Main Street should be repaved due to the poor workmanship of the patching. McCarty stated the drop at Park Street is also poorly done. Kransky stated he would get with the contractor but the contractor had already stated the job was the best they felt could be done. Janis Davis voiced her concern over the credentials of the inspectors of these jobs by Poggemeyer. Kransky stated no one from Poggemeyer is a qualified full time inspector, they are just registered engineers with the State of Ohio. Janis

questioned Kransky on the change of the sidewalk project from Rose Street to Park Street. Davis stated all other sidewalks started were North - South walks now Kransky wants to begin East-West. Kransky stated this decision was made by Conrad. Conrad stated the money for this project had been cut so he felt more would be accomplished by going to Park. Conrad asked Kransky if the project could go back to Rose Street. Kransky stated he would have to check the CDBG guidelines to see if this is possible. Verity stated she didn't see any problem with changing to Rose Street for the sidewalk project. Baughman and Verity stated that the council had trusted Poggemeyer to make decisions concerning these projects for council and felt the decisions made were poor. Verity stated that from this time forward council would be looking over these projects more closely before completion to assure a satisfactory job. Clevenger stated that there are other engineering firms available to the village and if Poggemeyer can't stay on top of these projects perhaps a change should occur in the future. Cantrell asked Kransky if the new storm sewers would cause backup problems with the old sewers as water is standing near her property where it has never been a problem before. Kransky stated that it would not have any bearing on the old drains. Kransky stated that the May Street sidewalk project has been surveyed out and that the walks would taper to 3 foot to eliminate tree damage as determined by the contractor. McCarty stated this is definitely not satisfactory to him as the village would not be getting their moneys worth. McCarty stated that he felt by giving this option to the contractors we would be dealing with more 3 foot sidewalks than 4 foot walks. McCarty stated that the job should be done right in the first place even if it meant eliminating some of the trees. Kransky stated he would look into this more. Verity stated that council should walk with Kransky to insure their expectations of these projects. Baughman made a motion to withhold all final payments on the past and present projects until the projects meet with council's approval. Pierce seconded the motion. All yeas.

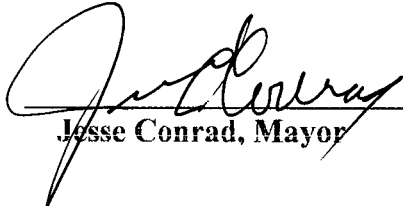
In other Old Business Mayor Conrad stated to council that the village truck has been ordered with a cost of \$19,032.00. The potholes have been cold patched by Lloyd Rausch. Janis stated that one of the holes patched by her property was pulled back up by the garbage truck. McCarty stated this is a temporary fix until the streets can be repaved. Conrad updated council on the Backhurst trial. No date has been set as yet for the contempt of court charge. The tile problems throughout the village have been looked at by Jim Reece. The Mayor stated that we are on his job list. Letters have been sent out to various residents concerning litter and junk vehicles. The Mayor stated that Sheriff Overly has said that if the village needs any work done to let him know as men from the detention center need work.

In New Business the 1998 Union County Budget Commission Hearing is set for August 4 at 5:00 p.m. Council looked over the 1998 tax budget for the village. Baughman made a motion to approve the budget as read with McCarty seconding the motion. All yeas. McCarty made a motion to transfer 24,000.00 from the general fund to the street fund. Pierce seconded the motion. All yeas. Council tabled a decision to set the date for Fall Clean-up until next meeting. Conrad stated the United Way Day of Caring has been set for Aug. 15, 1997. 2-3 hour projects are needed for volunteers to do within area communities. The Union County Health

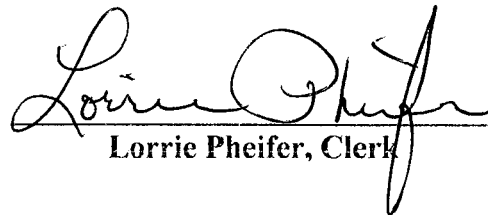
Department have sent out applications for a recycling grant for Union County. The grant would pay for items used which are from recycled materials. Any municipality within the county can vie for the \$5,500 set aside for this grant. Applications must be turned in by Aug. 5, 1997. Applications will be judged on an as needed basis along with % of recyclable materials used. McCarty made a motion to allow the clerk to fill out an application, with Pierce seconding the motion. All yeas. McCarty made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the O.P.W. agreement for the CDBG Phase III. Applications for Issue 11 round 12-13-14 have been filed. It will take approximately 1 year for grading by the commission. Conrad showed Council a copy of the Ohio Basic Codes Book. The book costs \$70.00 and generally covers all problems within a municipality. Conrad questioned Council as to adopting this book for the Village Codes. McCarty stated he felt the codes would not be as specific as the ones set down by the village. McCarty also stated because the book holds so many codes we might have more to enforce than the Village could handle. Conrad stated he felt more codes were needed within the village as nothing can be enforced without them. Baughman stated the courts aren't hearing the cases when the Village tries to enforce the codes they have now so why bother with more. Conrad relayed to council that the Village Solicitor is on a year to year basis so Council should be thinking if we should stay with Phillips.

In other Council Comments Rex Clevenger stated that residents have asked him why flags have been put down Maple Dell Road. Clevenger stated residents who have lived in the village longer than the Maple Dell residents want to know when they will be getting flags for their street. McCarty and Pierce agreed with this comment stating the flags should have been left just down the Main Street as originally set. McCarty and Pierce volunteered to move the flags onto the Main Street to fill in as needed. Rex Clevenger also stated that he felt the villagers' like the flags and felt they should be left up instead of taken down after the holiday. Council agreed to leave the flags up.

McCarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Pierce seconding the motion. All yeas. The next meeting will be August 14, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House.



Jesse Conrad, Mayor



Lorrie Pheifer, Clerk