

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2023

Present— Martha “Kathy” Cantrell, Mayor
Craig Ridgeway
Casey Tuck, Fiscal Officer
Marynelle Liston

Darrel Wheeler
Rex Pierce
Deborah Lutz
Chad Wilson, Council President

Village Solicitor—Alison Boggs

Village Zoning Officers—Joe Wehinger, Brad Langoehr

Sheriff—Deputy Bankes

Visitors—Mike Liston, Richard Baird, Danny Cox

OPENING:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Council President, Chad Wilson at 7:00 p.m. at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS—Richard Baird, the North Union Schools Superintendent was present to discuss the school land and give an update on the school district. Baird is retiring on December 31, 2023. Baird discussed the open enrollment policy and how the numbers have went up in recent years. NU has received 4.5 stars out of 5 based on state rating. Attendance was an issue during 2021/2022, and issues regarding that have been addressed.

Wilson says he has heard conflicting reports on the school property and what the land can be used for; educational, deeded back to the Village, etc. Baird says he does not recall any deed restrictions but their attorney needs to look at the deed. Boggs questioned if the school has a copy of the deed. Baird says they would need to search for it and he will look into that. Wilson will be present at the next Board meeting to discuss the school property.

Danny Cox was present to ask what paperwork he needed to return and Mayor Cantrell assured him that she has the agreement and he can turn it in next month at the meeting.

SOLICITOR—Wilson asked council what they think Boggs should focus on next as a top priority and all agreed that she speak with the lawyer for Leesburg TWP. to get the Rose St. deed transferred over to VOMS. The Sunshine Law seminar is this coming Monday and Boggs will be attending.

SHERIFF—There has been vandalism on Fuller properties on Rose St. and the Union County prosecutor will seek charges as a result of the report from Deputy Bankes.

There is an unregistered sex offender living at 33 Park St. Per the VOMS ordinance, he cannot be in certain areas of the village. Deputy Bankes says he will follow up on it.

MINUTES:

September 2023 minutes were presented to Council. Pierce made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and Liston seconded the motion. 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 \$2,698.50. The bank reconciliation report for September was presented and balanced. Wheeler made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Ridgeway seconded the motion, and all council members agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

67 Millard— no updates.

CDBG Grant—On October 12, Mayor Cantrell met with Craig Mescher to turn in the photos/diagrams of the septic tanks that residents turned in. There are still several people who need to turn in paperwork still. The CDBG grant has been amended to include street signs. There was not enough money to have them installed. Mescher and John Cleek said to buy the signs and store them and at the close of the sewer project, they will put in to have them installed.

May Street Junkyard—no updates.

Delinquent Taxes—Tuck has not heard anything back about the tax exemption that was sought; will contact Darlene Bruce to get an update.

NEW BUSINESS:

O-23-06—Records Retention Policy—Pierce made a motion to approve, Wheeler seconded the motion and all members agreed.

2024 Appropriation Budget—Pierce made a motion to approve, Liston seconded the motion and all members agreed.

2024 Revenue Budget—Pierce made a motion to approve, Liston seconded the motion and all members agreed.

Donated Land—a picture of the sign was presented to council and everyone agreed the sign looked great. If Sheiderer comes to the Halloween party, we will dedicate the sign to him then.

NU Active Transportation— Wilson has formed this plan to go with the project set forth by Union County. The issue for Magnetic Springs is that we don't have any destinations. With the proposed plan, we can add a destination onto the old school property and we can connect our village to others surrounding us. This plan potentially can increase property values and lower insurance rates. Baird mentioned that the new playground addition to the elementary school has been a positive project and one of the best he has ever been a part of. Tuck will contact insurance. Maintenance issue will have to be solved for the future. Wilson mentioned that to defer the costs, there are capital funding monies that can help. Wilson has another meeting with Tracy Richardson in November to discuss further. The outline for the project is 70 pages long so Wilson is still working on it. Wilson has reached out to Leesburg and they have nothing in the works for this project so far.

Magnetic Springs Website—Wilson has added a "Zoning" tab onto the website. There will also be a checklist for Wehinger to fill out to add to the transparency of his job. There is also a new flood zone map added with new zones. Residents should take a look and see if the new zoning applies to them as they may need to accommodate for that. Ordinances, resolutions, and maps can be found in "Files". Wilson will post an ad with a QR code in the Community Center as well as the Post Office to advertise the website. All meeting minutes from 2004-2022 have been posted.

Water Well Agreement—Mayor Cantrell questioned how to get the well shut off if the shutoff is inside Hiney's Saloon. There is a lease agreement but the bar has supposedly been sold. Wheeler says we will come back to the issue when we get final details on the sale.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Trick-or-Treat—October 29th from 5:30-7, party afterwards at the Community Center. Mayor Cantrell will speak to Elena Ritchie about bringing buns instead of hot dogs for the party.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Central Sewer System— no updates.

Zoning— 36 N. Main St. owner left dogs and after several calls to the Humane Society and Langoehr aiding the sheriff's deputy, the dogs were picked up by the owners.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Chad Wilson questioned if there was any more business to be discussed. Council members agreed that all business had been concluded. Wheeler made a motion at 7:57 p.m. to adjourn, Pierce seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed. The next regular council meeting will be held on November 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor, Martha Cantrell

Chad Wilson, Council President