

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 16, 2015

Present-	Martha “Kathy” Cantrell, Mayor	Dean Bowsher, Sr.
	Carol Verity, Council President	Darrel Wheeler
	Casey Tuck, Fiscal Officer	Richard Murphy
	Deborah Lutz	Rex Pierce

Village Solicitor—Alison Boggs, present

Sheriff— not present

Visitors—Karen Long, Julie Jones, John Weiss

OPENING:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor “Kathy” Cantrell at 7:02 p.m. at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS— Karen Long, Julie Jones, and John Weiss, all representatives from the Union County Master Gardeners were present tonight to discuss Cleanup Day, and the Magnetic Springs Beautification Project. MG Coordinator, Karen Long, thanked council for the \$500 pledge to help with the project. With the additional funds, they will be able to do more than last year. Long asked what council would like to accomplish with the MG’s help. Many ideas were expressed. It was agreed that areas like the front of the Village Hall, the town historical marker, MS Church sign, and a couple park/gazebo areas would get some attention. MG incorporates an educational standpoint in their projects. Mayor Cantrell asked about the Memorial Park...if MG had any ideas. Long said they would be glad to look at it. Long suggested planting evergreens with permanent plants. Wheeler recommended creeping flocks and lots of greenery. Verity suggested several flowers she liked too.

Mayor Cantrell said that Melissa Stiles’ children have volunteered to clean the park that day and would possibly be open to planting as well. Darrel Wheeler said there are about twenty kids in town, and some of them may be able to volunteer. Verity suggested Pastor Judy ask if the youth group children would like to be involved too. John Weiss asked of there was a program for the children, would there be any interest? Weiss distributed flyers describing MG history and goals for the project. Wheeler said resident Dee Eliot has expressed interest in volunteering.

Tuck will be promoting Cleanup Day with a sign posted at the post office, two posters, and Facebook.

Carol Verity mentioned that she heard somehow the former school location could be bought from North Union School District for one dollar; the information may or may not be factual Verity said. She would like to see the area be planted with trees for a greenspace. Pastor Judy may be able to get grants or grant help for such a project. (Rick Murphy stated a new bus stop area would be a good grant money project. Mayor Cantrell said a skateboard ramp would be a good idea also. )

Darrel Wheeler said he would cap the gas line in front of the Village Hall before Cleanup Day. Long pointed out that the soil in front of the murals would need prepped as well, beforehand; as far out as the ac unit at least. Julie Jones questioned if the murals were sealed—they are, with marine grade sealant.

Long recommended refreshments be available at Cleanup Day; Tuck said she would make a signup sheet. Carol Verity guessed that fifty people would be a good number to expect. Julie Jones suggested giving volunteers a meal ticket to cash in at lunch for their help. Tuck will be cutting a check to the MG at the next meeting, to be spent as needed. Jones said the money could also be used to buy bulbs for fall. Long informed council that the MG are unable to apply any chemicals, they must be licensed by the EPA. Long will give council a list of items that need sprayed. Carol Verity mentioned that Don Jolliff donates flowers, if MG were interested. Verity also expressed want for a garden club, but was unsure if there would be any interest. Karen Long has an updated email address: [ronkarenlong@gmail.com](mailto:ronkarenlong@gmail.com).

**SOLICITOR**—Mayor Cantrell asked Alison Boggs if there was anyone else to be contacted besides Rick Rodger about the property situation. Boggs stated there is a new civil attorney in office who may be more proactive, and she will inquire.

**SHERIFF**—No reports.

#### **MINUTES:**

Rex Pierce made a motion to waive the reading of the March 2015 meeting minutes. Dean Bowsher 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, Time Warner Cable, etc. The total amount due for all warrants as payable was \$1,654.59. All warrants were disbursed to be signed. The bank reconciliation report was distributed for the month of March. Carol Verity made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Rex Pierce seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Updated Ordinances—Casey Tuck informed council that she is currently still in the process of working on updated ordinances with Brad Bodenmiller from LUC. Upon further correspondence with Bodenmiller, the process is still a continuation.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Neighborhood Watch- The next meeting is to be announced.

Facebook— 102 “Likes”!

#### **VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:**

Water Well—Paperwork for testing of the water well was turned in on March 11, 2015, according to Rick Murphy. Results have still not yet been returned by mail.

Zoning—Casey Tuck informed council that Brad Bodenmiller from LUC is in the process of completing an updated zoning map that will need to be signed by the mayor and attested to by the village clerk. The cost is ten dollars for a 24” by 36” reprint.

Post Office—New hours are taking effect at the local post office. Casey Tuck voiced her opinion that the new hours are inconvenient and unacceptable. Several council members shared this view. Mayor Cantrell added that the service is still poor, despite letters and verbal requests sent to head Post Master, Skip LaRosa. Tuck said she would attempt to contact LaRosa once again to see if there was room for negotiation.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Signs—Casey Tuck presented council with several different sign options as discussed last meeting. Council decided on two signs, quantity of three each. One reads “Emergency Vehicles Only”, the other reads “ No Skateboarding, Rollerblading, etc.” Rex Pierce made a motion to purchase the signs, Darrel Wheeler seconded the motion, all agreed.

Public Helps/Announcements—Mayor Cantrell notified council that every third Wednesday of the month from 9:30-noon at Richwood Park there are free fruits and vegetables. She asked members to relay the message. There is also a Sex Trafficking Presentation at the Hope Center on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-10:00. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the MS Church Youth Group will be conducting the service. During VBS, teens will conduct the services from July 6-10<sup>th</sup>.

Juvenile Court—Carol Verity asked Mayor Cantrell if she has heard anything from Juvenile Court, Cantrell said no, and she would call.

Scam!—Carol Verity warns of a current phone scam.

Trash on Right of Way/Unkempt Properties— Updating ordinances are in the works.

Spring Clean Up—Annual Village Cleanup Day will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mosquito Fogging—Carol Verity and Deb Lutz plan on taking the exam to obtain the mosquito fogging license in June. Bowsher informed council that we have two empty chemical barrels that can be returned upon the next fill/purchase.

Local Government Officials Conference—Casey Tuck attended the LGOC 2015. Tuck mentioned she learned some things that may aide her in future clerical duties, such as using UAN software, zoning issues, the new AFDRS reporting system, and implementing a records retention schedule. Tuck plans on making changes and adding these processes in the near future, as to follow state procedures more closely.

Records Retention Schedule/Personal Information Policy—Alison Boggs will look for a file on this subject; she recalls previous discussions on the topics.

#### 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 May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Darrel Wheeler made a motion at 8:12 p.m. to adjourn, Rex Pierce seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

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Mayor, Martha Cantrell

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President, Carol Verity