

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2013

Present -

Martha “Kathy” Cantrell – Mayor
Carol Verity- Council President
Darrel Wheeler
Debbie Lutz
Melinda Ritchie

Dean Bowsher, Sr.
Rex Pierce
Richard Murphy
Casey Tuck

Village Solicitor – Alison Boggs

Sheriff – not present

Visitors – Sylvia Zimmerman

OPENING:

This meeting of the Council of the Village of Magnetic Springs was called to order by Mayor “Kathy” Cantrell at 7:03 p.m. at 30 W. Magnetic St., Magnetic Springs, OH 43036.

VISITORS— Sylvia Zimmerman was present at our meeting to keep us frequently updated on her plans for the August production of Ulysses S. Grant.

SOLICITOR— No reports.

SHERIFF— No reports.

MINUTES:

Carol Verity found an error in the minutes report for November—instead of waiving the minutes for “September”, it should read “October”. Rex Pierce made a motion to accept the correction and waive the reading of the November meeting minutes. Richard Murphy seconded the motion and all present council members agreed.

TREASURER REPORT/WARRANTS/BUDGET:

Melinda Ritchie presented council members with the warrants payable for Ohio Edison, Columbia Gas, Time Warner Cable, etc. A check was also issued to the U.S. Post Office for \$45.00 for stamps, but they are currently .46 cents each, so Melinda Ritchie donated one dollar to cover the cost. The total amount due for all warrants as payable was \$3109.33. All warrants were disbursed to be signed. The bank reconciliation report was distributed. Dean Bowsher made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Rex Pierce seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Kathy Cantrell stated that she had no agenda for tonight’s meeting—we are kind of at a slump. She did state however, that she had hoped the sheriff would attend the meeting. She questioned Melinda Ritchie when she was planning on working on the budget. Ms. Ritchie stated that it needed done, but she does not want to work on it without Casey Tuck. Plans were made to work on the 2014 budget the following weekend. It was brought to some townspeople’s attention that someone had driven through several yards in the town purposefully. The tracks look like a small SUV or Blazer. Richard Murphy said that it was hearsay that the person who did it ran his truck through the yards after the bar closed the precious weekend. Some speculation was made. Mayor Cantrell said that the Neighborhood Watch was being revived for issues such as this and it would be a good time to take care of the issue. Originally the marks were first observed on Sunday morning. It was said that on Wednesday additional tracks appeared.

Mayor Cantrell said this situation reminds her of her sidewalks. Recently a couple children painted on her sidewalks. Mayor Cantrell said she just wants to know why? She requested the parents of the suspected children have them write her a letter explaining the reason they vandalized her property because she does not understand why they would do this.

Mayor Cantrell also apologized for not doing the gazebo this year, stating that her heart was just not into it.

Rex Pierce suggested that signs needed to be posted prohibiting four wheeler and snow mobiles unless in an emergency.

Melinda Ritchie reported that she got the new computer set up, required by UAN.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Harper House- Carol Verity questioned whether the leech bed drainage situation had been fixed. Rex Pierce said they had taken the pipe out and put it back in, but in his opinion, it still will not work.

Streets—There is trash on the right of way where a resident has cleaned out his vehicle. Carol Verity claims it is because they do not care. Dean Bowsher said that personally, his home may look better on the outside, and kept tidy on the inside. Council members Rex Pierce, Dean Bowsher, and Mayor Cantrell recommended that with the new year, more people should be made to clean up their properties. Alison Boggs stated that most likely the village has ordinances in place for such issues. Guidelines for junk, other debris and tall grass should be among these. Mayor Cantrell said that we do have ordinances in place, they need updated. Discussion about Elmer Fuller's properties came up. It was stated that his son, Tony Fuller has taken over in his absence. Mayor Cantrell spoke with Tony and he agreed with her that it was time to fix the houses and clean up.

8 North Main St. - CDC sent a form that needed to be completed by Mayor Cantrell stating that the demolition job was completed with satisfaction so that they can request payment. All council members agreed that upon final inspection, the company did a great job. Mayor Cantrell questioned why they left up a concrete wall on the property. It was concluded that the wall served as a retainer for the bank at the edge of the property. Mayor Cantrell signed the form, and Casey Tuck will mail it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Neighborhood Watch- The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Facebook- The Village of Magnetic Springs Facebook page has accumulated 65 "Likes".

Sylvia Zimmerman- Mrs. Zimmerman has already met with several parties and individuals about her plans for next August, including Tina Knotts with the Chamber of Commerce. She has met with Leesburg Township, who has agreed to let her use the ball park with water hook up. She plans to contact the school board for permission to use their grounds for parking. Upon talking to Bob Parrott, he is willing to give tours on wagon through town and down Maple Dell. Mrs. Zimmerman made contact with Steve Frazier for ideas on how to generate enthusiasm, especially with children and younger people. He suggested a Civil War Ball on the Saturday night of the production, and stated that a group from Springfield will help. Mrs. Zimmerman remarked that these are all preliminary ideas—nothing is set in stone. She questioned council if she can put a banner up in the middle of town to advertise the event. She would like someone to pick a food event. She would like something with a cauldron for potatoes, bean soup, French fries. Carol Verity recommended Allen Fitzpatrick to roast a hog. Mrs. Zimmerman volunteered to donate one of her hogs. On that Sunday, the idea is to have a church service with Pharisburg and Magnetic Springs churches. She suggests that someone from council should attend the meeting in Marysville when they have it. Mrs. Zimmerman suggested that a politician would be a good idea as well. She is encouraging many participants. Her husband is making field tables. There will be ice cream, vendors, etc. Alison Boggs questioned whether the vendors will have a fee. She believes they should to recoup some costs for Mrs. Zimmerman and the village. Mrs. Boggs also questioned if the food vendors would cut into the food presentation. She recommended that Mrs. Zimmerman get brochures to various local schools' history teachers. Mrs. Zimmerman said that she spoke with the 4-H and FFA at North Union and would like them to participate, like with care of the livestock. Carol Verity recommended goats should be present, and to contact the Marysville FFA.

Sylvia Zimmerman informed the council that she purchased the house at 54 Main Street in town, and it has been approved for commercial use. Steve Bell is currently drawing up permits. January is the construction start date. Mrs. Zimmerman asked for suggestions on which to use the space—breakfast? Donut shop? Pie shop?

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kathy Cantrell questioned if there was any more business to be discussed. Council members agreed that all business had been concluded. Alison Boggs stated that an organizational meeting needed to be set up for January. In response, a meeting for January 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. was set. Rex Pierce made a motion at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn, Richard Murphy seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed.