

VILLAGE OF MAGNETIC SPRINGS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Present—Chad Wilson—Mayor, Casey Tuck—Fiscal Officer, Marynelle Liston—Council President, Rex Pierce, Deborah Lutz, Craig Ridgeway

Members Absent—Martha “Kathy” Cantrell, Darrel Wheeler

Village Solicitor—not present

Village Zoning Officer—Casey Tuck TEMPORARY

Sheriff—Deputy Elizabeth

Visitors—Brad Langoehr, Craig Mescher, Mike Liston, Jessica Perez, Christine and Luke Ellerbrock, Eric and Lisa Canter, Destiny Bright, Karla Wilson, Tamisha Matus, Kenneth Beckley

OPENING:

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

VISITORS—Tamisha Matus, with the Union County Health Department, was present to discuss the recent “Car Fit” program they just held for seniors. This is where they will adjust your mirrors, seat, seatbelt, and other car accessories to your proper fit. The intent of this program is to keep seniors safely in their cars for longer. You must register for this program, and it is free. She also mentioned that next week is Older Adult Falls Prevention Week. Matus informed the group that the UCHD has applied to be a federally qualified health center; this is to provide primary care to residents at a cheaper cost.

SOLICITOR—No reports.

SHERIFF—Deputy Elizabeth questioned when Trick-or-Treat will be and asked if council would like them there. Council replied they would. Liston mentioned the motorcycles traveling the roads at a fast rate, loud, and with small children both riding and driving. Tuck added that she has seen them and they ride very dangerously with the kids on the back.

MINUTES:

August 2025 minutes were presented to Council. Pierce made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes; Ridgeway seconded the motion, and all members agreed.

TREASURER REPORT/WARRANTS/BUDGET:

Casey Tuck presented council members with warrants payable for Ohio Edison, Columbia Gas, Time Warner Cable, etc. The total amount due for all warrants as payable was \$2,405.19. Liston made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Ridgeway seconded the motion, and all council members agreed. The bank reconciliation report for August was not presented and balanced; a new park fund has been requested along with a resolution.

OLD BUSINESS:

CDBG Grant—no reports.

Magnetic Springs Website— 5,049 visits

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Anniversary—no updates.

United States 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—no updates.

Murals—no reports.

North Union-Richwood Library—no reports.

Trick-or-Treat—will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm-8pm, party at the community center immediately following. There will be a special visit from JR's Balloon Magic.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting—will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. There will be a special visit from Santa.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Post Office—no reports.

RT 4/RT 347 Roundabout—all updates are posted on the Construction page at <https://magneticspringsoh.gov/construction-updates/>

Meeting Change—November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be changed to November 17<sup>th</sup>, per Tuck's request. All members agreed. December meeting will be held at the regular time.

Air Conditioner—no reports.

Leash Law—Tuck raised concern over several dogs without leashes in town. Ridgeway said the police department needs contacted.

R-25-03—Pierce made a motion to adopt the resolution, Liston seconded the motion and all present members agreed.

Certify Rates and Amounts 2026—Pierce made a motion to adopt the resolution, Liston seconded the motion. Roll call: Lutz—yes, Ridgeway—yes.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Zoning—Tuck updated council with her zoning activities for the month.

Central Sewer System— Craig Mescher, with Access Engineering, was present at the start of the meeting to leave updated maps and answer questions. The bid request has been submitted and published in the Marysville

Journal Tribune. There will still be a public meeting in the spring, with construction beginning in 2026. Pierce asked when the project will be completed; Mescher says it must be done by the end of 2026, it will take the entire year to complete.

Bridge— Rex Pierce updated council that the estimated date of completion is October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Bawk! Bawk! — no reports.

Wilbur Cantrell Memorial Park—no reports.

School Lot Park— Mayor Wilson reminded council that the village received \$152,600.00 from the OBM, the mayor's budget. This money will be used to construct the park at the old school lot. This will include: a path, parking lot, pavilion with concrete, picnic tables, dog waste station, trash cans, etc. The village matched 51% of the grant with sweat equity and the value of the land itself. Ideas from Mayor Wilson and council members as well as visitors include: move bus stop, concrete blocks need removed (Ridgeway said it may be an old gas line, Bright said it is from the old school), softball backstop torn out. Mayor Wilson inquired about the trees along Main Street-it was determined that they were planted by a class from the old school and we should keep them. Mayor Wilson said we can dedicate a plaque to the trees. Langoehr said there were trees on the lot that are in bad shape; Mike Liston, a certified Arborist, said he would gladly assist in determining tree health. Council decided to place the parking lot on the south side, as well as the pavilion. Mayor Wilson suggested the walking path to be located around the perimeter of the lot. Matus will look at the proper distance from the road that the path should be. The left side of the lot will be a conservation prairie. Council decided on location and quantity of crosswalks; Matus added that state funding can be obtained for the crosswalks on a state route. Canter said the engineer will know where to place the crosswalks exactly. Beckley questioned ADA access; Matus said pedestrian access will also be available. The pavilion will be 40x48 feet. Karla Wilson suggested to have a sponsor, such as Richwood Bank or Memorial Hospital. Mayor Wilson added that there will be grills and picnic tables in the pavilion as well. Matus recommended adding benches along the walking trail, every quarter mile is the standard. She mentioned you can also campaign for bench sponsors. A dog waste station will be placed on the south end as well. Mr. Little Ellerbrock stated that he would like a playground with a zip line that is at least six feet! Beckley suggested looking at the playground at the Marion General hospital for ideas, as it is a nice one. Matus added that purchasing playground equipment is cheaper in the fall and winter, because it goes on sale. Mayor Wilson says he would like to invest in the seniors and children especially. Perez asked if they can install a free library; Mayor Wilson wants one at the Community Center.

Rose Street Property/Delinquent Taxes—Mayor Wilson is presenting an idea and asking for additional monies for the Rose Street property that council donated to the Union County Land Bank in order to acquire the property back. Perez mentioned the food at the post office and suggested that it would be a good place to move it here. Mayor Wilson agreed and said he would like to extend the driveway, add tables, a grill, picnic tables, handicapped spots, bike rack, raised garden beds. He would also like a gravel center with the intention of doing summer movies and winter ice skating. Mayor Wilson added that he would like to include a compost bin, gardening classes, painting, etc. He has estimated the total cost to be under \$20,000. Mayor Wilson also says he would like to add the farmer's market and food trucks on certain days. Matus said she will send the list of grants to him to assist. Ridgeway asked about a fence, Mayor Wilson said there will be arborvitae. Mike Liston offered his assistance in the work process.

Newsletter—Tuck has begun writing a monthly based newsletter.

Lawn Mower—no reports.

Village Truck—no reports.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Chad Wilson questioned if there was any more business to be discussed. Council members agreed that all business had been concluded. Pierce made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn, Liston seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed. The next regular council meeting will be held on October 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor, Chad Wilson

Marynelle Liston, Council President