

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

Present—Chad Wilson—Mayor, Casey Tuck—Fiscal Officer, Marynelle Liston—Council President, Martha “Kathy” Cantrell, Deborah Lutz, Rex Pierce, Craig Ridgeway, Darrel Wheeler

Members Absent—none

Village Solicitor—not present

Village Zoning Officer—Casey Tuck TEMPORARY

Sheriff—not present

Visitors—Brad Langoehr, Mike Liston, Jeremy and Blaine from Helm and Sons Excavating, Casey McCarty and Andrew from Russell Tree Experts, Joe McCarty

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— Jeremy and Blaine of Helm and Sons Excavating attended the meeting to introduce themselves and provide updates on the upcoming sewer project. Jeremy will serve as the main point of contact, with Blaine acting as project manager. Jeremy asked whether the company could use the old school lot to store materials and equipment. Mayor Wilson agreed, with the condition that only the back west corner be used and that Helm and Sons remove and dispose of the old baseball backstop. Langoehr also noted a tree that needs to be removed, which Jeremy confirmed they could take care of as well. Additionally, Jeremy asked if the Village would be interested in having a sledding hill constructed using excess dirt from the project. Several council members were in favor of the idea, and Mayor Wilson will contact the Village Solicitor and Tuck will contact the insurance provider to inquire about potential liability. If anyone close would like dirt fill, Jeremy said they can haul it to them. Mayor Wilson requested that at least one person be available at our monthly meetings for the duration of the project.

Casey McCarty and Andrew from Russell’s Tree Experts attended the meeting to present information on a customized tree care program they propose for the Village. The program would include a comprehensive tree inventory, assessments of tree health and risk, mitigation strategies, and preservation planning. McCarty shared that he grew up in the Village and expressed a personal commitment to helping maintain its beauty. All quotes are free and with this service, McCarty would like his company to be the first to bid on a project.

Regarding the proposed tree service plan, Mike Liston says the company is legitimate and they have a solid plan and proposal that sounds good. He added there may be grant opportunities they know of as well, regarding trees we may lose as a result of the sewer project.

SOLICITOR—No reports.

SHERIFF— No reports.

MINUTES:

November 2025 minutes were presented to Council. Wheeler made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes; Pierce 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 \$16, 403.74. Pierce made a motion to accept and pay the warrants, Ridgeway seconded the motion, and all council members agreed. The bank reconciliation report for November was presented and balanced.

OLD BUSINESS:

CDBG Grant—no reports.

Magnetic Springs Website— 6,292 visits

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Anniversary—no updates.

United States 250th Anniversary—no updates.

Murals—no reports.

North Union-Richwood Library—The next dates are: January 27th and February 24th.

Ordinance 7-2025—1st reading, all members agree; regarding standards and fines for unkempt and abandoned properties in the village. Add the word “inoperable” to #11.

2026 Appropriation Budget—Wheeler made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 Appropriation Budget, Ridgeway seconded the motion and all members agreed.

2026 Revenue Budget—Wheeler made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 Revenue Budget, Liston seconded the motion and all members agreed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Post Office—Dee Eliot had requested help with cleaning out the flower beds, and Mayor Wilson had Javier clean them out.

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

Gas Tank—Tuck contacted the insurance company and based on the description she gave, they quoted \$3.00 per year for coverage. Wheeler told Langoehr to get the specifications on paper and bring them to council next month. Langoehr agreed.

Hiney’s—no reports.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES/ZONING/STREET/SEWER:

Zoning—Tuck updated council with her zoning activities for the month. Javier Perez will be submitting an application for a permit for an addition he is planning to build on Main St. and pay the fee.

Lutz reported that Allen Felzke has parked cars in the alley beside his house again.

Central Sewer System— Darrel Wheeler attended the preconstruction meeting and they gave a schedule.

Wheeler says a representative from Access Engineering will be onsite daily as the project ensues.

Union County Survey—Mayor Wilson encouraged everyone to follow the survey link in the email and provide feedback.

Bridge— no reports.

Wilbur Cantrell Memorial Park—no reports.

School Lot Park— see visitors. Langoehr noted that VOMS would need to have the property surveyed. Mayor Wilson responded that this expense is not included in the current budget.

Wheeler asked whether anyone had attempted to access the small brick building. When it was confirmed that no one had, he requested permission to enter the building to determine its contents and then properly secure the door. Mayor Wilson approved the request.

Rose Street Property/Delinquent Taxes— no reports.

Donated Property—Mayor Wilson obtained a copy of the map from the auditor's website and the property is still not in the Village of Magnetic Spring's name. Mayor Wilson will follow up with Alison Boggs.

Newsletter— 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 7:53 p.m. to adjourn, Ridgeway seconded the motion, and all present council members agreed. The organizational council meeting will be held on January 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor, Chad Wilson

Marynelle Liston, Council President