

Town of Magnolia

Mayor Cheryl Carney

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Mayor Cheryl Carney called the January 9th, 2012 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 7:00 pm. Vice Mayor Jim Frazier and Councilpersons Scott Fowler and Barry Fillman were present. Councilperson Pat Jarrell was absent; election at firehall the same time as the meeting. Diane Cahall -Secretary/Treasurer was present.

Mayor Carney asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting – Motion made by Jim Frazier and 2nd by Scott Fowler - motion carried.

Mayor Carney asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Jim Frazier made the motion to approve the report and pay the bills; 2nd by Barry Fillman - motion carried.

Secretary advised council that the January DLLG meeting will be at the Dover Sheraton on January 26th, reservations must be called in by January 19th.

Secretary provided Councilman Jim Frazier a thumb drive containing the 2010 and 2011 minutes in Word format. Mr. Frazier will download all of the documents on the town web site.

Ralph Satterfield prepared the following report for December 2011: Dec. 3: Flushed school hydrants, Dec. 3/4: helped with Christmas lights; also checked nightly. Dec. 13: Flushed all hydrants and complete cap lube. Dec. 30; Flushed school hydrants. Plan to take Christmas lights down as I get time. Should have enough people for elections; volunteers are hard to find.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,447,000 gallons of water during December 2011. Pump 2: 748,000. Pump 3: 699,000. Well levels: 28', 23' and 29'. Average chlorine is .31. Scott Fowler and Ed Marvel prepared the public health reports and Diane will mail reports to the Division of Drinking Water.

Diane advised council that she will contact the board of elections and schedule another election for Feb. 13th, 2012 due to tie. Michael Cahill, James Frazier and Pat Jarrell will be running for two council seats (two year term). Diane will request Frank Young, John Wooten and Mike Murray (members of the election committee) that they must be present on Feb. 13th from 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm for the election. Diane will also post the election in the Delaware State News and in the Post Office and on town hall door.

Council spent the remainder of the meeting discussing the new ordinances. They went through every item and all agreed on the necessary changes and updates. Final update ordinances should be completed by March 2012.

Council stated that they would accept Lawn care/Snow Removal bids for 2012 and open the bids at the February 13, 2012 meeting.

Mayor Carney asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion made by Councilman Frazier and 2nd by Councilman Barry Fillman.- Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. Election results were recorded as a tie. Our charter states that the election committee should vote to determine the winners. The election committee was called back to the town hall to vote. The three members of the election committee voted and the results displayed another tie. Diane contacted Joyce Wright from the Kent County Election Department. Ms. Wright had to contact the Attorney General's office for a decision as to how to handle this situation. There are no currently no County or State Laws to cover this situation; therefore, the Town will hold another election on February 13th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Diane P. Cahall