

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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Mayor James Frazier called the June 9th, 2014 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Michael Cohill, Barry Fillman and Scott Fowler were present. Bud Faircloth was out of town. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present.

The agenda for the April meeting was accepted with two additions: House Bill 333 and Comcast franchise renewal. Barry Fillman made a motion to approve the agenda with these additions, 2nd by Mike Cohill - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Barry Fillman corrected the address for the Lane property that was demolished to 15 North Main Street and motioned to accept the minutes with correction, 2nd by Michael Cohill - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier requested a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Michael Cohill made the motion to approve the report and pay the bills; 2nd by Barry Fillman. Water and tax bills will be mailed on June 30, 2014.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,581,000 gallons of water during May 2014. Pump 2: 812,000 gallons. Pump 3: 769,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 25', and 30'. Pump 2 ran 45.9 hours; Pump 3 ran 45.8 hours. Average chlorine is .237. Lead and Copper test will be conducted by the end of the summer. Envirocorp does the test and it sends it to the Office of Drinking Water. It was a slow month; Aztech did patch Irish Hill but we have not received the bill. Annual CCR water report has been completed with assistance from the Delaware Rural Water Association. The report will be posted on the town hall bulletin board and on our website. Diane will send certified copies of the report to the Office of Drinking Water and the Public Advocate in Wilmington.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: 5/12: Flushed all hydrants – no problems. 5/20-22: patched hole from main repair in front of Frank Young with crush and run. Cut grass by fire plugs on North 8: South Main. 5/23-24: Got cold patch for above, cleaned out crush and run that won't hold and filled. 5/28-29 & 6/ 2: Aztech hot mixed main repairs and E. Walnut and W. Walnut - looks good.

Mayor Frazier presented a draft of the 2014-5 budget. Council reviewed noting the high rise in insurance. Diane will add the June 2014 figures and prepare a new profit and loss report; Mayor Frazier will add additional figures. Michael Cohill motioned to approve the draft budget, pending updates; Scott Fowler 2nd the motion – motion carried.

Mayor Frazier advised council that our website: magnolia.delaware.gov has been upgraded compliments of the State of Delaware. The website has a new look, is much more mobile friendly for social media. Mayor Frazier also stated that all of our old minutes that were on

microfilm can be moved to digital files by Archives' State Vendor for \$300.00. The digital files would be available on the town computer as vital records.

The agreement for the MVFC parking lot between the Town of Magnolia and DelDot has been signed and returned. Mayor Frazier will deliver to Del Dot on June 10, 2014 and when the signed documents come back, we can give Diamond a go ahead on the project.

Council will add the Farrow house (20 S. Main) to the Kent County list for improvements. Vines are growing up the side of the house and plywood is on the windows. Diane provided contact information for 10 and 12 W. Walnut to Mayor Frazier.

The Lindale House is listed for sale at \$125,000. The home is on the State Registry and could we possibly contact the Preservation Office for assistance? Also, could we establish a "Friends of Magnolia" 501(C)3 non-profit organization to restore and maintain the property with donations? Please see if anyone can locate any further information on these possibilities.

Mayor Frazier notified council that the Verizon water tower deal is on; Scott Fowler checked with Corrosion Control (they maintain the tower) and the equipment will not deface the tower. Verizon will paint the antennas to match the paint on the tower. The first round of paperwork is on its way.

We received our Comcast franchise routine renewal of 15 years; with 3 additional 5 year terms. We do not charge a franchise fee, as it would be passed on to the consumers in the town. Mayor Frazier will contact Tom Worley and see if we could get complimentary phone included with the TV/computer contract we currently have.

Mayor Frazier reported that he is following House Bill 333; sponsored by Rep. Pete Schwartzkopf. The bill rules towns and municipalities in Delaware regarding imposing taxes in their jurisdictions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm was made by Mike and 2nd by Scott Fowler - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary