

# Town of Magnolia

**Mayor James Frazier**

**302 335-5891**

Mayor James Frazier called the July 14th, 2014 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Bud Faircloth, Barry Fillman and Scott Fowler were present. Michael Cohill was excused; out of town. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present.

The agenda for the July meeting was accepted with two additions: Kent County Cleanup Grant and Development on Clapham Road and Sophers Row. Barry Fillman made a motion to approve the agenda with these additions, 2nd by Bud Faircloth - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Barry Fillman motioned to accept the minutes; 2nd by Scott Fowler - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier requested a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. The town received the final check from Nextel in the amount of \$4,700.00. Bud Faircloth made the motion to approve the report and pay the bills; 2nd by Barry Fillman - Motion carried.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,679,000 gallons of water during June 2014. Pump 2: 847,000 gallons. Pump 3: 832,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 25' and 30'. Pump 2 ran 50.5 hours, Pump 3 ran 50.5 hours. Average chlorine is .263. No major problems; well levels are good with average use of water. The Office of Drinking Water completed the yearly assessment on systems. Sussex County is suffering, Kent County is on the edge and New Castle County is all ok. Scott reviewed bill from Aztech for Irish Hill Road \$2,464.50 and approved for payment.

Scott Fowler requested a salary increase of \$100 per month for additional paperwork, use of vehicle and more water system activity. He also suggested increasing Ed Marvel and Ralph Satterfield \$25 per month. Barry Fillman made a motion to approve these increases effective August 1, 2014; 2nd by Bud Faircloth - Motion Carried.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Flushed all hydrants - no problems. There was a water line break at one of Scott Vautard's rentals, from driving over the water line, but it was on the owner's side of the curb stop; town not responsible.

Vice Mayor Fillman advised council that he has finalized clean up Grant from Eric Buckson for \$400; Mayor Frazier signed and Diane will fax paperwork. He also notified council that the farmland property on the corner of Clapham Road and Sophers Row has requested rezoning for a housing development. Town can only object if we annex this property. Council tabled this discussion until further information is available.

Mayor Frazier notified council that House Bill 333 regulating municipal taxing powers has passed and been signed by legislature. Magnolia has had a home rule charter prior to June 1, 1966; therefore we are exempt.

Mayor Frazier advised council that Mike Summers of DelDot stated we must move Speed Sign closer to town center near the school signs.

The final budget effective July 1, 2014 is now up on the website.

Mayor Frazier also stated that DMI (Archives State Vendor) is moving all of Magnolia's old minutes that were on microfilm to digital files for \$300.00. Mayor Frazier is paying for this process and donating the disc to the town. They will be copied on the hard drive of the Town Hall computer for easy access.

Mayor Frazier has been in contact with Verizon regarding the water tower contract. He met with an environmental approval person and answered all questions. They also sent us a FOIA request. No building permit is required. Town solicitor Barrett Edwards is reviewing the contract and then we will contact Verizon.

Mayor Frazier contacted Comcast regarding our community franchise 10 year agreement. The town does not charge a franchise fee because it would be passed on to the residents in their individual bills. We will continue to receive basic cable TV in the town hall and town will reimburse town clerk for internet at home: \$55.00. We will continue using Verizon for our town hall fax and telephone.

Mayor Frazier delivered our Comprehensive Plan annual renewal to the state on July 9, 2014. Bud Faircloth called DelDot and our Walk/Don't Walk signs on the traffic signals are now working correctly.

SIP (Town Insurance) will be doing an on-site audit of our buildings in late July. Mayor Frazier will meet with them at the town hall, and give them a tour of our buildings.

Mayor Frazier reported on the MVFC parking lot. Purchase order was generated and approved (sent thru system on July 11, 2014). Once reconciled we will get final agreement; Mayor Frazier and Earl Dempsey will sign and Diamond can start work.

It was reported that there are live wires on the back side of the Verizon building behind the town hall. Scott Fowler will inspect and check for live wires, and contact Verizon if necessary.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm was made by Barry Fillman and 2nd by Bud Faircloth - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary