

# Town of Magnolia

**Mayor James Frazier**

**302-335-5891**

Mayor James Frazier called the May 11, 2015 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Mike Cohill, Bud Faircloth, Scott Fowler and Shawn Ramsey were present. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present.

Mayor Frazier requested approval or additions to the published agenda. Noise Ordinance, Generator and Update on Speed Signs were added to the agenda. Mike Cohill motioned to accept the agenda as amended, 2nd by Shawn Ramsey - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Shawn Ramsey made a correction on the new firearms house bill paragraph: no legislator is in support of the bill at this time. Mike Cohill made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections; 2nd by Sean Ramsey — Motion carried.

Diane Cahall presented the treasurer's report. New property assessments have been ordered from Kent County for the 2015 tax year. Water payments are coming in with the exception of Dennis Consalo. Financial reports were prepared for Mayor Frazier.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Activities since 4/13: Flushed all hydrants on 4/14 - no problem areas. Pretty slow period. 4/19: Flushed school. Also prepared building permit and license for 11 W. Walnut. Things on Main Street: 6 wheel truck ran part the way thru Herb Seman's yard. 4/22: Head on motor vehicle accident at 6:30 am on 26 N. Main; trooper knew driver from DUI the day before.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,260,000 gallons of water during April 2015. Pump 2: 595,000 gallons. Pump 3: 665,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 26' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 40 hours; Pump 3 ran 34.7 hours. Average chlorine is .238. Water usage normal. We have not received hydrant pricing from Aztech and concrete has not been poured on North & South Main Street. Cabe & Associates sent Scott information on DNREC Grant. The wells are still pumping slightly unbalanced. Scott will look into cost to have Well 2 flushed and screens cleaned. Well 3 is outworking 2 for the same hours and less volume. Scott will mow any high grass in the town as long as council calls or emails him the address. Diane will add the cost of mowing to the resident's account. Bud Faircloth noted that he was out of town for one month and his water was brown when he returned. He does have a water purifier for faucet. Scott stated when the water has been stagnant for a lengthy period, running it for a while should clean it up.

Mayor Frazier still working on budget with operational reports, and council will discuss at June meeting and finalize at July meeting.

Mayor Frazier stated that the underground oil tank on 15 North Main is still leaching. He contacted local agent Jamie Bethard from DNREC who responded within 48 hours and came to

inspect the tank. He contacted Tom Lane to discuss options. Mr. Bethard emailed yesterday and stated they are still working on the situation.

Mayor Frazier advised council that 5 flags have been placed by Mike Summers at the sites for new speed signs; these should be installed in the near future.

Councilman Cohill questioned whether a building permit is required for solar panels. Mayor Frazier will locate the information and forward to Mike Cohill.

Mayor Frazier received numerous complaints and also witnessed extremely loud music behind Frese's Apartments on South Main Street. A band (Full Cut) has been practicing there for a couple of months but recently opened the doors/windows and the entire block could hear the loud music. A member of the band lives in the apartments. Mayor Frazier made a visit to the band during practice and let them know they were in violation of town noise ordinance and the loud music is intrusive to some neighbors.

Mayor Frazier was in contact with FEMA regarding a backup generator for the town electric to operate our water system. The town currently depends on the Magnolia Fire Company if a generator is required for water only. Scott Fowler noted we could currently operate water system only 12 to 14 hours without use of a backup generator, with our 55,000 gallon tank at 150 gallons per minute. Brandon Olenek from Kent County DEMA has provided a survey to Mayor Frazier and he responded; agreed to by Scott and Ralph. The town is interested in applying for the assistance to obtain a generator for well #2.

Mayor Frazier has signed the final Verizon contract in the presence of Barrett Edwards and we should be receiving the fully-signed document in the near future.

Mayor Frazier, Councilman Ramsey and Rebecca Campbell are still researching options for handicapped sidewalks in town to meet ADA (American Disabilities Act) guidelines.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm was made by Mike Cohill and 2nd by Sean Ramsey - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary