

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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Mayor James Frazier called the June 8, 2015 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Mike Cohill, Scott Fowler and Shawn Ramsey were present. Bud Faircloth was absent. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present.

Mayor Frazier requested approval or additions to the published agenda. Mike Cohill motioned to accept the agenda as presented; 2nd by Shawn Ramsey - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Mike Cohill made a motion to accept the minutes; 2nd by Sean Ramsey - Motion carried.

Diane Cahall presented the treasurer's report. New property assessments have been received; a copy was emailed to all council members. 2015 property tax bills will be mailed on July 15th. 2nd quarter water bills, including the annual water report, will be mailed on June 20th. A delinquent letter will be mailed to Dennis Consalo and his water will be turned off if payment is not received. Building permit and business license were issued for Mike Cohill's solar panels.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Activities since 5/11: Flushed all hydrants on 5/11 — no problem areas. 5/21: Leak in water line on North Main; temporary repair 5/22. 5/24: flushed school and mowed grass. 6/1: Heavy rain; 3·4 ½ inches, flooded streets - exceeded storm drain capacity. Accident at light with minor injuries (ran red light). Dressed flags. Tank on North Main removed on 6/5.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,475,000 gallons of water during May 2015. Pump 2: 675,000 gallons. Pump 3: 800,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 26' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 46.8 hours; Pump 3 ran 47.9 hours. Average chlorine is .254. These numbers are reflected by the pump - not the well. The totalizer is not reading correctly; it is the meter - not the well. Scott ordered two chemical pumps. Leak in service at 21 North Main; Aztech will get new line first before replacing sidewalks. Scott will email Jennifer Gondolfo (Fred Duncan's daughter) re two 2 inch curb stops that were put in by Fred and George Gourley; originally on the old main; now connected to the new 6" line.

Mayor Frazier was working on a "Gratitude Grant" with the Dover Elks Lodge to paint the yellow curbs and possibly adding gravel in overflow lot. However, the projects did not meet grant standards so Mayor Frazier suggested the Elks contact The Shepherd Place for new mattresses. Diane will be in contact with Marv Solomon of the Elks to follow up.

Mayor Frazier is also working with Caroline Cohee of DelDOT for a State Community Grant. He will attend a Kent County Emergency Preparedness meeting (KCEP) with Brandon Olenik regarding backup generator for town. Scott stated it would take 85,000 KW startup voltage hardwired generator to start up 30hp pumps. 240 V - 3 phase. Cost - \$60,000. We would also need a 500 gallon propane tank to fuel.

Mayor Frazier advised that Verizon is still on track; Karen Hutchins is coming to take some final pictures.

Mayor Frazier stated that the underground oil tank on 15 North Main has been removed. Mike Cohill noted that the dirt has to be tested before covering the hole. The hole is now covered with plastic and rubber tires to hold it down. They have a 60 day window to complete the project.

Shawn Ramsey noted to council that speed signs have been placed at the north and south ends of town. Everyone agreed that the signs are working well, lowering the speed of vehicles. Thanks again to Mike Cohill for staying on top of the project.

Mayor Frazier is finalizing the FY 2016 budget. Previously budgeted \$7,000 for insurance and we spent \$8,000 due to addition of liability insurance. Streetlights were \$4,800; we receive only \$2,500 from Municipal Street Aid. Workmen's Comp - \$1,200 budgeted and we only spent \$1000. Water Maintenance budget was \$20,000 and we spent \$22,000. We have been operating the last year with only 1 cellular customer on the tower — Verizon will be budgeted in next year. Final Budget will be presented for approval at the July meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm was made by Mike Cohill and 2nd by Shawn Ramsey - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary