

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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Mayor James Frazier called the August 10, 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. Harry Consalo, Walt Slezak and Scott Vautard were present representing the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company.

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 gave the floor to the MVFC. The Company has questions regarding an addition to the bingo room. The addition would be on the north side and they are questioning whether they can take up more ground. Council stated that the fire company should contact Kent County, DNREC and the Kent Conservation district. Scott Vautard stated that no site or drainage plans are required; the last addition to the fire hall was completed in 2001. The town deferred the permit process to Kent County; we have no jurisdiction over impervious ground. The town will accept any permit that Kent County Planning approves.

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

Diane Cahall presented the treasurer's report. Water bills and tax bills are coming in from residents and mortgage companies. Municipal Street Aid paperwork has been completed and we should receive \$2,114.77 in September. Mike Cohill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; 2nd by Shawn Ramsey - Motion carried.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Very quiet month; Flushed all hydrants - very clear.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,485,000 gallons of water during July 2015. Pump 2: 665,000 gallons. Pump 3: 820,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 26' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 47 hours; Pump 3 ran 50.2 hours. Average chlorine is .223. We ran a little over on water usage. Water levels are ok. Had the well depth reader worked on; we should get a new one; module not working. Complaint received from Magnolia Restaurant; customer stated that water tasted like chlorine and was salty. We do not add salt to the water. We do not know if they have a water conditioner at the restaurant. Scott tasted the water and took a chlorine test. Water pressure is very low on North Main, 31 or 32 pounds max. People get water pressure and volume confused. We only replace service lines when absolutely necessary. For example, Pat Jarrell is servicing 3 homes off of one service line.

Mayor Frazier stated that we need an estimate of the amount of sidewalks we need for the grant. Scott Fowler and Ralph Satterfield will work on getting estimate.

Mayor Frazier advised that we did not receive generator grant. Our proposal was turned down because we could not prove how often and how long our electricity is actually off. We did not have long outages to report and not enough people were affected. We have no way to prove monetary loss with no meters. Scott Fowler and Mayor Frazier will put together a disaster plan. Pump stations 3 and 4: possible manual connector and cost to rent a generator during disaster or weather emergency. Can we obtain a year contract with Iron Source or United Rental, or reserve a generator for a year on contract and be able to guarantee a generator when needed. Can we work this plan with Homeland Security? Council will obtain a proposal from Dave Thompson electric to set up connections so we can just plug in unit. Three phase outside plugs should run c.\$450 per pump station. Council will discuss next month after estimates are received.

Mayor Frazier and Shawn Ramsey are working on an ordinance review. Some changes occurred in 2011 and ordinances were updated in 2012. There are concerns about enforcement responsibility put on Mayor and Council. It is unrealistic to expect council to enforce several of the ordinances dealing with law enforcement. Residents Frank Young and Rebecca Campbell have been asked to provide resident input.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm was made by Mike Cohill and seconded by Shawn Ramsey - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary