

# **Town of Magnolia**

**Mayor James Frazier**

**302-335-5891**

Mayor James Frazier called the November 9, 2015 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Scott Fowler and Shawn Ramsey were present. Michael Cohill and Robert Faircloth were absent. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present.

Mayor Frazier requested approval or additions to the published agenda. Agenda was approved as presented.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Shawn Ramsey motioned to accept the minutes, 2nd by Scott Fowler - Motion carried.

Diane Cahall presented the treasurer's report and bills to be paid. No water payment has been received from Dennis Consalo. Magnolia Trailer Park (Magnolia Crossing) has been purchased by a company from Portland, Oregon. Diane has prepared monthly invoices and dropped them off to new park managers. James Frazier made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Scott Fowler - Motion carried.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Activities since October meeting: Flushed hydrants with no problems; cleaned some drains. 10/19-10/29: Supported the "Ultimate Cure" for low water pressure (volume) at 16 E. Walnut, i.e. total replacement of all interior pipes and outside lines with 1" plastic to curb stops. The property has two feed lines from the curbs to 3 units thru 420' of new pipe. Owner is happy. Scott will address one false curb stop that required an additional pipe rerouting. Remarkable job for a property owner. 10/29: contacted by new owner of 9 W. Walnut about low water pressure. Showed them a few things to do plus answered other questions about the town. 11/8: Flushed school lines. 11/8: Tree will be addressed in a few days.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,290,000 gallons of water during October 2015. Normal usage and well levels good. Pump 2: 601,000 gallons. Pump 3: 689,000 gallons. Well levels: 33', 28' and 33'. Pump 2 ran 41 hours, Pump 3 ran 41.1 hours. Average chlorine is .241. Work was done on station two and one repair on station three. Scott explained the Patricia/Alvin Jarrell property, noting that as a token of Alvin Jarrell's work, the town should reimburse them for one quarter water bill (the 4th quarter 2015). The property will be billed for 3 units in the future. We will be receiving a bill for 3 fire hydrant updates; Scott will color code the hydrants according to the pressure they provide.

Mayor Frazier advised that the town did not receive any new letters of intent for the 2016 election. The three incumbents - James Frazier, Michael Cohill and Robert Faircloth will hold their council seats for the next two years: 2016-2017. Mayor Frazier will scan the required documents and email to Gary Hildebrand with the Kent County Department of Elections.

Council tabled the Sidewalk Grant, Generator Grant and Ordinance Review until the December

meeting.

Mayor Frazier noted that the Comcast Newsmakers interview went very well. He discussed the buildings in the town and traffic problems. The news interview will be posted on the town website.

Mayor Frazier had a meeting with Senator Colin Bonini, two representatives from DelDot and Erica from Pioneer Materials regarding the major truck traffic problem in the town. He explained how it has affected the condition of our roads, pressure on our underground water lines and the noise effect on our quality of life. Levy Court Commissioner Eric Buckson and Senator Colin Bonini had conversations with Pioneer and George and Lynch to use Route 9 overpass to NB Route 1 to Rt.10. Both gentlemen were very supportive and understand our situation; they have supported Little Heaven and Thompsonville with similar situations.

Mayor Frazier has been in contact with Supt Kevin Fitzgerald of the Caesar Rodney School District regarding properties located on the East side of South Main Street. The school could be looking to purchase property to expand the parking for the McIlvaine Early Learning Center. Mayor Frazier drafted a letter stating the town will assist the school district any way we can.

Mayor Frazier met with Terri Desanto of the SIP Insurance group regarding our property, liability and workmen's compensation insurance. Based on the limited number of low claims by municipalities, the premium will drop \$2,500 this year, from \$7,600 down to \$5,100. The workmen's compensation is in a pool and they are working to get Property & Casualty insurance into a pool for next year. All of this provides good savings with the possibility of more savings in the future.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm was made by Shawn Ramsey, 2nd by Scott Fowler – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary