

# TOWN OF MAGNOLIA

**Mayor James Frazier**

**302-335-5891**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier; Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Mike Cohill, Rebecca Campbell, Shawn Ramsey, Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall.

No additions/deletions were made to the published agenda.

Motion was made to accept the council minutes of May 9, 2016 by Mike Cohill and seconded by Shawn Ramsey. Motion was passed.

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills. The Zerrad property has been sold and the town received \$3,834.55. (\$1137.75 transfer tax and \$2,696.80 back taxes and water bills.) I just received Frazier's lawn care bill today; please add it to the bills to be paid: \$355.52. I ordered a Kent County property assessment report and emailed a copy to council members. Water Bills and Property Taxes will go out the end of June. A motion was made by Mike Cohill to approve the report and pay the bills, seconded by Shawn Ramsey. Motion was passed.

## Water System & Fire Hydrants

It was a quiet month with no big issues. Corrosion Control has moved in to start the painting of the water town. The town used 1,170,000 gallons of water during April 2016. Pump 2: 631,000 gallons. Pump 3: 539,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 26' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 37.8 hours, Pump 3 ran 37.8 hours. Average chlorine is .247.

Ralph Satterfield reported: 4/12, Flushed hydrants, cut grass, no problems. Burnt brush pile, still working on gate and town limit signs. Supporting tank painting. Mike Murray will begin demolition of 10 W. Walnut to start around June 11, 2016.

## New Business

### a. Curb Painting

Rebecca Campbell has 3 proposals on the way. Will report at next meeting.

### b. Water Tower painting

The council voted to choose the paint color: Basin (SW4054) and the lettering will be Blueprint (SW4056).

### c. House Bill 279 - Open Meetings Bill

The bill is still in committee. It will open up public comment at open meetings. 1 minute minimum per person could take 1 to 2 hours before meeting is ever started. The subject comment could be about anything. Mayor Frazier requested motion to comment that the bill is too broadly written and should be more specific. Rebecca Campbell made the motion and Shawn Ramsey 2nd. Motion approved.

d. Electric Bill.

The town renewed with the State's Electric Supply Contract Pool with Talen Energy through the State Office of Management & Budget, open to any government entity. It provides a 3 year fixed rate that will be 17% lower than our existing rate.

Old Business

a. Drinking Water Asset Program

Duffield and Cabe proposal will be signed by council. The proposal includes an assessment of system and putting it on a GIS mapping system. The entire water system will be included in the mapping system to assist doing field work. Scott Fowler will have the program on a thumb drive. 4Loco will provide information when valves are located and the Del. Rural Water Assn. will use an x-ray machine. The report will tell us the most important projects to consider. We will supply the towns W9 minority letter, insurance information and COI to Heather at the Office of Drinking Water.

b. CTF Sidewalk Grant

Rebecca Campbell has been in contact with Ashley from Senator Bonini's office. They will be looking up and down North & South Main Streets to determine where we can become ADA Compliant. Perhaps they will propose to do one side of Main Street each year, etc. The town has a school zone and fire company which is a plus on our behalf. Rebecca will advise council via email when a meeting is scheduled.

c. Generator Grant

Nothing new was reported.

d. Truck Traffic

Nothing new was reported.

Ordinance Review

The remainder of the meeting was a reading of and comments on Ordinance 703 draft concerning securing insurance on bank owned property. If no mortgage on property, no insurance is required. Vacant properties must be secure; structures boarded up for no entry.

The public hearing will be held at 6:00 pm on June 13th at the Magnolia Fire Hall. Mr. Satterfield will book the hall; notices will be posted in the post office, restaurant, town hall bulletin board and website. We will read one entire article, then open the floor for comments or questions.

Adjournment

Mike Cohill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Shawn Ramsey seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall