

# Town of Magnolia

Mayor Cheryl Carney

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Mayor Cheryl Carney called the January 14th, 2013 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 7:00. Vice Mayor James Frazier and Councilpersons Michael Cohill, Barry Fillman, and Scott Fowler were present. Diane Cahall, Ralph Satterfield and town resident William H. Walker were present.

The agenda for the January 2013 meeting was accepted with no additions.

February is the Annual Monthly Meeting and council will elect a Mayor and Vice Mayor. The water supervisor and assistant positions and the Secretary/ Treasurer position will be appointed. Water rates and tax rates for the year will be reviewed. New council members will take the Oath of Office.

Mayor Carney asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Michael Cohill made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by James Frazier — Motion carried.

Mayor Carney requested a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Michael Cohill made the motion to approve the report and pay the bills; 2nd by Barry Fillman — Motion carried. Two checks: W. Looco (for locating water cutoffs) \$768.00 and Hudson, Jones, Jaywork (town solicitor Barrett Edwards) \$274.31 were approved and paid.

Diane Cahall noted that delinquent water/ tax notices are ready to be mailed now that all water cutoffs have been located. Michael Cohill made a motion to mail the notices, 2nd by Barry Fillman. Letters will be sent certified with a return receipt.

Councilman Cohill questioned if Kent County will attend this January 2013 meeting and address the issue of abandoned/ neglected properties in the town as stated by Mayor Carney at the November meeting. Kent County will be contacted and invited to the February meeting to discuss neglected properties. Tom Lane stopped Mayor Carney and she advised him he had until February or his property would be condemned. Mike Cohill stated his property covered with Lane's old roof shingles, the fence is down and the Lane property has been neglected for years. Vice Mayor Frazier stated that council should wait for Kent County to attend a council meeting and advise the correct and legal steps the town should take in this situation. Mayor Carney also advised council that Eric Buckson and Kent County will attend the February meeting to explain the steps necessary to obtain trash collection for all town residents under the County plan. Under this plan 75% of residents must approve this service and billing will be added to their county tax bill.

Council discussed Mr. Frank Young's request for a mailbox across the street from his home on E. Walnut. DelDot stated they cannot complete the project if the town does not

pay for the sign. An ordinance has to be in place stating that we can put something on that side of the road and the Magnolia School would have to approve the sign before any further progress can be made.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: 12/6; helped with Christmas lights, monitored daily, they must have been FORD lights (fix or repair daily) . Turned off lights on Jan. 3 and packed away by Jan. 6. One short extension cord was stolen mid month. 12/11: Flushed all fire hydrants — W. Walnut continues to show more discoloration. I looked for a rear shut off on Glanden property; couldn't find it. Lowered H2O flow in MHP park for a double wide hook up. Flushed school on 12/30. Helped Scott with South Main Street water main breaks, 2am to 2pm. Flushed one shut off valve. 1/6 Helped with W. Walnut main break, 2pm till 8 pm. I flushed two shut off valves. 1/7 followed up on low flow and black water complaint lot 75 in MHP park. Cleaned screens and reminded tenant of two main breaks and water shut offs.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,235,000 gallons of water during December 2012. Pump 2: 637,000 gallons. Pump 3: 598,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 26' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 35.8 hours, Pump 3 ran 35.6. Average chlorine is .293. Scott Fowler and Ed Marvel prepared the public health reports and Diane will mail reports to the Division of Drinking Water. Scott Fowler requested a bonus for Ralph Satterfield for all his extra work and hours on the water main break and holiday lights during December. Mike Cohill made a motion to give Ralph a \$200.00 bonus, 2nd by Barry Fillman, motion carried.

Mayor Carney asked Ralph Satterfield to obtain the Magnolia Fire Hall for the February 2013 meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm made by Michael Cohill and 2nd by Barry Fillman - Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary