

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2017  
6:00 PM  
Magnolia Fire Hall

6:00 PM - Call to Order  
Called to order at 8:40 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

## Roll Call

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier; Rebecca Campbell, Mike Cohill, Scott Fowler and Shawn Ramsey. Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present. Guests: Michael Murray and Scott Vautard were present.

## Additions/deletions to published agenda

Scott Vautard to present additional information on 12 W. Walnut.

## Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Cohill and seconded by Shawn Ramsey. Motion was passed.

Scott Vautard advised council that he would be constructing a white 2 story townhome (example Linkside Townhomes just north of town) with a 2 car side entry garage. It was questioned if the 7 foot side yard setback could be reduced to 6 foot. Mr. Vautard also stated he inherited the previous owner's demolition permit which is good for one year. Does he have to apply for another permit from the town? He stated he can submit the demo permit with addendum if council approves. Mayor Frazier motioned to exempt him from the \$75 permit, Shawn Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mike Murray was present to express his concern regarding the distance from his fence to Mr. Vautard's structure. Mr. Murray will visit the county and double verify the legality of the setback. He stated 6 feet should work if approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills was submitted by Diane Cahall. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter water bills have been sent out. Council discussed the Corrosion Control check and it will be mailed for year 9 of the contract. Diane advised council that Martha Lehman has requested a building permit for a shed and she owes over \$400 in back taxes and water bills. Mayor Frazier made a motion to require payment of half of her back statements and the \$75 building permit fee for approval. Rebecca Campbell seconded the motion, Motion passed.

A motion was made by Rebecca Campbell to approve the report and pay the bills, seconded by Shawn Ramsey. Motion was passed.

## **Public Works Report**

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report.

Verizon matched the color of the water tank but Sprint equipment is beige.

Flushed all lines - no problems. Rotten weather for the last 3 months. Checked in with tower contractor daily to answer any questions or wants. Should be done by 4/24 or sooner. Been so busy for the last 3 months; I forgot what I've done.

Trucks and more trucks.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 969,000 gallons of water during March 2017. Pump 2: 396,000 gallons. Pump 3: 573,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 23' and 30'. Pump 2 ran 34.8 hours, Pump 3 ran 34.8 hours. Chlorine average chlorine is .21. Water use was good and levels are good. No major problems. Verizon should be done in a couple weeks and Corrosion Control can begin cleaning the interior of the tank. The town hall roof is still blue and needs to be repainted. Sprint is also going to work on their system. When Corrosion Control starts the cleaning process the tank will be down for three weeks before Scott can refill it and samples must be tested; could be looking at four weeks. If they cannot get started by the end of April - we should put them off until the fall.

Mayor Frazier opened discussion on the Water system succession plan if Scott, Ed or Ralph are not available during an emergency. Scott Fowler said he would contact Ray at Whitmarsh and request a price for them to be on standby. It would be like an insurance policy if no one else is available. Council questioned could we collaborate with Frederica or Felton, Scott sys no, too expensive. If we have an issue we should contact Delaware Rural Water Association since we have been a member for many years. We could ask Sherry Turner to speak to council on this matter.

Scott Fowler will ask Ray and Sherry to address the council at a future meeting.

## **Old Business**

**Comprehensive Plan tabled until next month.**

### **Hatteras Hills**

Mayor Frazier went to the meeting and represented the town council regarding rezoning the property. He presented comments and used handouts. Townhouses were removed from the application. Robbie Rowe's wife and several residents from Misty Pines also attended the hearing. A future subdivision meeting will held to explain types of structures and a more acceptable layout. The vote was 6 to 1 and passed.

### **Lawn Contract**

Mayor Frazier presented a lawn contract proposal from Frazier's Lawn Service (no relation) for the 2017 season. The rates were the same as last year. Shawn Ramsey motioned to accept the proposal for 2017, Rebecca Campbell seconded the motion, motion passed.

### **Ordinance Implementation**

Rebecca Campbell wants to prepare a portfolio on houses needing work/repair etc. The two toned house, Lane house, etc.  
Ralph Satterfield is going to look at other contractors besides Buck for curb replacement by Shawn Ramsey house.

**Truck Traffic; nothing to report.**

**Mayor Frazier will work on the FY 2018 budget. Diane will prepare reports of financial information.**

### **Adjournment**

Mike Cohill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn Ramsey. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall