

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 10, 2017

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

6:00 PM - Call to Order

Called to order at 6:07 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

## Roll Call

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier; Scott Fowler, Rebecca Campbell, Mike Cohill and Shawn Ramsey were present. Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present. Guest: Justin Russum was present.

## Additions/deletions to published agenda

One addition regarding Cell Towers placed on agenda.

## Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Shawn Ramsey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Cohill. Motion was passed.

## Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills was submitted by Diane Cahall. Annual town tax bills and quarterly water bills will be mailed out on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Tax rate of .004 is the same as previous years; based on the Kent County assessment which is 60% of home value. A discount of 5% is available if paid prior to August 15<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Jim Frazier to approve the report and pay the bills, seconded by Scott Fowler, Motion passed.

## Public Works Report

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: All hydrants flushed, slightly more discoloration on West Walnut. Service has been ready to turn on at 9 North Main since late May. No one has been around since the request. 7/6: request to turn on 12 West Walnut, curb stop valve leaking (gasket) Aztech replaced. Grass cut. No luck finding a contractor to replace curbing on South Main. Purchased curb box wrench \$30.00.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,026,000 gallons of water during May 2017. Pump 2: 459,000 gallons. Pump 3: 567,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 23' and 30'. Pump 2 ran 34.4 hours, Pump 3 ran 34.4 hours. Chlorine average is .188. Water usage was up a little, Chlorine level is average and well numbers are good. Replaced curb st9p at 12 West Walnut, it was corroded and rusted. Ralph, Scott and Henry Mast did the job. Ralph flushed right after water was shut off with no problems. Scott and DRWA completed the annual Water Quality Report. Diane will sign and mail copies to the Office of Drinking Water and The Public Advocate. Copies will be sent certified/registered mail. Diane will also put a note on all 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter water bills stating that the report will be posted on the town hall information board and on the town website. Mayor Frazier will upload the report to the town's website.

Ralph Satterfield introduced Justin Russum to council. Mr. Russum currently works with Frederica's water system and Dover Air Park. Mr. Ed Halloch highly recommends Mr. Russum. Justin has had been a licensed water operator since 2005. He started in Milton, he is a certified sampler and handles fluoride and chlorine. Scott Fowler will prepare a Scope of Work on the Magnolia system and Mr. Russum will respond with a contract price.

Council discussed the curb repairs and repairs needed on North Main Street. Shea Concrete does not want to look at it. Henry Mast will do it – but he will be costly. Adel will not return Rebecca's calls. Rebecca will check with an Amish gentleman who is working on her property for a price. No contractors want to get involved with DelDot on the project.

## **New Business**

Mayor Frazier advised council that House Bill 189 regarding Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Act was released from committee on June 7 and approved and signed on June 8. The bill allows cell phone companies to install equipment on electric poles and add poles to run along the road on the state right of ways. This equipment has the potential to eliminate the need for Water tower satellites. The bill passed  
36 – 0. Our budget survives with Sprint and Verizon monthly rent for satellite space on our water tower. .

## **Old Business**

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Mayor Frazier made contact with David Edgil and will be receiving information from the University Of Delaware Institute Of Public Administration regarding updates and changes to our comprehensive plan.

### **Ordinance Implementation**

No information regarding the Ordinance.

**Truck Traffic; nothing to report.**

**Mayor Frazier presented a FY2017 draft budget. The budget was reviewed and approved by council. The budget shows a \$3,000 surplus and will go live on July 1, 2017.**

Rebecca Campbell advised council that she has purchased signs: "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" and will provide them to any residents that will display them in their yard. Her goal is to put one sign in everyone's yard. Rebecca also want to know if the town could get a drone to monitor traffic and security. She has attended a class on drones and expressed excitement and approval for their use in the community.

Rebecca expressed concern on the drug overdoses and renters living in the town, Everyone was reminded to call the Delaware State Police for any problems or concerns.

Council was informed that the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company has purchased the Carter Farm.

The Fire Company will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

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

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall