

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 9, 2018

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

6:00 PM - Call to Order
Called to order at 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Ralph Satterfield, Dustan Russum and Diane Cahall were present. Mike Cohill was excused due to illness. Shawn Ramsey was absent.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Scott Fowler and 2nd by James Frazier. Motion passed. Mayor Frazier noted that Gregory Williams has replaced Michael Powell of DNREC regarding flood plan.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills submitted by Diane Cahall. Delinquent water bills are slowly coming in; no response from Maria Bennett, Rigoberto Perez or Waneta Rentz. Dustan Russum noted that we should check with Suburban Propane to make sure we are getting the State Contract price on propane.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Water usage: 1,488,000 gallons of water during February 2018. Pump 2: 614,000 gallons. Pump 3: 874,000 gallons. Well levels: 27' and 30'. Pump 2 ran 53.6 hours, Pump 3 ran 51 hours. Chlorine average is .56. Fluoride is 1.1. Leak on 3 N. Main Street. Aztech ran a new service line and new corporation, valve and curb box. We have now ran three new service lines on N. Main using black poly which has no build up. Dustan is on the Board of Directors at Delaware Rural Water Association. There could be a possibility of obtaining some grant funding if we want to install meters as required. Basic grants require spending \$100,000 to obtain \$400,000 in funding.

Dustan will forward any grant information to Mayor Frazier. Council should create a wish list for water projects.

Scott Fowler advised council that Corrosion Control will submit a new 10 year contract for \$61,000 (previous contract was \$68,000) effective July 2018. The new contract will include; Annual inspection, Interior washout, Exterior painting and any necessary repair work. Matt advised Scott that they will begin interior painting in the near future. The Office of Drinking Water has to approve all paints used by Corrosion Control.

Council is advised that DelDot wants the town to repair all patches on Main Street. We will contact Bonini and Postles to see if any funds are available.

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: Since February meeting: Addressed flags and snow as needed. Attended Rural Water Conference and Kent County Comp Plan review. Flush went well. Extended time since last real flush was in November. We still need the ability to flush the end of South Main. Service line to 5 S. Main (9 hours) broke March 8th, replace on March 9th. I still need to seed their grass. as is the case with the last 3 service replacements. All located on old main on Main Street. North East storm brought down our Comcast line; will cut away. Time to think wireless for our control lines to pump houses. Will replace warning signs on pump house in the near future.

New Business

Ralph notified Council that the Magnolia Fire Company is offering to purchase the old John Deer tractor/mower that the town purchased in 2001 for \$550.00. Council approved selling the mower to the Fire Company.

Mayor Frazier asked Council if we could store 7 small cases of Magnolia books written by Hazel Wright Reynolds (Dot Wrights daughter) in the storage building until needed. Council approved storing the books.

Mayor Frazier advised council that Councilman Shawn Ramsey is moving out of town and will be renting his home on North Main Street. Therefore, Shawn is not permitted to serve on council. Shawn has agreed to serve on the Comp Plan as scheduled. We are currently two members short on council so everyone should be searching for replacements.

Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Frazier advised council that two representative from the University of Delaware IPA can answer questions concerning the Comp Plan but if we want interns to hold our hand during the process would be \$13,000 to \$16,000. The initial reactions are that 30 tables, 8 maps and index need to be reviewed for Comp Plan updates. Council discussed and since very few changes are necessary, the committee should be able to handle the updates and the town solicitor Barrett Edwards will review the plan before it is presented. The first planning review meeting will be on March 22nd.

Flood Insurance:

Mayor Frazier has been working with Greg Williams of DNREC. Mayor Frazier has completed the application and created a resolution to join the National Flood Insurance Program. Note: Magnolia is not located in a flood plan. Mayor Frazier signed the resolution and Diane Cahall attested.

Adjournment

James Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. 2nd by Scott Fowler, Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall