

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, December 10, 2018
7:00 PM
Magnolia Fire Company

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Ashton McLaughlin, Dustan Russum, Ralph Satterfield, and Diane Cahall were present. Buck Dougherty was absent.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was approved as published.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Scott Fowler made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 12th meeting; Jim Frazier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills submitted by Diane Cahall. Payment was received from the State in the amount of \$20,295.00 for the paving project. Invoices will be mailed on Dec. 31st for the 4th quarter 2018 water. Jim Frazier made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills, Ashton McLaughlin 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Water usage: 1,285,000 gallons of water during November 2018. Pump 2: 560,000 gallons. Pump 3: 725,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 33.1 hours, Pump 3 ran 43.1 hours. Chlorine average is .54. Fluoride is .8. The new water softener by the school is running good. The town will reimburse Daniel Russum for purchasing the system from ACE Hardware for \$410.97.

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: All lines flushed; with increased chlorine – takes longer. New service line put in for Fire Company; need to review bills from Aztech to see who pays for what. Christmas lights up, not as planned due to President Bush's death. Working on getting service on at 12 S. Main. Flags dressed as needed. Note that the books in the Book Nook are soaked due to north wind and rain. Ralph got a latch for the door and Mayor Frazier will email the Kent County Library regarding the problem.

New Business:Facebook:

Ashton McLaughlin reported on the Magnolia Facebook page. Ashton advised that businesses can advertise on our Facebook page and the town will receive credit.

Old Business:Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Frazier advised that the towns draft plan went over well. Three segments were added (all involved with Kent County). Letter to be received by the end of December regarding a few updates; then the final goes to the Governor for approval in January 2019.

Council Members:

Mr. Brian Howard will be available for March 2019 meeting.

Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier and Brian Howard got the grey car parked on the road (South Main Street) removed.

Adjournment:

Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. 2ND by Scott Fowler, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

302 335-5891

**December 10, 2018
Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company
6:00 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed borrowing of up to \$1,500,000 from the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services and the Delaware Drinking Water Revolving Fund to provide funding for the Town of Magnolia water utility replacement project.

The following resolution will set the stage for the January 14, 2019 public hearing:

The Town of Magnolia, Delaware is considering making an application for a long-term, low-interest loan in the sum of \$1,500,000, which is available through Delaware Division of Public Health's Office of Drinking Water and DNREC's Environmental Finance Section. This loan would be used to upgrade and replace certain sections of primary water supply pipes within the area serviced with water by the Town of Magnolia. Duffield Associates would provide technical support to the project.

Town residents and other water service clients of the Town may attend a public meeting on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, 2 North Main Street, Magnolia, DE 19962 to discuss and comment on the plan. Town Council will be in attendance, as well as representatives of Duffield Associates.

For additional information, please contact James Frazier, Mayor of the Town of Magnolia, at 302-943-0934 or at jfcrm4@gmail.com.

Carrie Kruger from Duffield Associates explained that the EPA has offered funding to states after the Flint, Michigan situation. The EPA has never funded private water systems before. The towns water main is aging and the size needs to be increased. The upgrade will only be from the main to the curb stop, just updating existing lines – no new lines. After the 2nd resolution has passed a voting referendum will be held for town residents. If DHSS approves the request, it will be voted on by the Water Infrastructure Advisory Council (Chair appointed by the Governor).

Mayor James Frazier requested a motion to accept the resolution as stated. Scott Fowler made a motion to accept the resolution, 2nd by Ashton McLaughlin, Motion passed.