

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2019
7:00 PM
Magnolia Fire Company

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

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was approved as published.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 10th meeting; Buck Dougherty 2nd the motion; Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills submitted by Diane Cahall. Diane contacted many CPA's to obtain pricing and availability to conduct a 3 year audit of the towns finances. Rick Tull of Lank, Johnson & Tull - Certified Public Accountants can perform the audit in a timely manner for a cost under \$12,000.

Sandra Gulledge CPA has all necessary information to prepare the 2018 W2's and W9's for the town. These documents will be mailed to employees before the end of January. Jim Frazier made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills, Ashton McLaughlin 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Frazier made a motion to approve Lank, Johnson & Tull - Certified Public Accountants for the 3 year audit. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion, Motion approved.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Water usage: 1,364,000 gallons of water during December 2018. Pump 2: 571,000 gallons. Pump 3: 793,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 34 hours, Pump 3 ran 47.4 hours. Chlorine average is .69. Fluoride is .7. Dustan explained he just needs January figures to complete the Annual Pumping Report required by DNREC. He has also started on the required Lead & Copper testing. Listing 10 locations and testing at 5 locations.

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: All lines flushed; no problems. Christmas lights are down and packed away. Auto flusher returned to DRWA. Ralph advised that he would like to attend the DRWA water conference on February 27 -28. Thanks goes to Dustan for digging out curb box at 12 South Main and Buck for pushing snow. I did the rest at 12 S. Main and the salting. Rush job for water hook ups at new Fire Company Building.

New Business:

Facebook:

Ashton McLaughlin; nothing to report at this time

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Frazier advised that the town received 12 pages of comments and suggestions concerning the plan. One suggestion concerns bicycle paths thru the town. The plan is due back to council in March.

Council Members:

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

Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier advised the Schmidt property (28 W. Walnut) has been sold to Mr. J. DuPont with the possibility of demolition and rebuild.

Good of the Order:

Mayor Frazier will not be available for the July 8, 2019 meeting. Vice Mayor Scott Fowler can reside over the meeting or we can reschedule if necessary.

Adjournment:

Mayor Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. 2ND by Ashton McLaughlin. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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**January 14, 2019
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.

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Buck Dougherty, Ashton McLaughlin, Dustan Russum, Ralph Satterfield, and Diane Cahall were present.
Guest: Maria Bennett.

The public hearing on Dec. 10th was not advertised with adequate time to qualify for grant requirements. Therefore; we are holding this hearing on January 14 to meet requirements.

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.

Mayor Frazier provided history on the town water system and shared a handout to those in attendance.

Mayor James Frazier and Vice Mayor Scott Fowler read the entire resolution. If at any time following the public hearing, the Town Council determines to proceed with the proposed borrowing the Town Council shall pass a second resolution, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Town Council, to schedule a special election and proceed with proposed borrowing if the borrowing is approved by a majority of votes cast at the special election.

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.

For additional information, please contact James Frazier, Mayor of the Town of Magnolia, at 302-943-0934 or at jfcr4@gmail.com.