

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2019

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Buck Dougherty, Ashton McLaughlin, Dustan Russum, Brian Howard and Ralph Satterfield were present. Vice Mayor Scott Fowler and Secretary Diane Cahall were absent. Meeting notes compiled by Mayor Frazier and Councilwoman Ashton McLaughlin.

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 March 11th meeting; Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was continued until the May meeting. Buck Dougherty made a motion to pay the bills; Ashton McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Dustan has an interview scheduled for April 15 related to the Needs Assessment he has been working on for the last few months.

The contracted full Town audit is still pending completion by the CPA we engaged.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: all lines flushed; W. Walnut a little heavy. Things to do: Roof repair most buildings. Door frames needs tabs replace on warehouse. Remove cover on side of Town Hall. Place flush valve at end of South Main.

New Business:

There was no New Business this month.

Old Business:

Phone Service:

Mayor Frazier provided update on our phone service. His cell phone (Verizon) has been upgraded. Town phone land line (Comcast) has been moved to a new cell phone (Verizon) to be maintained by the Secretary. Same phone number applies.

Fax machine taken out of service and transferred to Delaware Public Archives as a replacement unit there. Comcast account was shut down and related equipment will be returned to them by Mayor Frazier.

Lawn Care 2019

Frazier's Lawn Care (no relation to the Mayor) was engaged again to do our lawn care for 2019 season, with no increase in pricing from last year.

Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Traffic Study

After submitting a funding wish list to MPO in January, the Town was informed that we are 1 of 9 recommended projects for funding in FY 2020. We are number 7 on the list and available funding will not cover all 9 projects. However, we have been knocking on doors for nearly 10 years now to no avail, so this action at least gets us on the radar screen.

Projected cost for the Traffic Assessment is \$20,000, which would make our required 10% cost share \$2,000, which is easily absorbed, unless we opt to enlist a legislator to cover that with CTF funds.

DELDOT Audit

Received notice that our DeIDOT CTF audit was successfully completed. This covered sidewalks installed back in the 1990s and the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company parking lot repaving project in 2014, for which we provided bidding and financial processing assistance.

Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Frazier received a letter from Governor John Carney indicating his approval of our 2019 Comprehensive Plan draft. Mayor Frazier will maintain a copy, a copy will be placed in Town Hall and the entire final report will be published to our website.

Code Enforcement:

Nothing to report this month.

Facebook:

Nothing to report this month.

Good of the Order:

Adjournment:

Buck Dougherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm. Second by Ashton McLaughlin. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.