

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2019

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Buck Dougherty, Brian Howard, Ashton McLaughlin, Dustan Russum and Scott Fowler were present. Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present. Guests: Jacobi and Rita Schaefer from local Boy Scout troop were attending the meeting so the scout could earn a government badge.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was approved as published.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Scott Fowler advised council that he was present at the April meeting. Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 15th meeting with the correction. Ashton McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Cahall presented the following treasurer report: Auditor Rick Tull is working on the audit, he has not requested any additional information except a copy of the Verizon and Sprint tower contracts. Diane ordered the 2019 tax assessment from Kent County and will forward council a copy as soon as it is available. We have received two checks from the State of Delaware for the Water Assessment Grant and we are up to date on request. We have received our final bill from Comcast and all phones will be billed under Verizon wireless. Diane told council she is very happy with town phone number being on a cell phone; it is easier to monitor and can answer questions immediately instead of having to make call backs. Mayor Frazier requested Diane to email him Custom Financial Reports and he will prepare the 2020 budget for the June 2019 meeting. Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills. Buck Dougherty 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

The town used 1,425,000 gallons of water during April 2019. Pump 2: 613,000 gallons. Pump 3: 812,000 gallons. Well levels: 36', 30' and 39'. Pump 2 ran 35.1 hours, Pump 3 ran 46.1 hours. Chlorine average chlorine is .77 and Fluoride average is .7. Dustan attended an EPA Lead meeting with Heather, after discussion they decided to leave our grant request as prepared. Dustan also suggested we push the auditor to complete the audit as soon as possible.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: All lines flushed with no problems. Auto flusher on line at West Walnut for a trial period as requested by Del. Rural Water Association. George & Lynch repaved East Walnut, the two worst low spots corrected but some small ones remain. Storm drain and main holes begin reseated. Sprint subcontractor in town last week on the tower. A sub-contractor of Del. Rural Electric in Town today needs H2O lines on West Walnut marked for electric service buried. Also a letter to release town of liability for line damage. Ralph also stated that two wheelbarrows of sand are removed from driveways after the street sweeper comes through town.

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New Business:

2020 Budget:

Mayor Frazier will prepare 2020 budget for review at the June meeting.

Code of Ethics:

Mayor Frazier will email Council an information link on the State of Delaware code regarding Code of Ethics.

Safety Source:

Mayor Frazier presented all council members with a copy of Municipal Safety Source for Property and Casualty Insurance.

Old Business:

MPO Traffic Study:

Mayor Frazier advised council that we should not expect a traffic assessment until 2020.

Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier's put door notices on 8 properties regarding high lawns over 6", and all 8 properties mowed their grass. Joshua DuPont has purchased the Schmidt property at 28 West Walnut. This property has been neglected for years and Mr. DuPont has intentions of rebuilding. Council also discussed the problems with dangerous buildings on the Ferger property and conditions of the Farrow property.

Facebook:

Nothing to report this month.

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Adjournment:

Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Second by Brian Howard. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.