

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2020

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Additions/deletions to published agenda: the agenda was approved as published.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 9th meeting. Ashton McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Cahall presented the treasurer report and all invoices to be paid: Diane advised that all residents with a delinquent balance were sent statements with their invoices. Dustan Russum advised his new address: 326 Carpenters Bridge Road, Harrington. Mayor Frazier showed council an award the town received for Fluoridation 2019. Scott Fowler made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report to Council. The town used 1,182,000 gallons of water during December 2019. Pump 2: 525,000 gallons. Pump 3: 657,000 gallons. Well levels: 33' and 33'. Pump 2 ran 32.8 hours, Pump 3 ran 39.5 hours. Chlorine average is .61 and Fluoride average is .8.

Ralph Satterfield presented public works report: Ralph met with tower inspectors from Southern Corrosion. Kept Christmas lights on until Jan. 6, 2020. Put temporary patch in pot hole on 9 North Main Street. Hydrant flush on December 10 was the same as November. Placed mice repellent in the town hall. Speed sign repair still in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resettlement Letter

Mayor Frazier presented information on a request from Jackie Paradee Mette regarding illegal immigrants. Gov. John Carney requests towns to complete a letter (template included) to Sec. of State Mike Pompeo stating Delaware consents to refugees in the State. Mayor Frazier will contact town solicitor Barrett Edwards for input.

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Tree Lighting Recap

The Orchard Church Tree lighting was well attended; the choir sang carols and hot chocolate was served. The only expense to the town was electric. Mayor Frazier did note that Georgetown and Rehoboth held live Nativity; which could encounter problems with Separation of Church and State; the principle that government must maintain an attitude of neutrality toward religion.

OLD BUSINESS

Water on Roadway

Brian Howard got pictures of water on the cross walk over Dots. Water splashes off the road onto Buck Dougherty's porch. Ashton McLaughlin is waiting for snow melt photos before contacting DelDot.

Damaged Speed Sign

Ralph Satterfield reported that the State Sign Shop will do a new Thorn Street sign to correct the spelling. The electronic sign will be replaced by Rep. Postles.

MPO Traffic Study

Traffic Study on hold until bridge repair west of town is completed.

Code Enforcement

Nothing to report.

Facebook

Ashton McLaughlin stated Facebook is ongoing with a couple hits per day.

Building Maintenance

Buck Dougherty advised that the 2 buildings on the town lot are finished. The wall above the town hall does move on the roof line; Ashton questioned if it could fall on the road? Buck advised no. There is rotten wood on the cap. He can take the cap off and install a 2x8 on top with 8" decking screws or a better fix is to take off siding, inspect and repair/replace. Mayor Frazier made a motion to fix solidly and Ashton McLaughlin 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Second by Buck Dougherty. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane P. Cahall