

**TOWN OF MAGNOLIA
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Mayor James Frazier

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**MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes**

Monday, May 9, 2022

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Made at 6:00 pm.

Monthly Council Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor James Frazier, Councilpersons Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty and Susanne Whitney were present. Vice Mayor Scott Fowler was absent. Clerk Diane Cahall, and Assistant Ralph Satterfield were present. Dustan Russum, Water Systems Operator was absent due to truck problem.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

Agenda stands as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was prepared and presented to members by Diane Cahall. Council reviewed bills to be paid and disbursements during April. Ryan Clarke made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Susanne Whitney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting; Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting. Ryan Clarke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Dustan Russum presented the following water report: The town used 1,305,000 gallons of water during April 2022. Pump 2: 571,000 gallons. Pump 3: 734,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 44.2 hours; Pump 3 ran 46.7 hours. Chlorine average is .85 and Fluoride .6.

Ralph Satterfield reported: Flush went well. Spent some time with Reybold on the project; project is winding down. Will work on flush change for South and Main to keep H₂O out of field and last house on west side. Fence will go back up 5/13/22. May 4th night work was bad; the corner couldn't compact, a 15-mile car chase with ended by the Reybold road block and house fire at 11 South Main Street. Also noted that propane tank for pumphouse 2 is empty.

Cross Connection project; Nothing to report.

Lead Service Line Inventory: Nothing to report.

Traffic Assessment: Mayor Frazier met with consultant from the Univ. of Delaware regarding assessment that he provided to the town at no charge last fall. One has suggested one-way traffic and another suggests opposite direction. We can hire a 3rd engineer if we use ARPA funding. Discussion will continue.

Curb Painting: on hold until infrastructure water project is complete. .

Transportation Improvement District: Mayor Frazier will attend a meeting with DelDot on May 17th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Budget FY 2023: Reports have been prepared and final budget will be presented next month for approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

Properties and Code Enforcement:

- a. 34 South Main – Carey property sold to Sumuri.
- b. 31/33 South Main – settlement, per Jessica Brower, set for May 25.
- c. 35 South Main – sold, unclear whether owner-occupied or rental.
- d. 5 South Main – Hannah project continues.

Another project on the property located on the south side of Irish Hill Rd. on the west side of Clapham Rd. 1045 ft. south of Thorn St., south of Magnolia is being considered by a Solar Farm company.

Brian Howard has submitted three FOIA requests to us regarding the Hannah property. Responses being prepared. We also provided information and clarifications to Kent County Permitting, as he has submitted requests to them as well.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

Mayor Frazier prepared ARPA report due to State the end of April. Jim was one of 20 who completed the report: 57 must report and 37 have not reported to date.

Mail /Package Deliveries: nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Buck Dougherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm.
2nd by Ryan Clarke. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Cahall