

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 8, 2023

> Call to Order

Called at 6:00 PM

> Pledge of Allegiance

> Roll Call

Council members present; Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Ryan Clarke, Susanne Whitney and Buck Dougherty. Diane Cahall, Dustan Russum and Ralph Satterfield were present.

> Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved as presented; motion by Buck, second by Susanne, motion carried.

> Treasurer's Report

Review of Diane's prepared report. Council reviewed the financial report, balances, and bills to be paid. Buck motioned to pay the bills, second by Susanne, motion carried. Diane advised Council that property assessments for 2023 have been requested from Kent County and mortgage Companies have been contacted for this year's tax invoices. We received a copy of Don Gravatt's liability insurance for grass mowing. The property at 8 W. Walnut has changed ownership again; now owned by GNREC investment company. 19 S. Main was owned by Carie Rosal; it is now owned by Equity Trust Company. Council discussed moving funds to another banking institution to conform with the FDIC Insurance of \$250,000. This amount is regulated by a company's Federal ID Number not by each individual account. Dustan advised Frederica met with Susan Welsh of Shore United Bank, Diane will contact Susan. Diane will obtain more bank information from other banks for the June meeting. Diane will run financial reports for Jim to work on the 2023/2024 budget.

## > Public Works/Infrastructure

a. Water System & Fire Hydrants: Dustan Russum read April water reports to Council including: water usage, fluoride/chlorine levels, and well levels. Scott, Dustan and Ralph discussed how often hydrants should be flushed. The auto flusher by the Church was set to every night and might go to every other night. Dustan stated that Southern Corrosion should clean the interior of the tank. Ralph said the curb box for 28 W. Walnut broke and has been repaired and Delmarva Power is going to fix lights in front of fire house and post office. Mayor Frazier spoke with James Smith regarding switching town streetlights from regular to LED when they need replacing. After council discussion Jim will get back to Mr. Smith and advise we are interested.

DWR Fund: Jim and Scott attended a zoom meeting regarding finances for Pumps and Well project. Jim received verification that 50k bonus is on the way and he will provide a copy of our audit. Capital Improvement Tower Project. Cross Connections: Jim and Dustan are providing documents at this point. Lead Service Line (120 Water) must be in place by October 2024. Jim received a proposal from 120 Water Rep. \$5,500 software bundle plus yearly fees for 8 years. The lead lines were inventoried during the 2022 water project. Greg at Verandas has the data and is asking for financial help. Council discussed the Service line and the homeowner line; Dustan is doing 3 feet. We have calculated 210 units on the system. The trailer park has two service lines on our system. Scott is getting an estimate from Wilkerson for curb painting. TID: Jim has a meeting scheduled with Sarah Keifer. Mayor Frazier advised there is one more meeting regarding the Dover Air Force Base study. The study covers a 2 ½ mile radius.

Jim also advised 32 S. Main has a trash issue. ARPA is due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Jim is waiting for final tower contract from T Mobile corporate office.

Council discussed request from Robert Faircloth to pay for water filters, etc. for his home. The town cannot be responsible for homeowner's water system within their homes.

Ralph Satterfield reported: Addressed flags as needed. All lines were flushed. Two broken curb lines replaced. Joe Anello water is turned back on; he is planning on leaving mid-summer. Light on 5 N. Main reported again.

**New Business:** no new business

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Buck, second by Ryan and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cahall