

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 11, 2023

> Call to Order

Called at 5:57 PM

> Pledge of Allegiance

> Roll Call

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

>Minutes of Last Meeting

Council reviewed the August 14th minutes. Buck made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Buck, motion carried.

>Treasurer's Report

Review of Diane's prepared report. Council reviewed the financial report, balances, and bills to be paid. Diane advised Council that 11 West Walnut sold for \$233K. The County is working on the Kent County Pride website and it should be available in the near future.

Diane has moved the town CDs within PNC; transferred all CDs to our General Checking Account at the Greentree PNC Branch. One of the CD's was deposited into our Market Savings Account and it has been transferred to General Checking. The town has \$125,000 to purchase CDs at Shore United Bank in Felton, DE. Jim motioned to purchase 3 CDs in the amounts of: \$40,000 and \$40,000 and \$45,000. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion, motion passed. Susanne motioned to accept the treasurers report and pay the bills, second by Ryan, motion carried.

> Public Works/Infrastructure

a. Water System & Fire Hydrants: Dustan Russum read August water reports and provided copies to Council including: water usage, fluoride/chlorine levels, and well levels. Dustan advised council that the Copper/Lead Test have been completed; he will be dropping off certification tomorrow. Chloride testing equipment was purchased. Ralph advised he finally got Verizon to move the spare pole by the firehouse and he flushed hydrants around the school. Anita and Ralph delivered the test bottles. Buck and Ralph will look into object by traffic light, it looks like a snake; could be weather stripping. Sumuri complained of dirty colored water in their rear building. Buck advised the school left an outside spigot on overnight.

Jim provided information regarding the Tower Planning Grant:

\$100,000 Tower planning 7 design was a matching grant.

\$ 50,000 State of Delaware Office of Drinking Water.

\$ 50,000 Capital Improvement funds from Bonini.

Scott and Jim stated we can use the Resolution done last February. Jim motioned to accept the proposal present from Verantas. Second by Buck, motion carried.

\$8,700 Rehab of Wells Project in sections. Preparation of scope, Bidding Services and Site Meeting, Review contractor data and prepare letter report; Project Meetings and Management.

Scott motioned to accept the resolution, second by Ryan, motion passed.

Jim advised that Greg Freimuth from Verdantas is working on Scope for Well Rehab project. Becker Morgan Group is the surveyors for the Tower Planning Project.

Curb Painting;

Scott obtained another cost proposal for curb painting. Wilkerson \$2,625 plus fee to weed sidewalks. Jim got a cost for weed treatment only in the amount of \$1,300.

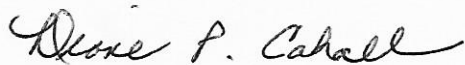
Jim advised John Wooten Jr. has hired an attorney from Wilmington regarding his father's property. The attorney contacted our solicitor, Barrett Edwards. Barrett and Jim are communicating on the situation.

Jim has scheduled a meeting with the Workman Plan Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Hannah, Jason and Steve from Sumuril. They will be meeting in the Sumuri conference room on September 18th.

Diane will complete a search for the correct spelling of Susanne aka Suzanne for future minutes.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Buck, Ryan, second by Susanne and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane P. Cahall".

Diane Cahall

SPECIAL NOTE:

Following the August 14th meeting the Council made the following decision: Signers on the CD's will be James Frazier, Scott Fowler and Diane Cahall. CDs will require 2 signatures.