

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 11, 2024

MVFC

Call to Order

Called to order – 6:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Susanne Whitney, Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty, Diane Cahall and Donald Woikoski – present.

Minutes of Oct. 14th Meeting

Reviewed, motion to approve by Scott, second by Susanne, approved.

Treasurer's Report

Delinquent statements including the first 3 quarters of water 2024 and property taxes were mailed out September 30th. This is to reach mortgage companies that have resold during the year, refinanced mortgages and property management companies that are handling rentals and leases.

Public Works/Infrastructure

Water Dept:

Dustan Russum presented the following water report: The town used 1,119,000 gallons of water during October 2024. Pump 2: 526,000 gallons. Pump 3: 665,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 25 hours; Pump 3 ran 30 hours. Chlorine average is .7 and Fluoride .52.

Further discussion of the replacement butterfly valve in Pump House #2 and the two hydrants to be repaired by Dustan – one on North Main, one on Irish Hill Road.

Scott, Dustan and Jim toured both pump houses and the other two Town buildings before tonight's meeting to assess needed upgrades and repairs. Once Jim assembles those needs into a scope of work it will be distributed to interested contractors to put together proposals. Any member knowing interested parties should pass that info to Jim.

There will be a new curb stop upcoming at the empty lot on the south side of 1663 Clapham Road. Tyler Wright, who rehabbed and owned 1663 Clapham, has now sold it and will be building a new residence on the empty lot. Street address still pending assignment by Kent County. He will be submitting his water impact fee prior to that new tap.

Jim has spoken with Greg Freimuth of Verdantas and he feels we might have a shot at some more "forgiven" funding in 2025 via Office of Drinking Water. He will revisit the figures for the amount needed to complete new mains on the portion of North Main Street not done during the Reibold project. We had estimated it at \$875,000 when first proposed.

Cross-Connection Service – on hold till at least 2026

Lead Service Line Inventory – No update

Traffic Projects – No update

Transportation Improvement District – No update

New Business

Except for the incumbents Scott Fowler and Susanne Whitney, no one filed to run in the 2025 Town election, so no election will be held. Jim will post that notice in the usual locations.

Old Business

- a. Properties and Code Enforcement – no updates.
- b. ARPA – final report due April 2025. We have now spent all of the funds, the majority of which went into the new well.
- c. Management Transition Plan – no update
- d. PFAS Class Action Litigation - PFAS 533 report forthcoming via Dustan that will be used in our class action suit.
- e. MVSC Boats – No update.

No further business; motion to adjourn by Scott; second by Susanne; meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Cahall, Secretary