

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
November 13, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

SCANNED

The Berterton Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sutton at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Sutton, Councilman Gilchrest, Councilman Marcy, Councilman Pyfer, Town Attorney Yeager, Town Manager Greenwell, Jeff Miller, Public Works Employee and Town Clerk Dlugoborski. **ABSENT:** Councilman Fracassi.

RESIDENTS: Candi Sorge, Mary Ann Wasiko-Smith, Clyde Warden, Ginny Story, and Dick Story.

Others in attendance: Undersheriff Brian Kirby, Kent County Sheriff's Office; Trish McGee, Kent County News, and Jamie Williams, Kent County Economic Development.

Council Members Oath of Office – Mayor Sutton swore in recently elected council members Harry Marcy (term ends 2022), Robert Pyfer (term ends 2020) and Wayne Gilchrest (term ends 2022).

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore – Councilman Marcy made a motion to appoint Councilman Pyfer as the Mayor Pro Tempore; seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor.

Committee Appointments – Mayor Sutton stated that the appointments would be made at the next workshop meeting.

MINUTES: Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting and the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting October 23, 2018; Seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Councilman Pyfer motioned to approve the October financial report; seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Undersheriff Kirby gave the report for the Month of October 2018: 22 Speed Assignments; 6 Warnings; 6 Citations; 0 DUI Arrest; 1 Criminal Complains; 1 Non-criminal Calls for Service. Fiscal Year 2018/19 October Overtime Expense – \$1,215.83 Undersheriff Kirby announced that Corporal Ben Hicks retired as of October 31, 2018.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Jamie Williams – Kent County Economic Development. Ms. Williams gave an overview of what her office has and will be doing for the county and towns. Ms. Williams talked about upcoming events as well as business expansions and openings happening in the county.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: No Report

BCDC: Candi Sorge presented the Mayor and Council a check for half the amount for the decorative pole flags that were recently purchased. The new flags will go up after the first of the year. The museum is closed for the season. Wreath making will be on December 1st at the American Legion. The train show will be December 15th & 16th.

PLANNING: Next meeting will be on November 19th. There is nothing on the agenda.

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

ROADS: Mayor Sutton and Councilman Gilchrest met with an adjacent landowner about the Wheeler Avenue project.

Candi Sorge commented that the town crew has done an incredible job on patching the road.

PARK: Bathhouse has been winterized and locked. Will be getting a new quote within the week for bathhouse roof, pump station 2 and adding the shed roof by the water tower.

SAFETY: No Report.

FIRE: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: Water tower painting will be put off until next spring due to the weather and cold temperatures. Jeff Miller gave an update on the plants.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: No Report.

Trash:	October 2018 – 12.54 Tons
Recycling:	October 2018 – 3.90 Tons

TOWN MANAGER REPORT: Elizabeth Greenwell gave a brief overview of the grants that the town has received and in the process of applying for.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Permit Fees – There will be a public hearing on the permit fees at the council workshop on November 27th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proclamation – Municipal Government Works Month – Mayor Sutton introduced the proclamation. Councilman Gilchrest motioned to accept the proclamation; Councilman Marcy seconded; all in favor.

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OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Marcy asked for an update on the street lights. Town Manager Greenwell stated that she has been in contact with Delmarva Power and we should be hearing back from them within the next two weeks.

Councilman Gilchrest asked about the solar streetlights on Bayside Avenue. He has located a town, Parkland, Michigan that has 100% solar lights. Councilman Gilchrest stated he would contact Parkland and get information.

MaryAnn Wasko-Smith asked if the town could get back to the sustainable community. Stated that this needs to be addressed in a more formal way and should be updated.

- November 22/23 – Town Offices Closed / Thanksgiving
- November 27 – Council Workshop & Public Hearing – Idlewhile Pump Station
- December 1 – Wreath Making @ Betterton Legion sponsored by BCDC and American Legion
- December 15/16 - Train Show
- December 24/25 – Town Offices Closed/Christmas (no Council Workshop)

A motion was made by Councilman Pyfer close the November 19, 2018 meeting; seconded by Councilman Marcy; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

December 11, 2018

