

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
September 11, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

The Berterton Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sutton at 7:00 p.m. followed by a moment of silence.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Sutton, Councilman Fracassi, Councilman Gilchrest, Councilman Marcy, Councilman Pyfer, Town Attorney Yeager, Town Manager Greenwell and Town Clerk Dlugoborski.

RESIDENTS: Candi Sorge, Mary Ann Wasco-Smith, Jack Fernwalt, Scott Fernwalk, Shane Fernwalt and Nancy Grahamer.

Others in attendance: Sgt. Lodge, Kent County Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Sutton swore in Nancy Grahamer as the alternate for the Election Board.

MINUTES: Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting as well as the Mayor and Council Workshop minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor.

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

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: For the Month of August 2018: 28 Speed Assignments; 18 Warnings; 3 Citations; 0 DUI Arrest; 0 Criminal Complains; 8 Non-criminal Calls for Service. Fiscal Year 2018/19 July Overtime Expense – \$0.00; Berterton Patrol Balance F/Y 2018/19 - \$4,234.63

Sgt. Lodge reminded everyone of the Kent Goes Purple for the month of September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: Free Concert here on Sunday, September 23 featuring Andy McCown, Tom McHugh and a group from Penn State University.

BCDC: Candi Sorge reported that the museum is experiencing low attendance during the summer hours. Washington College has a group of students participating in a museum study program. They will be at the museum on Fridays in September and October. The students are also doing a virtual realty to go on the website. And looking at writing curriculum for Kent County Public Schools for history. The museum will be closing for the season the end of September.

Banners – BCDC likes both designs presented to them. Final choice was made for the sailboat with sun. The Town Manager will order.

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PLANNING: Town Manager Greenwell reported that the next meeting will be on September 24, 2018 to review house plans for Ms. DeShullo, 503 Main Street. The Planning Attorney, Mitch Mowell has revised the sign ordinance to present to the Mayor and Council.

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

ROADS: Mayor Sutton reported that the town crew have been busy cleaning out the storm drains in preparation of the upcoming storm.

PARK: The memorial bench for Pat Morris is in place in the swing set area at the Sixth Avenue Park.

SAFETY: No Report.

FIRE: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: Councilman Pyfer was able to acquire a new blower for the WWTP at ¼ the cost saving the town approximately \$5,000. Pump Station #1 is failing. Town worker, Jeff Miller, and County WTP/WWTP Supervisor, Greg Swartz, are working to keep it going. Paving has started at the new WWTP. Start-up date for the new WWTP is scheduled for October 12, 2018.

Councilman Pyfer stated that the generator from the old WWTP will need to be moved to the WTP. The town will need to have a concrete pad poured strong enough to hold the generator. We will get quotes on getting the pad poured and generator moved.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: No Report.

Trash: August 2018 – 12.87 Tons
Recycling: August 2018 – 2.23 Tons

TOWN MANAGER REPORT: 7/11/18 – 8/28/18 Average 26 hours per week

Received confirmation that we received \$800,000 from Community Block Grant

Current Grant Applications FEMA, CDBG, and Community Legacy we are waiting to hear if we received the grants. Only community in Maryland that received the FEMA grant. Working with Terry Fearins from USDA to secure gap funding for Wheeler Ave. project.

Met with representatives from DNR on 7/24 to discuss ideas for Wheeler Avenue.

Submitted Program Open Space Grant submitted for Rigbie Steps and Arbor Play Area (new playground, poured in place, and misters) at Sixth Avenue Park.

Water Tower – Southern Corrosion wants to start working on tower in October. We will need to be able to drain the tower and store water to have this process done. Mayor Sutton stated that the last time we had a tank brought in and used it while they were working on the tower. The representative had stated that they had tanks they could bring for us to use.

Post Office – No update

Rigbie Steps - Coordinated with Stephanie Jones from the county and Jay Silcox. RFP is going out for the Rigbie bank. Estimate for bench is \$18,000. Stephanie is trying to get it paid for through afforestation funding.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Hunting Ordinance – Discussion on doing a modification to the current ordinance to allow waterfowl hunting on specific farms and extend the deer season. Council agrees to have a modification to the ordinance. It can be introduced on October 9, 2018, then have the public hearing on it the same night. A public notice will be posted in the local paper.

Permit Fees – Per Town Attorney Yeager, there will have to be a permit fee increase ordinance and a public hearing for it. The public hearing can be the same night as the public hearing for the hunting ordinance.

Wheeler Avenue Project will need a public hearing and should be held on a separate night.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Hire – We are seeking a new hire to help with the water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant. We will put an ad out for the position.

OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Council Workshop on September 25th. Attending the ESAM Dinner Meeting.

September – Kent Goes Purple Campaign

September – December – Youth Group starts back up

September 30th – Betterton Fire Co. Car Show

October 2nd – Kent County Commissioner Meeting; St. Hwy report 6 p.m.

October 6th – Betterton Election

October 19th – Auction – Betterton Legion 7 p.m.

October 20th – Costume Dane – Betterton Legion 8 p.m.

Councilman Gilchrest – Environmental Education Center at Turner's Creek. Received grant to help provide transportation for kids around the county to attend the program. Was asking if the Youth Group would be interested in hiking, canoeing, etc. Age group Pre-K through College. Town Manager Greenwell stated to contact Patti Bone for the Youth Group.

Polls for the election open on October 6th 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Ballots are counted after 6 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Fracassi to adjourn the September 11, 2018 meeting; seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

October 9, 2018

