

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
March 12, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

The Berterton Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sutton at 7:02 p.m.

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

RESIDENTS: Candi Sorge, Cheryl Fracassi, Dick Story, Ginny Story, Mary Ann Wasko-Smith, and David Paltrineri.

Others in attendance: Sheriff John Price, Kent County Sheriff's Office.

MINUTES: *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting and the Mayor and Council Workshop minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting; Seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor.*

FINANCIAL REPORT: *Councilman Gilchrest motioned to approve the February 2019 financial report; seconded by Councilman Marcy; all in favor.*

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: The new slide for "The Jewell" came in today. Will be installed soon. Kenny Burke had stated that he would donate mulch for that area.

BCDC: Candi Sorge reported that there will be a community museum driving tour on May 4th and the Berterton Heritage Museum will be on the tour as well as the train display will be open. May 19th there will be a Lunch and Learn for anyone interested in volunteering for museum. Hopefully they will get the results of the virtual reality tour from Washington College. The museum will be open for the season on May 27th.

PLANNING: No Report

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

ROADS: Councilman Gilchrest commented on the bluff on Bayside Blvd. and how the cliff is crumbling away towards the road more and more.

Mary Ann Wasko-Smith attended a seminar with MDOT for grants and spoke with Peter Southerland and asked about the missing crossing at Main and Sixth Avenue. Mayor Sutton said when he asked about putting it back in, they said it wasn't in the budget. Doesn't mean we can't keep asking. Mrs. Smith said that MDOT was having an internal discussion about it and waiting to hear from them.

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PARK: The roof at the town park as well as pump station 2 roof and the building at the well will be replaced as soon as the weather breaks. The seesaw seats have been removed at the town park.

SAFETY: No Report

FIRE: No Report

WATER/SEWER: Mayor Sutton read a brief report from Jeff Miller, plant operator, on the performance of the plants in the last month.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff John Price gave the report for the Month of February 2019: 14 Speed Assignments; 1 Warnings; 0 Citations; 0 DUI Arrest; 1 Criminal Complaint; 1 CDS Case- Charges Pending; 1 Non-criminal Calls for Service. Fiscal Year 2018/19 February Overtime Expense – \$0.00. Mayor Sutton informed Sheriff Price that on June 1st there will be a Land Jam festival on the Leigh Farm on Howell Point Road and asked if the Sheriff's office would increase patrol in the area that day.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: The next meeting will be Monday March 25th at 7 p.m.

Trash: February 2019 - 8.61 Tons

Recycling: February 2019 – 1.99 Tons – Have not received any information about what the rate increase will be.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT: Elizabeth Greenwell gave a brief report. Reminder that the meeting for Bayside is on Friday, March 15th at 3 p.m. Requesting to get as many people from Bayside at the meeting as they can as they will be discussing the schematic design and how to move forward.

Surveys have been sent out to the residents as well as a link on Facebook and the town web page. Please encourage everyone to fill out the survey. They are due back on March 19th.

Mayor Sutton performed the swearing in of David Paltrineri to fill a vacant position on the Board of Appeals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Gilchrest asked if questions can be gathered as to what they want to discuss on March 29th with the County officials, Sheriff's office and the County Administrator. Parking/monitoring person at the beach, life guards, bath house, etc.

There is a meeting on April 23rd with the County Commissioner at 3 p.m. to discuss any budget requests. The Town of Chestertown has submitted a formal tax setoff budget request. The Commissioners would like to discuss the issue with all five municipalities. Discuss services or programs provided by your town as well as how much those efforts costs.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Ann Wasko-Smith reported that there are a couple of grants they are working on to submit within the next thirty days. Demolition Grant for Engineering Project for Ericsson Avenue with a deadline of April/early May. Also the MDOT Grant which is a Public Safety Grant to reimburse for Sheriff's Department overtime costs for Betterton.

OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 23 – American Legion Pork Dinner 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Dick Story reported that the Lions Club had a successful Night at the Races. The monies go to grants to non-profit organizations throughout Kent County, a scholarship to a Kent County Senior, and three fire companies. Next Night at the Races will be held on November 2nd. The Lions Club is having a membership drive if anyone is interested in joining.

Town Attorney Yeager asked if the town would contribute towards him attending the MML Conference in June. Mayor Sutton stated that the town would contribute.

Mayor Sutton reported that we are close to having all the final signatures on the easements for the Wheeler Avenue project. Met with Mr. Silcox. Finishing up the contract documents that CDBG needs. After that the RFP bids will go out. Easements will be recorded.

Working on an open house for the public for the new wastewater treatment plant.

Mary Ann Wasko-Smith asked if there is a landscape plan for the new post office. Mayor Sutton stated that there will be shrubbery.

Ms. Smith also asked about the new banners that go on the poles along Main Street and Ericsson Avenue. Mayor Sutton stated that they would be installed once the weather gets better.

A motion was made by Councilman Gilchrest to close the March 12, 2019 meeting; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

April 9, 2019