

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
April 9, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

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

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

RESIDENTS: Wendy Coslett, Craig Smith, Mary Anne Wasco-Smith, Cheryl Fracassi, Candi Sorge, Dick Story, Ginny Story, Mel Rapelyea, Barbara Lamphere, and Rick Bisgyek.

MINUTES: *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting and the Mayor and Council Workshop minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting and the public hearing minutes of April 2, 2019; Seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor.*

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

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: No Report.

BCDC: Candi Sorge commented that the new banners look great and glad that BCDC could help purchase them. Mayor Sutton thanked BCDC for their support. Mrs. 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. Nine museums will be open the day of the tour. May 19th there will be a Lunch and Learn for anyone interested in volunteering for museum. The museum will be open for the season on May 27th with weekend hours 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

PLANNING: The next meeting will be on April 29th. Have spoken with the Critical Area staff and there is a new map. The grant criteria has changed a bit. The prior amount the town received was \$9,000, now it is cut back to \$5,000 per year. Critical Area has staff that will visit the municipalities. Working on the map process and updating regulations.

Sheriff's Report – Sheriff John Price gave the report for the Month of March 2019: 15 Speed Assignments; 6 Warnings; 0 Citations; 0 DUI Arrest; 0 Criminal Complaint; 0 CDS Case- 0 Charges Pending; 4 Non-criminal Calls for Service. Fiscal Year 2018/19 March Overtime Expense – \$0.00. The Mayor and Sheriff's department will be meeting with Kent County officials on Friday at 3 p.m. to discuss Berterton Beach issues. Mayor Sutton informed Sheriff Price that Bayside Blvd. will be temporary closed due to the erosion along the bank. We will notify 911 personnel about the closure.

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

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ROADS: There is an issue about the road at the WWTP. Jason Loar, the engineer from DBF will look into the problem.

PARK: The “Jewel” play area has been weeded and is ready for mulch. Town Manager Greenwell stated that grant for the new playground at the Sixth Avenue park will not be announced until May.

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. Dr. Rapelyea asked when any tours will be conducted. Mayor Sutton stated once the plant has been turned over to us which should be in the near future.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: The next meeting will be Monday April 22nd at 7 p.m. Councilman Marcy stated that Rob Buslar will be attending the meeting to discuss solar options for the WWTP. Mrs. Sorge asked about the results of the survey. Town Manager Greenwell stated that a report would be presented at the council workshop on April 23rd.

Trash: March 2019 - 8.84 Tons

Recycling: March 2019 – 2.04 Tons Rate increase from \$3.90 to \$4.00 effective March 2019.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT: Elizabeth Greenwell gave a brief report. Idlewhile Pump Station Engineering Pre-bid meeting will be held. Bids will be opened at the workshop meeting on April 23rd. Construction RFP will run in the local paper for the next two weeks. Pre-bid meeting on May 23rd. Anticipated start date will be in June and will be a two week project. Updated estimates will be coming in for Bayside Blvd. project. Wheeler Avenue project is waiting on approval from CDBG. Water tower painting will take place in late summer/early fall. Still waiting on Verizon to move their equipment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Proclamation: Mayor Sutton read into record the Proclamation April Fair Housing Month.

Closure of Bayside Blvd. – Mayor and Council will place into effect the temporary closure of both East and West sides of Bayside Blvd. for the safety and welfare of the residents and public. This is the best option for the road in response to the most recent Geotech study. The edge of the bank is now 11 feet from the road and less in front of Mr. Thomas’ house. There are active springs running out of the cliff. Councilman Marcy stated that the town needs to err on the side of safety. Residents are concerned about fuel/propane deliveries. Deliveries can be made through the alley. Gates will be installed and all emergency personnel will have access codes to enter. Discussion about the closure and concerns. Attorney Yeager stated that the town should close the road at this time because of any liability to the

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town. This is clearly for the welfare and safety of all citizens. Looking at options for the closure. Post with chain, gates, etc.

Mary Ann Wasko-Smith asked if the agenda could be written in advanced, posted on the website and an email blast.

OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candi Sorge announced that there will be a Sunrise Service on the 21st at the beach pavilion.

Suggestion was made to use solar lighting on Christmas decorations. We will try it on one and see if it works.

Comment on the street light that was turned off on Second Avenue at the request from one of the property owners. Without the light, it is too dark in that area and is a safety issue along with the one-way road.

We will have the rate study revised. We do not have to pay for this study. Settlement was this week with The Peoples Bank and USDA for the WWTP funding. Will review the revised rate study and look at the suggestions for water/sewer rates. Last increase was two years ago.

A motion was made by Councilman Gilcrest to close the April 9, 2019 meeting; seconded by Councilman Marcy; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

May 14, 2019