

**TOWN OF BETTERTON**  
**Mayor & Council Workshop**  
January 28, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Berterton, MD 21610

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

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

RESIDENTS: Dick Story, Ginny Story, Cheryl Fracassi, and Joe Sanders.

**OPENING OF BIDS – SEARCH GRANT:**

Received Engineering Reports from four companies for the water system. No bid amount required at this time. The four companies were:

KCI  
Davis, Bowen & Friedel (DBF)  
George, Miles, & Buhr, LLC (GMB)  
KCI Technologies, Inc.  
Barton & Loguidice (B&L)

Mayor Sutton asked the Town Manager to contact each company and ask for a preliminary cost and final cost up to the price level of \$30,000 that is stated in the criteria of the grant.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

Census Grant - The town did not receive the grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the help with Census compiling.

DNR Grant - This is moving forward for Bayside and Wheeler Avenues.

Water Tower – The painting of the tower is complete. The interior paint cured the recommended time plus an additional week. The results of the water test came back safe for human consumption. A couple of residents have complained about the water smelling like paint. Water samples have been collected at said residents property and have been tested with safe levels. MDE has requested that the tower be switched back to the temporary water tank, drain and flush tower and hydrants and refill tower, then test again. MDE has verified that the water is safe to drink. They are taking these measures due to the smell of paint.

County Bath House – Demolition has begun and will start new construction soon.

Ribgie Slope – RFP not until May

Mayor Sutton mention that the SBR is having issues with the sand filters. Lost some bugs when the cold weather hit. The operator is working on adding bugs to regulate the system.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Dick Story asked if the bath house was being demolished and rebuilt. Mayor Sutton stated that the plans show to demolish the building, keep the foundation and rebuilt on said foundation. An outdoor shower will also be added.

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Town Attorney Yeager informed the Council that Atlantic Broadband has reached language that is agreeable to all parties in the contract as well as the side contract. Mayor Sutton signed the contracts and these will be ready to file.

Town Attorney Yeager stated that the MML is opposing the Small Cell 5G. Discussion about small cells for cell service which is more common in populous towns which it's not the size but the range area. They are putting transmitters on street signs and such instead of the big towers. Something to look out for. Mr. Yeager commented that Rock Hall and another town require a permit from the FCC. Town Manager Greenwell stated that the Planning/Zoning Commission met Monday and they are looking at Rock Hall's ordinance and other towns ordinance to regulate this. The Planning/Zoning Commission will put together an ordinance for the town attorney to review. Mr. Yeager wants to keep the county and towns consistent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Trash Can Designs due

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Bayside Residents meeting at 2 p.m.

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – Sustainable Communities/Video Town, 11 a.m.

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Lion's Club Horse Racing 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Sutton will be attending the Mayor's Conference Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> in Annapolis.

Mayor Sutton, Councilman Marcy, Pyfer, Gilchrest and Town Manager Greenwell attended the ESAM Legislative Dinner on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Town Attorney Yeager asked if the Town would split the cost with Galena and Chesapeake City for his attendance at the MML Conference. Council agreed to split the cost.

A motion was made by Councilman Fracassi adjourn the January 28, 2020 workshop meeting: seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

*February 11, 2020*