

Town of Betterton
WORKSHOP AGENDA
Mayor and Council
TUESDAY, October 22, 2019
7:00 PM

AGENDA

Award Contract for Arbor Play Area

Golf Cart Discussion

Town Manager Report

Open Forum

Closed Session – Personnel

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Workshop
October 22, 2019 @ 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 Marcy, Councilman Pyfer, Town Attorney Yeager, and Town Manager, Elizabeth Greenwell. **ABSENT:** Town Clerk/Treasurer Sheila Dlugoborski.

RESIDENTS: Dick Story, Ginny Story, Wendy Coslett, Larry Crew, Candi Sorge, Rick Bisgyer, Cheryl Fracassi, Jon King, Linda Hall, and Maureen DiStefano.

Award Contract for Arbor Play Area

Town Manager Greenwell reported that she reviewed each proposal, they all met the criteria. *Councilman Marcy made a motion to accept Mid-Atlantic Products; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motion carried.*

Golf Cart Discussion

Town Manager Greenwell reported that Candi Sorge, Councilman Marcy and herself have been working on Rules and Regulations for the use of personal golf carts in the Town of Berterton. Candi Sorge read the regulation packet. Packet attached to minutes. Discussion. Town Attorney suggested for the Council to review and decide what regulations they want or don't want and add any that the packet doesn't include. The Town will have to get an approval from the State Legislative and a waiver from State Highway.

Water/Wastewater Report – Mayor Sutton read the September plant report provided by plant operator Jeff Miller. Report attached.

Town Manager Report:

Town Manager Report for October 2019

Current Grants

Idlewhile Pump Station – Working on final report, final invoice, and grant closeout. 2nd public hearing was held.

Wheeler Avenue – Project went out to bid! Pre-bid meeting held. Bids due November 5th. Pay request submitted to USDA for pavers. Start date weather dependent.

Bayside - Completed quarterly invoicing and quarterly reporting. Met with homeowners. Engineer is working on updating the plans based on feedback from the permitting agencies.

Watershed Assistance Grant Program – Contract was awarded to Landmark. Contract was sent to them this week.

Rigbie Steps - County voted to not move forward with the clearing. They want to re-bid the project. Discussion about cost vs. benefit of the bench.

Arbor Play Area- Three bids received. Communication with all 3 companies about design features. Vote happen tonight. Installation set for Spring.

Sustainable Communities – Continuing to work on the Sustainable Communities application. Next meeting is Monday 10/28. A draft will be ready to review with the committee. Deadline is January 14th.

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Town Manager report cont'd

New Grants

Beach –Met with John Schratwieser director of the KC Arts Council today. He is willing to work with the town and county to have 15 painted trash cans at the beach. There will be an artist contest to design the trash cans with 5 winners (who will each receive an honorarium). KCAC is willing to give grant monies to Betterton as a “Sponsor” of the project which will pay for painting supplies, honorariums for the artists, cost to have the stencils completed, and advertisement.

Economic Development Grant

BCDC has received \$5,000 toward an Economic Development grant from PNC bank. This effort is being led by Dr. Joseph Stock with help from Dick Story.

Other happenings

Water Tower - Work continues on water tower. Backup water system is in place but has had some kinks to work out. Power washing is complete. Painting will begin later in the week/next week. Stencil redone.

Highway User Report - Annual report completed and submitted.

Census data – Completed for September.

Electric Charging Stations – Applied for grant. Delmarva Power has received it. Sixth Avenue Park does not qualify. Town Hall parking lot is on the list of possibilities.

Audit – Audit draft was received. Auditor saw no major issues.

Upcoming

October 28th – Sustainable Communities Meeting

November 7th – Planning Conference in Aberdeen

November 18th – Planning and Zoning Meeting

Open Forum

Candi Sorge asked if the Council reviewed the proposal for the cover for the Ark? Town Manager Greenwell stated that Critical Areas is fine with the project moving forward.

Maureen DiStefano asked if the monies that the homeowners on Bayside Avenue pay towards the additional engineering design costs and the homeowners portion of stone revetment costs for Betterton Shoreline Erosion Mitigation Project on Bayside Avenue have a separate bank account. Town Manager Greenwell commented that she has spoken with the town accountant Ron Jayne and that the town will have a separate banking account for such funds. The town will provide a letter from the bank stating that there is a separate account for these funds.

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Town Attorney Yeager reported that he attended the MML Fall Conference and that his attendance would credit Betterton towards the Banner City recognition.

Topics from the Fall Conference:

The FCC has new regulations franchise benefits of any in-kind benefits that are offered to the town such as a free hook-up to services has to be within the cap of the 5% franchise fee. He does not feel it will affect the town.

Talk 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.

Developer is approved for project and starts such project then zoning regulations change. The project will be grandfathered in. If the developer doesn't continue with the project and it is at a standstill...they will not continue to have approval and the developer loses rights and will have to abide by the zoning changes.

A motion was made by Councilman Fracassi adjourn the October 22, 2019 workshop meeting and go into closed session for personnel matter; seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

November 12, 2019