

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
October 8, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

Mayor Sutton opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Idlewhile Pump Station Replacement Project Funded by CDBG. Mayor read into record the public notice. Jay Silcox of Silcox Engineering gave a presentation/overview of the project. Town Manager stated that it is a grant requirement that we hold the public hearing at the completion of the project. *Councilman Pyfer motioned to close the public hearing, Councilman Marcy seconded; all in favor; motion carried.* Public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

The Berterton Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sutton at 7:10 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: Clyde Warden, Cheryl Fracassi, Ginny Story, and Dick Story.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sgt. Lodge gave the report for the Month of September 2019: 15 Speed Assignments; 6 Warnings; 2 Citations; 0 DUI Arrest; 0 Criminal Complaint; 6 Non-criminal Calls for Service. Fiscal Year 2019/20 September Overtime Expense – \$163.05 leaving a balance of \$3,546.49. They will have an officer assigned in the area for Halloween night. Trick or Treat time will be 5 – 8 p.m.

BID OPENING – Arbor Play Area – RFP is for a set amount from Program Open Space. Bids must meet price guidelines. Equipment must be suitable for older and younger children, includes swings, pour-in-place safety ground cover, and water mister. Will need to look at all designs to see if they comply. The town is responsible for installing all electrical and water supply. The grant is \$199,500. The bids are as follows:

Playground Specialist Inc.	\$190,380
East Coast Surfacing	\$190,380
All Recreation	\$191,365

MINUTES: *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting and Mayor and Council Workshop September 24, 2019 meeting; Seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motioned carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORT: *Councilman Fracassi motioned to approve the September 2019 financial report; seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor, motioned carried.*

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: No report. Town hall converted from Kent Goes Purple in September to pink for October

BCDC: Ginny Story reported that there will be a fund raiser for maintenance for the Ark. Line dance at the legion will be a fund raiser. Museum is open through the end of October.

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PLANNING: Town Manager Greenwell spoke with Mel Rapelyea - no member would like to step up to Chairman. Requesting an email blast to community asking for new p/z members. Mayor asked if the Town Manager checked the planning guidelines to see if it does not have to be a town resident. Members will have to take the training. State Dept. of Planning training/conference coming up November 7th & 8th - 2 day conference in Aberdeen. Fee that town will pay and reimburse mileage. There is an on-line training that they can take. October 28th is the next planning meeting. Will change the date if needed.

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

ROADS: No Report. Stop bars (lines painted at stop area) have been painted around town. Church Alley is two way by water tower. Ericsson Avenue area was just painted. Dick Story commented that the placement of the stop bars on Ericsson at Wheeler Avenue sits too far back for the intersection.

PARK: Winterizing the bathhouses soon.

SAFETY: No Report

FIRE CO.: No Report

WATER/SEWER: Continuing with the punch list with things that are not complete or operating like it should. Once the punch list is done for the sewer plant, we will be having open house. The Town Manager gave an update on the water tower. When exterior painting is being done, when you see crew there please do not park close by, the painters have car covers if you ask. You can park in the Town Manager's yard to get mail or at church. Lead free paint being removed and lead free paint going on. Discussion about exterior painting. Painters usually use shields to block paint from going onto houses or vehicles.

Mayor Sutton stated that we are going to try to do a monthly read for water usage if possible if it doesn't interfere the billing system.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: Need to find additional volunteers to sit on committee. Renewal due for the Sustainable Communities is January 14, 2020 to continue designation. We receive grants on the designation. Cheryl Fracassi and Wayne Gilcrest offered to help.

Trash: September 2019 – ? Tons (have not received yet)

Recycling: September 2019 – 4.00 Tons

The town does not do any type of bulk waste pickup – furniture, appliances, mattress, etc. this is the home owners responsibility.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT: Wheeler went out to bid this week. In paper this week. Hold special bid opening November 5th at 7pm to open bids. Needs to be advertised that this is a special meeting. Will be reviewed at the next council meeting on November 12th.

Hired Scott Thompson to help Wayne Kaufman and learn the wwtp/wtp. Mr. Thompson will continue to work until we hire someone else. Did not feel comfortable with the plants. Advertised again for the position. Will start as part time and could lead into full time. Full time receives health benefits.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Review bids for Rigbie Slope. County put out to bid. Engineer was expecting the clearing to be less than what was bid \$46,373 and the county portion was \$18,500. Both engineers, Jim Wright, and Jay Silcox recommend not to put the bench in. Let the County clear and seed. Next year they will replant slope. Recommend the county go ahead with the clearing and stabilization and the town will not do the bench. The County Commissioners have to vote on their portion of the bid. The town will have to decide what they want to do with the restoration/replacement of the "Ribgie" steps.

Jim Wright, County Engineer, reviewed the watershed assistance bids – Bids are as follows: Silcox Engineering and Drafting \$48,875; Landmark \$64,000; GMB \$67,000. Mr. Wright's recommendation was to ask Mr. Silcox to expand his approach which he did. Mr. Wright said Mr. Silcox was not the best person for the job. Ranked Landmark on a point scoring system 18 out of 20. Question is...do you go with Mr. Silcox low bid or Landmark with a Stormwater Specialists?? It's a watershed project for Bayside Avenue and Wheeler Avenue to divert storm water. Town Attorney commented that it's not always the lowest bid. Specialized type of job and expertise. *Councilman Marcy motioned to accept Landmark; seconded by Councilman Fracassi, all in favor; motion carried.*

Town Attorney reviewed the Atlantic Broadband. Standard language. Recommend that the town consider during a 15 year renewal with 5 year intervals after the 15 years. Request for the Town to receive internet service out of it. Franchise contracts are written for cable tv. Another town asked for Atlantic Broadband to provide side agreement with the franchise that will authorize the one internet service to the town. Betterton has the county internet. See if we can do a phone service to the town as a side agreement with ABB. Tom wants to get something for the town. Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 18th – Auction, 7 p.m. – until – Betterton American Legion

October 19th – Dinner, 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Halloween Costume Contest in lounge from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Betterton American Legion.

November 2nd – Lions Club Horse Races – Doors open 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Gilchrest to close the October 8, 2019 meeting; seconded by Councilman Fracassi ; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: November 12, 2019