

**TOWN OF BETTERTON**  
**Mayor & Council Meeting**  
December 10, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Berterton, MD 21610

The Berterton Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sutton at 7:03 p.m.

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

**RESIDENTS:** Cheryl Fracassi, Joe Sanders, Helen Sanders, Mel Rapelyea, and Candi Sorge.

**MINUTES:** *Councilman Fracassi motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting and Mayor and Council Workshop November 26, 2019 meeting; Seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor, motioned carried.*

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

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** No Report

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BCC:** Lights are green for the holiday and the two evergreens in front of building have lights on them.

**BCDC:** Candi Sorge reported that they had a successful train show. The Berterton Heritage Museum is closed until spring. Submitting application for the cover to go over the "Ark".

**PLANNING:** Mel Rapelyea, Commission member recommended Helen Sanders for the Planning/Zoning Commission. *Councilman Fracassi nominated Helen Sanders to fill an empty commission seat; Councilman Gilchrest seconded; all in favor, motion carried.*

**APPEALS BOARD:** No Report.

**ROADS:** Candi Sorge commented that the holiday wreaths look nice with the new ribbons on them. Mayor Sutton commented that the solar lights that were installed on the wreaths for Ericsson Avenue are not working due to the light from the street lights. Working on resolving this issue.

**PARK:** Bathhouse has been winterized. New playground that the town received a grant for will be installed in the spring. Discussion about the bathhouse getting winterized later in the season due to families using the park over the Thanksgiving holiday. Should be winterized before it gets too cold.

**SAFETY:** No Report

**FIRE CO.:** December 14<sup>th</sup> caroling. December 15<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa.

**WATER/SEWER:** Mayor Sutton read the report submitted by Jeff Miller, Plant Operator. 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. Painting is complete, just waiting on some test results before we can put it back into use.

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**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** The Town Manager reported that they met on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Went through the last part of the application. Its been completed and sent to the committee to review to see if there are any other changes/additional information needed. The Town of Betterton has been chosen to receive the 2020 Sustainable Committee award. They will send a team out to video the various projects in the town that have been completed and what is being worked on.

Trash: November 2019 – ? Tons (have not received yet)  
Recycling: November 2019 – 2.25 Tons

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT:** Applied for grant that will do a complete report on the town's infrastructure in the amount of \$30,000. USDA has responded that we have been approved for the grant. Met with John Gonzales from Landmark and walked the town to look at the stormwater areas. This company will be doing the project on stormwater project on Wheeler Avenue. Pre-construction meeting today for Wheeler Avenue. Work will start mid March, weather permitting, and should be complete mid July.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Critical Area Update – Revision was approved by the state Critical Area Commission. The new updates and mapping are in effect for the town.

Cable Franchise Agreement – Tom Yeager, Town Attorney was asked to give recommendations for the agreement. Attached are his recommendations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Yard waste ended and will begin again on March 9, 2020.

January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Holiday evergreen trees will be picked up.

Collecting hats, gloves, scarfs, and socks art the Town Hall for the Kent County 4-H Program which partners with the Lion's Club Christmas Basket Program

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Children's Christmas Party at the Betterton American Legion 3-5 p.m.

December 14h – Caroling – Betterton VFC, 6 p.m.

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast with Santa, Fire House, 9 a.m.

Office Closed December 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion was made by Councilman Fracassi to close the December 10, 2019 meeting; seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 