

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Workshop
July 23, 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, Town Manager, Elizabeth Greenwell and Town Clerk/Treasurer Dlugoborski.

RESIDENTS: Candi Sorge, Craig Smith, Mary Ann Wasko-Smith, Cheryl Fracassi, Clyde Warden, Mel Rapelyea, Ben Kohl, Dick Story, and Rick Bisgyer.

Town Manager Report: Town Manager Report for months of June and July 2019

Current Grants

Wheeler Avenue – Contract was approved by USDA. Construction RFP was prepped and submitted to USDA and is pending approval. Anticipated start date late summer/early fall. Council needs to vote on pavers so they can be ordered.

Bayside Shoreline Erosion Mitigation – 60% drawings completed. Landscaping plan is being revised. We applied for DNR Resilience grant, did not get it. We are applying for a CBT grant due 8/22. Draft of the narrative is done. Next meeting with JaLeesa Tate from MEMA to discuss reallocation of funding and any additional funding available is 8/2. Meeting with residents is also 8/2. Estimated payments calculated and sent to homeowners as well as a progress letter.

Idlewhile Pump Station – Bramble received the contract. Contract documents were signed. 2 progress meetings were held. Plan specs were changed to reflect current grading. Changes were approved. Pump was ordered and is in. The cover for the electrical panel is backordered. Bramble submitted a cost proposal for using the existing electric and installing the pump. Need to vote on how to proceed.

Watershed Assistance Grant Program – Funding is to be awarded in August.

Rigbie Steps - Engineering design completed for the bench. Application was sent to Community Legacy. They will do a site visit on Tuesday July 30th at 3:00 pm. Met with Stephanie Jones about the slope. Waiting on the county to submit the Critical Area worksheet and RFP.

Arbor Play Area- \$199,500 was awarded to build a new tree house themed playground at the 6th Avenue Park. Funding is supposed to be released in August. I am working with two potential bidders on design.

Other happenings

Quarterly Reports / Invoicing - Completed Quarterly reports for each of the open grants. Invoicing for reimbursement submitted for Bayside, Wheeler Ave, and Idlewhile Ave.

Critical Area – Met with the Critical Area team on 7/18. We worked through half of the new regulations. Presented/discussed the changes with P & Z committee on 7/22. Attended the quarterly meeting in Annapolis. Submitted annual report.

Sustainable Communities/ Grant Committee/Planning and Zoning–Continue to attend meetings. Comp plan is over half way finished.

Website– New calendar was installed. Events were updated.

Census data – Completed for May and June

Training – Attended MML Conference 6/23-6/26, focus group at library, critical area training, economic development training on placemaking in small towns.

Please note I will be on vacation 7/24-7/31

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IDLEWHILE PUMP STATION - Discussion on Bramble's Construction starting the project now or waiting until mid-September when the electrical panel is delivered. It will be an addition \$750.00 if the project is started now and then come back to install the new electrical panel. Council agreed to proceed now and will pay the extra cost. The pump station has been working with only one pump for quite a while now and if it fails we would have a major problem.

Council decided on the color of the pavers for the Wheeler Avenue Project. The color chosen was "brick" color.

GUEST: Kent County's Social Action Committee for Racial Justice (SACRJ) and Students Talking About Race (STAR) Ileana Lindstrom gave an overview of what SACRJ is doing for Kent County and asks that the Town Council support their efforts. A group of students from STAR spoke about how racism affects people. Council has been invited to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. Mayor Sutton stated that is when we have our council meetings and as long as we have a quorum that possibly a councilmember could attend.

WATER TOWER PAINTING – Mayor Sutton gave an update on the progress for the bypass water storage system. Will have more information at the August 13th meeting.

POST AT FOOT BRIDGE – The town crew installed posts at both ends of the foot bridge. They were first installed centered but then moved off to side to meet ADA requirements. Discussion on the safety of the poles. Could be a potential hazard. Mayor suggested to install solar lights on poles. Suggestion to bring in the sides of the bridge at the entrances to make the space smaller but not impede walkers, bicyclist, runners, etc.

OPEN FORUM –

The mosquito sprayer was seen driving down Bayside Blvd. How did he receive access?? Mayor Sutton said we would check into it. Thinking that the county dispatch gave them the code??

Candi Sorge stated that the foot bridge is in need of having boards replaced and painted.

Mrs. Sorge asked about the area in front of town hall that was part of the outfall project. Who is responsible for weeding this area? Mayor Sutton stated that the town crew would take care of it. Mary Ann Wasko-Smith also asked about the plantings on Wheeler Avenue once it is complete as well. Again the town crew would maintain that area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES:

Dick Story reported that Betterton Appreciation Day will be on Saturday, August 3rd with fireworks on Friday night. Parade, vendors, and cow plop bingo will be on Saturday. Deeds for cow plop bingo sell for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00.

Saturday, August 3rd - Breakfast before the parade at Betterton American Legion.

Tuesday, August 6th - National Night Out.

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Sunday, August 4th - Free Concert in memory of Judy Kohl in the Community Center 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 24th – Community Yard Sale. Sign up no later than July 31st. \$5.00 to have property in Kent County News.

The trains will be running Betterton Day from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Fracassi to adjourn the July 23, 2019 workshop meeting; seconded by Councilman Marcy; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

August 13, 2019