

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Workshop
May 26, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

Meeting was held through an online GotoMeeting link as well as some council in council chambers.

The Berterton Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Sutton at 7:13 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Sutton, Councilman Fracassi, Councilman Gilchrest, Councilman Marcy, and Councilman Pyfer. Town Attorney Tom Yeager, Town Manager Elizabeth Greenwell, MDRC Grant Admin., Beth Hussein, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Sheila Dlugoborski.

RESIDENTS joining the GotoMeeting online meeting: Candi Sorge, Cheryl Fracassi, Cindy ?, Joe Sanders, Bill Manners, Ginny Story, Mark Zwanger.

Minutes of Meeting: Workshop meeting on April 28, 2020; no Council meeting on May 12, 2020. *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the minutes; Councilman Pyfer seconded; all in favor; motion carried.*

Financial Report – April 2020: *Councilman Gilchrest motioned to approve the financial report; Councilman Pyfer second; all in favor; motion carried.*

Sheriff's Report – Mayor Sutton read the Sheriff's report for the month of April.

Wheeler Avenue Change Order – Town Manager Elizabeth Greenwell explained the need for the change order. In order to connect the water line on Wheeler Ave. to Main St. line, the line on Main St. is a 20" sleeve that they can't cut through. The original estimated connection fee from Bramble's would give us a credit of \$7,000 with the new work estimated at \$18,000 leaving an \$11,000 difference which would be submitted to USDA for reimbursement from any contingency funds that may be left. Cannot connect water line without doing this. Council agreed to the change order.

Trash Collection Issues & Contract extension and/or put out to bid – Town Manager Greenwell informed Council that the trash company, Charlie's Waste/Blue Hen Disposal only picks up containers with their company name on them at this time. The driver is not getting out of the truck to pick up bags or other containers that do not belong to the company. Mostly due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The driver is no longer permitted to use the "pick up arm" on the truck to pick up other containers due to breaking them as they are not the same material as the company containers. Some residents have asked for a second container. The town is charged a fee per container plus the weighted tipping fee. The container cost to the town is \$5.20 per month per container. Does Council want to re-negotiate/extend the current contract with the company or put out to bid? Does the Council want to charge residents for the extra container? After a brief discussion it was determined to contact Blue Hen Disposal to discuss current contract.