

**TOWN OF BETTERTON**  
**Mayor & Council Meeting**  
May 11, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Berterton, MD 21610

Meeting was held via GotoMeeting link.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Donny Sutton, Councilman Bill Fracassi, Councilman Wayne Gilchrest, Councilman Harry Marcy, Councilman Bob Pyfer, Town Manager, Tom Mogle, Town Clerk, Sheila Dlugoborski, and Town Attorney Tom Yeager.

**RESIDENTS:** (virtually via GoTo link)— Joe Sanders, Ginny Story, Dick Story, Candi Sorge, Russ Bell, Dave Paltrineri and Clyde Warden.

**MINUTES:** *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting. There was no Workshop meeting April 27, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motioned carried.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** *Councilman Gilchrest motioned to approve the April 2021 financial report; seconded by Councilman Pyfer; all in favor, motioned carried.*

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Mayor Sutton read the April report.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BCC:** Building is open to the public effected immediately. Please wear a mask when inside the building.

**BCDC:** Candi Sorge reported that the museum maybe able to schedule openings towards the end of the month now that the building is open. Volunteers have been working in the front gardens at 100 Main Street and the rain garden beside the building has been weeded.

**PLANNING:** Meeting is scheduled for Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**APPEALS BOARD:** No Report.

**ROADS:** No Report.

**PARK:** The mister system will not be turned on until the weather stays warmer.

**SAFETY:** No Report.

**FIRE CO.:** No Report.

**WATER/SEWER:** No report at this time. Fire Hydrants will be flushed the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>. The installation crew for ThinkBig fiberoptics has caused a couple of water line breaks while installing. The town has had to shut water down for repairs. The installation should be complete through the town.

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** No Report.

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Trash: April 2021 – 16.14 Tons  
Recycling: April 2021 - 2.07 Tons

**Town Manager Report** – Collecting estimates from contractors for tennis court improvements and working with Kent County Parks and Recreation on other funds for said project.

Sludge Bed project - Preconstruction meeting is set for Thursday with USDA and David A. Brambles, Inc. and others.

Ericsson Ave. project - Completing environmental paperwork and awaiting the release of funds to start preliminary analysis EA & PER.

Bayside Mitigation project – Will receive public comments on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Will pursue a FONSI the end of June 2021 and look to start collecting bids.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Request letter from Dr. Stock – asking for a refund on water/sewer billing due to meter issue. Mayor Sutton stated that we will table this until we receive the report from the meter testing.

Budget Presentation – Town Clerk Dlugoborski gave the overview of the proposed budget. Offered recommendations to increase revenue.

**OPEN FORUM:** Dick Story asked if council could have more microphones when people are talking. Difficult to hear some people due to placement of microphones.

Tom Yeager stated he is working on a charter amendment for uncontested election. Mr. Yeager has also signed up to attend the MML Summer Conference and has asked the council if they would pay 1/5<sup>th</sup> of his expenses. Council agreed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Sutton read the terms to go into a closed meeting. *Motion was made by Councilman Marcy to close Council meeting at this time (7:52 p.m.) and open the closed meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor; motion carried.*

Closed session was closed at 8:42 p.m. Regular council meeting resumed at 8:42 p.m.

*Motion was made by Councilman Marcy to close the May 11, 2021 meeting; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor; Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: June 8, 2021