

**TOWN OF BETTERTON
PUBLIC HEARING/
Mayor & Council Workshop
May 25, 2021 @ 7:03 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610**

Meeting was held through an online GotoMeeting link.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Sutton, Councilman Fracassi, Councilman Marcy, Councilman Pyfer, Town Attorney Yeager, Town Manager Mogle, and Town Clerk Dlugoborski. ABSENT: Councilman Gichrest.

RESIDENTS: joining the GotoMeeting online meeting: Candi Story, Ginny and Dick Story, and Carol Casey.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sutton opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. The public hearing is on Ordinance 2021-01, an ordinance of the Town of Berterton to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2021/22. Town real estate tax rate will stay the same. Town Clerk Dlugoborski gave a brief overview of the budget as well as explain the changes of the quarterly water usage decreasing from 12,000 to 10,000 gallons minimum usage before the overage fee is added. Also, the yearly special assessment will increase by \$25.00 per class. The rental inspection rate will be increased by \$25.00 which is a every other year inspection on rental properties.

Carol Casey asked about the 10,000 minimum usage rate and if the water bill will change. For most residents, their bill will not increase. The bills that will increase are any property that uses over 10,000 gallons in a quarter.

Motion was made by Councilman Marcy to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Fracassi, all in favor; motion carried. Public Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Mayor Sutton opened the workshop meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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

Mayor Sutton read the Water/Sewer report from Jeff Miller, Plant Operator, for the month of April 2021.

Council will vote on the 2021/22 budget ordinance at the Council meeting on June 8, 2021 meeting.

OPEN FORUM

BCDC – Candi Sorge reported that the committee will be meeting to discuss the opening of the museum. Discussion about asking visitors to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Belmont Place – Council has had a request to install No Parking signs on the South side of Belmont Place due to the road being narrow and entering and existing driveways is difficult when people park along the street. Property owners will be contacted to discuss issue and ask not to park along road. If this is not effective, then the town will install No Parking signs on the South side.

Councilman Marcy asked what could be done about the speeding within town on Howell Point Road. Discussion on possible solutions. Will contact County Roads about a possible 3-way stop at Ericsson Avenue and Howell Point Road and rumble strips.

Dick Story asked about moving the white stop strips at a couple of intersections in town. They are too far back from the intersection and is difficult to see from that position. The town will investigate changing the stop strips.

Councilman Marcy asked about what the town does about junk in yards. The Code Enforcer will send a letter to the property owner citing the infraction. If not addressed, a second letter will go out. If nothing has been done, the property owner could be fined for a municipal infraction and if not paid, a lien is placed on the property.

Ginny Story asked about a property on First Avenue that the lawn has not been maintained. The Code Enforcer has sent a letter to the property owner and has spoken to her on the phone. If the property is not mowed, the Town can mow it at a cost to the property owner of \$300.00 for each time property is mowed. The bill is the property owner's responsibility to pay and if not paid the property will have a lien place on it.

The town hall is open to the public and we are asking to practice social distancing will in the building.

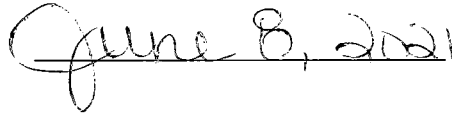
A motion was made by Councilman Marcy to adjourn the May 25, 2021 workshop meeting; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, followed by the date "June 8, 2021" written in a similar cursive style. The signature is written over a horizontal line.