

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
June 8, 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, Dave Paltrineri and Mark Zwanger.

MINUTES: *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting. Public Hearing and Workshop meeting May 25, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motioned carried.*

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Mayor Sutton read the May report.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: No Report.

BCDC: Ginny Story reported that the committee will be holding a meeting to organize and discuss when the museum will open in July.

PLANNING: No Report.

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

ROADS: No Report.

PARK: The mister system is turned on and being used.

SAFETY: No Report.

FIRE CO.: Council received a copy of the letter the Fire Co. send to the Kent County Commissioners in support of installing a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Howell Point Road and Ericsson Avenue. They also stated that they were not in favor of any speed bumps in the road. In discussion with Kent County Roads Supervisor, Dan Voshell, he was not in favor of the 3-way stop sign or the speed bumps. Mr. Voshell had a traffic counter installed and will monitor the data.

WATER/SEWER: No report at this time. Mr. Miller is attending classes this week.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: No Report.

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Trash: May 2021 – 14.99 Tons
Recycling: May 2021 - 2.24 Tons

Town Manager Report –

ThinkBig: David Insely reports nearly all of the digging is complete and his team is pulling fiber through the conduit. First Street, today. He estimates another week or two. The only other installation will be hooking individual customers up.

Bayside Erosion Mitigation Project: The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been signed and the official Environmental Assessment has been published—all, about three weeks ahead of schedule. MEMA's JaLeesa Tate has requested updated timeline for the full release of funds. I have contacted GMB to obtain the documents needed to begin the bidding process. Homeowners have been issued statements regarding required payments.

WWTP Sludge Bed Construction: We completed a pre-construction meeting. The Town will work with Jason Loar to provide administrative assistance for the remainder of the project. Loar is available for onsite supervision as needed.

CDBG Grant: Having completed the paperwork, we are waiting for the Release of Funds for Preliminary Engineering for Ericsson Avenue. Then we can begin our procurement process.

Howell Point Road Traffic: Last week, County Roads Division Chief Dan Voshell responded to an email by placing a counter on Howell Point Road. He plans on collecting data in order to follow up on the issue. Fire Chief Mancuso addressed a letter to the Commissioners regarding the subject as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Vote on Budget Ordinance 2021-01. *Councilman Fracassi motioned on the adoption of the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund Budget F/Y 2021/2022 Ordinance 2021-01 as presented; Councilman Marcy seconded; all in favor; motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2021-02 – A Resolution of the Town of Betterton to Revise Water and Sewer Rates to decrease the 12,000 gallons to 10,000 gallons per quarter flat rate effected July 1, 2021. *Councilman Marcy motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-03; Councilman Fracassi seconded; all in favor; motion carried.*

Resolution 2021-03 – To Revise Rental Inspection Fees. *Councilman Marcy motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-03 effective July 1, 2021; Councilman Fracassi seconded; all in favor; motion carried.*

Introduce Ordinance 2021-02 – An Ordinance to increase the Special Assessment rate. Town Attorney stated that council will need to hold a public hearing on July 8, 2021. Hearing will be advertised in the Kent County News prior to hearing date. Mayor Sutton read into record Ordinance 2021-02. Town Attorney, Yeager stated that letters will need to be mailed out to property owners about said Ordinance.

OPEN FORUM:

Candi Sorge asked if the rental inspections cover short term rentals within the town. Mayor Sutton stated that all rentals are required to be inspected within the town.

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Town Manager Mogle asked if Betterton Day was canceled. Dick Story reported that yes, Betterton Day is canceled this year. Candi Sorge commented that BCDC may be holding a small event on that day but no parade or vendors.

Joe Sanders reported that he received photos of the holes in the Rigbie Steps which is a major concern. Mayor Sutton asked Mr. Sanders to send information to the town manager. We will have our crew look into the issue and repair. Mr. Sanders also asked about the trees that are obstructing the view of the condos. Councilman Marcy replied that the job to have the trees trimmed and vegetation removed was put out for bids by Kent County (which own that part of the bank) which did not receive any bids.

Complaint about beach visitors parking along the bank on Ericsson below the county pavilion. The county will be contacted to replace posts and signs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dick Story reported that the Betterton Fire Company's fire boat is out of service and has a boat on loan from the rescue squad.

Mr. Story also reported that the Lions Club will be holding the Night at the Races on November 6th at the Betterton Fire Station.

Kent County is increasing the waste disposal book for disposing garage at the county landfills. The price will go from \$55.00 to \$60.00 effective July 1, 2021.

Rock Hall will be having their 4th of July parade on Saturday, July 3rd and fireworks that evening.

Motion was made by Councilman Gilchrest to close the June 8, 2021 meeting; seconded by Councilman Pyfer; all in favor; Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: July 13, 2021