

**TOWN OF BETTERTON
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 10, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610**

Meeting was held via GotoMeeting link.

Mayor Sutton opened the public hearing 7:00 p.m. to hear Emergency Ordinance 2021-02; an ordinance to increase the special assessment charges on properties for the purpose funding the upgrade of the town's water and sewer system.

In attendance were Mayor Donny Sutton, Councilman Marcy, Councilman Gilchrest, Town Manager Tom Mogle, Town Clerk Sheila Dlugoborski and Town Attorney Tom Yeager.

RESIDENTS: (in person and virtually via GoTo link) - Brittani Fahrman, Brittany Fahrman, Dick and Ginny Story and Candi Story.

Mayor Sutton read into record the public hearing advertisement that was published in the Kent County News, the notice that was mailed to property owners of Berterton as well as the Emergency Ordinance.

Brittani Fahrman, resident at 14 Howell Point Road asked several questions about the special assessment fees. Mrs. Fahrman stated that the town should post the notices along with minutes and newsletters on the internet website, etc. Mayor Sutton commented that the town legally has to publish the notice in a local newspaper and any increase in the special assessment, a letter must be mailed to every property owner. Minutes cannot be published until approved at the next meeting by the Council. Mrs. Fahrman questioned the purpose of the said fee and how property owners are billed. Mayor Sutton explained that the special assessment fees are collected from every property owner. The amount is based on the square footage of the property. The purpose is to pay down debt on the water and wastewater treatment plants.

Councilman Marcy motioned to close the public hearing on Emergency Ordinance 2021-02; Councilman Gilchrest seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Public hearing closed at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

September 14th, 2021