

**TOWN OF BETTERTON**  
**Mayor & Council Meeting**  
January 11, 2022 @ 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, Town Manager Tom Mogle, Town Clerk Sheila Dlugoborski, and Town Attorney Tom Yeager.  
**Absent:** Councilman Bob Pyfer.

**RESIDENTS:** (in person and virtually via GoTo link) Dick and Ginny Story, Candi Sorge, Russ Bell, and Cheryl Fracassi.

**MINUTES:** *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the December 14, 2021, meeting. There was no Council Workshop meeting on December 28, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motioned carried.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** *Councilman Fracassi motioned to approve the December 2021 financial report; seconded by Councilman Marcy; all in favor, motioned carried.*

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Mayor Sutton read the December report. The Sheriff's Department handled 11 speed enforcements, 5 calls for service, 1 foot patrols, 4 vehicle patrols, 2 traffic warnings, 0 traffic citations, 5 man hours with an overtime cost of \$209.54.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BCC:** The new HVAC system with the air purification system has been installed.

**BCDC:** Candi Sorge reported that BCDC treasurer, John King will be moving out of the area. Looking for someone to replace Mr. King as the treasurer. Looking forward to the museum opening in April.

**PLANNING:** Met last night, Jan. 10, 2022. Discussed the possibility of amending the zoning ordinance to allow chickens within the town. The committee are working on the Comprehensive Plan. Planning/Zoning would like two more volunteers for the board.

**APPEALS BOARD:** Looking to fill two positions on the Appeals Board.

**ROADS:** Crews worked on removing snow and ice during the most recent storm. Please be patient during storms if the crews do not get to you roads right away.

Town pick-up truck and front-end loader are both in need of tires. Quotes have been submitted to council. Classic Tire Service in Barclay quoted \$3,842.30 to install at the town site. Quote for pick-up was \$907.20 for the 60,000 Cooper Discoverer tire. Both quotes were acceptable.

Purchased a new salt spreader for the pick-up truck.

**PARK:** No Report.

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**SAFETY:** No Report.

**FIRE CO.:** No Report.

**WATER/SEWER:** Mayor Sutton read Jeff Miller, Plant Operator report.

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** No Report.

Trash: December 2021 – 10.63 Tons  
Recycling: December 2021 - 2.40 Tons

**Town Manager Report** – Ericsson Avenue Preliminary Engineering continues. We received the results from December's core samples 9' 9" of concrete beneath Ericsson. Filed the semi-annual report with CDBG. Will be talking to CDBG project manager about extending the project to Main Street rather than Idlewhile.

Bayside Shoreline Erosion Mitigation Project has hit a delay. While negotiating a contract with Lindstrom Excavating, FEMA evaluated their land approach to the project. This afternoon FEMA rejected the approach. We must rebid the project.

Next week, I will be meeting with the Kent County's Bill Mackey, Unity Landscaping Designer, and Rigbie Condo Association's Bill Manners to discuss the design project for Rigbie Slope.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Tower Leases – Town Attorney Yeager has started the rough draft and will have the leases to the council within a week or so. Will need to give the tenant's notice.

Charter Amendment – Cancelling Uncontested Election – Public hearing on January 25, 2022 at 7 p.m. Mayor Sutton introduced Resolution 2012-5. This resolution of the Town of Betterton, MD, for the purposes of amending the town charter to provide for the cancelling of an election for which any seats which are uncontested. Town Attorney Yeager. - Mr. Yeager drafted a resolution; For Purposes of Amending the Town Charter to Provide for the Cancellation of an Election for Which Any Seats Which Are Uncontested. The full resolution is available at the town office.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OPEN FORUM:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Betterton Legion – Open Mic night – Every Thursday beginning at 7.

Bingo on Sundays, doors open at 12:30 p.m. starts at 2.

Betterton Youth Group – Winter/Spring Schedule –Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. April 16<sup>th</sup>, Easter Egg Hunt @ Betterton Park on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. at 11 a.m. Ages up to 13 years old. Bring your own basket to collect the eggs. May 6<sup>th</sup> end of year celebration. Ages 6 – 16 meet in the Betterton United Methodist Church basement. Any questions, contact Patti Bone 443-298-0057.

*Motion was made by Councilman Fracassi to close the January 11, 2022, seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor; Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

*February 8, 2022*