

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
January 12, 2021 @ 7:37 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

Meeting was held via GotoMeeting link.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Donny Sutton, Councilman Bob Pyfer, Town Manager, Tom Mogle, and Town Attorney, Tom Yeager. Councilman Harry Marcy, Councilman Bill Fracassi, Councilman Wayne Gilchrest, and Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk joined the meeting via the GoTo link.

RESIDENTS: (virtually via GoTo link)—Amanda Clark, Barbara Lamphere, Bill Bisgyer, Beth and Jeff Lehman, Bob Burke, Carolyn Sorge, George and Judy Bailer, Jamie Williams, Janet Sorrentino, Joe Sanders, Joseph Stock, Louis Mancuso, Jr., Mark and Michelle Martinage, R. Stephen Ikeler, Russ Bell, Ginny Story, William Stairiker, and John and Eileen Clements.

Mayor Sutton called the council meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. after the public hearing.

MINUTES: *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting; Seconded by Councilman Pyfer; all in favor, motioned carried. There was no Mayor and Council Workshop meeting on December 22, 2020.*

FINANCIAL REPORT: *Councilman Pyfer motioned to approve the December 2020 financial report; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motioned carried.*

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Mayor Sutton read the Sheriff's report for the month of December 2020.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: No Report.

BCDC: Candi Sorge thanked everyone that supported the museum holiday sale. Proceeds will be used to do repairs to the fishing ark. Virtual train show will be posted on the town website in the near future.

PLANNING: Held a virtual meeting on Monday, Jan. 11th. Working on the comprehensive plan. Will meet again in April.

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

ROADS: No Report.

PARK: The playground at the Sixth Avenue park is still being used.

SAFETY: No Report.

FIRE CO.: Louie Mancuso is the newly elected chief. If anyone has any questions, comments, concerns, please contact Louie. Mr. Mancuso asked about the town adding more fire hydrants on Ericsson Avenue. Mayor Sutton stated that is part of the reconstruction plan. Amanda Clark announced the carryout pancake dinner February 16th from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: Joe Stock, Committee Co-Chair reported that the Wheeler Avenue project has been completed. Ericsson Avenue project and the Rigbie Steps were high on the priority list. The committee has applied for five grants for the Rigbie Steps and each have been rejected. The committee will continue to submit grants for this project.

Councilman Marcy asked about the county clearing the invasive species vegetation on the Rigbie Bluff. Town Manager Mogle will follow up with the county to see the status of the project. County Director of Planning, Housing and Zoning, Bill Mackey stated the county did not receive any bids for the project.

Trash: December 2020 – 12.34 Tons
Recycling: December 2020 - 2.08 Tons

Town Manager Report – Have had a few calls from residents that the trees have not been picked up by town employees. We are short staffed at the time and will pick up when we can.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2021-01 - CDBG Grant Application—Ericsson Avenue Reconstruction—Design/Engineering. Resolution 2021-01 was read into record. Councilman Marcy motioned to approve and adopt Resolution 2021-01; Seconded by Councilman Pyfer; all in favor; motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: Russ Bell asked who would be the contact person at Kent County for the Rigbie Bluff issue. Mr. Mackey stated to contact him. WMackey@kentgov.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Betterton United Methodist Church Learning Hub Announcement. In connection with the Kent County Public Schools system (KCPS) and the parent-led group Support Our Schools (SOS), the pastor, leaders, and members of Betterton United Methodist Church wish to announce that our church facility is now equipped and open for a Remote Learning Hub to students for virtual classroom studies. The recent upgrades to our fellowship hall will currently allow workstations for up to eight students. Other improvements are pending to increase capacity to 14 students. High speed internet is available, as well as newly installed surge protected electrical outlets. Betterton church invites you to take advantage of this FREE opportunity to continue and enhance your child(ren)'s public school education during this pandemic. The facility will be made available to students Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Please contact Pastor Bill Carroll at 443-480-2287 or via email at wacarrollsurvey@gmail.com to sign up. Our students also need volunteers to assist in this program. If you can devote some time to this effort, please contact us to make arrangements. We wish you prosperity and good health in this new year, and we look forward to serving you as your community church. Thank you. Pastor Bill

Motion was made by Councilman Marcy to close the January 12, 2021 meeting; seconded by Councilman Pyfer; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 