

**TOWN OF BETTERTON**  
**Mayor & Council Meeting**  
March 9, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Berterton, MD 21610

Meeting was held via GotoMeeting link.

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

**RESIDENTS:** (virtually via GoTo link)— Joe Sanders, Ginny Story, Dick Story, Mark Zwanger, Candi Sorge, and Dave Paltrineri.

**MINUTES:** *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting and the Mayor and Council Workshop meeting minutes on February 23, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motioned carried.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the February 2021 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 February 2021.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BCC:** No Report.

**BCDC:** No Report.

**PLANNING:** No Report.

**APPEALS BOARD:** No Report.

**ROADS:** No Report.

**PARK:** The playground at the Sixth Avenue park is getting lots of use. The bathhouse is still winterized at this time as well as the mister system.

**SAFETY:** No Report.

**FIRE CO.:** No Report.

**WATER/SEWER:** Mayor Sutton read report from Jeff Miller, Plant Operator. There is a service line leak on Main Street that is being addressed and will be fixed the next day.

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** No Report.

Trash: February 2021 – 11.47 Tons  
Recycling: February 2021 - 1.99 Tons

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**Town Manager Report** – Meetings with Beth Hussein to talk about the Town’s request for a water study and closing out the Wheeler project.

Tom reported that County Director of Planning, Housing, and Zoning Bill Mackey is putting together two RFPs for the work on Rigbie Bluff. Previous efforts by the County, involved one RFP to complete multiple objectives. By breaking the project in two, Mackey believes the County will attract more proposals.

Mackey will join Jamie Williams and Nancy LaJoice at the April 13, 2021 Mayor and Council meeting, where the County will make an economic presentation to the Town.

Think Big is ready to proceed with the installation of Fiber Optics on 6th Avenue, Dwyer Road, Howell Point Rd. While unable to give a start date, Project Manager Dave Insley is trying to begin work later this week, however, a lot will depend upon the weather.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Infinity Recycling rate went up February 1<sup>st</sup>. Increase of \$0.25 per household per week bringing it to \$5.00 per household per week.

**OPEN FORUM:** Dick Story asked for any other updates on Bayside Avenue. Town Manager Mogle stated that the town has to wait for the outcome of the environmental studies to proceed further. Dick Story commented that it looks like we are going to miss the construction season this spring. Town Manager Mogle stated that it depends on if they get the study completed and could start late June. Mayor Sutton stated that we are on MEMA/FEMA time frame. Ginny Story asked that since it has been a good time frame since the project was approved, would MEMA/FEMA take back any of the monies allocated/approved for this project. Town Manager Mogle stated that all monies are in tack and the deadline has been pushed back.

Joe Sanders thanked Town Clerk, Sheila Dlugoborski and Public Works Operator, Jeff Miller for their guidance and help with an external plumbing issue at Rigbie II.

Town Attorney Yeager informed the council that Kent County Office of Finance will be conducting a virtual tax sale this year.

Mr. Yeager also stated that the State of Maryland has changed the guidelines for any charter amendment. Public hearing must be held twenty-one days in advance. Suggested that the Council consider changing the election process when there is no opposition that the election may be cancelled. Mr. Yeager will start the process.

MML Summer Conference will be holding two forms of conference this year. An in-person one which only allows two people from each municipality and an on-line one at a later date. Mr. Yeager asked to keep him in mind if we have one spot for the in-person conference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Candi Sorge reported that the Kent County Commission of Aging has been working hard with people that do not have a computer or need help signing up for the COVID vaccination. If you know anyone that needs assistance with computer sign-up, contact Candi.

March 31<sup>st</sup>- Blood Drive at the American Legion in Betterton.

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*Motion was made by Councilman Marcy to close the March 9, 2021 meeting; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: April 13, 2021