

**TOWN OF BETTERTON**  
**Mayor & Council Meeting**  
February 8, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Berterton, MD 21610

Meeting was held via GotoMeeting link.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Donny Sutton, Councilman Wayne Gilchrest, Councilman Bob Pyfer, Town Manager Tom Mogle, Town Clerk Sheila Dlugoborski, and Town Attorney Tom Yeager. **Absent:** Councilman Bill Fracassi and Councilman Harry Marcy.

**RESIDENTS:** (in person and virtually via GoTo link) Maryann Wasco-Smith, Candi Sorge, Russ Bell, Donald Heyer, Mark Zwanger and Caller 1(?).

**MINUTES:** *Councilman Pyfer motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the January 11, 2022, meeting, the Public Hearing Meeting January 25, 2022, and the Council Workshop meeting on January 25, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor, motioned carried.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** *Councilman Gilchrest motioned to approve the January 2022 financial report; seconded by Councilman Pyfer; all in favor, motioned carried.*

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Mayor Sutton read the January report. The Sheriff's Department handled 19 speed enforcements, 2 calls for service, 2 traffic warnings, 0 traffic citations, four man hours with an overtime cost of \$178.95.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BCC:** Received five boxes of N95 masks for distribution free to the community. Will receive more in the near future.

**BCDC:** Candi Sorge asked council for permission to hold a meeting for the Museums of Kent at the community center on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Council granted permission. The Museum Driving Tour of Kent County will be on April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and will include the train display.

**PLANNING:** No meetings scheduled at this time. Working on an amendment to the zoning regulations to present to council for chickens in town limits.

**APPEALS BOARD:** No Report.

**ROADS:** No Report.

**PARK:** No Report.

**SAFETY:** No Report.

**FIRE CO.:** No Report.

**WATER/SEWER:** No Report.

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** No Report.

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Trash: January 2022 – No amount at time of meeting.  
Recycling: January 2022 - 1.80 Tons

**Town Manager Report** – Lindstrom put a bid to complete the Shoreline Erosion project by water. Their bid was over \$900K. Since this is outside our budget, the Town will need to rebid the project. It is scheduled to run in the *Kent News* on Thursday. We spoke to GMB and are preparing for a Pre-Bid Meeting at the end of February. We plan to open new bids at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. MDEM put forth their letter for extending the project end date. I spoke to Chris Rogers about the Ericsson Avenue project. AECOM has made significant progress with the PER. Presently, we are looking at the cost to extend project to Main Street. In my communications with CDBG, it appears we have enough money to cover the extension. I will be attending a meeting with the county to discuss Unity's landscaping and design of Rigbie Bluff. Looking ahead, in March, Marty Holden, Sandi Pepe and Lisa Gutierrez will be meeting with Betterton residents to discuss repairs to the pier/jetty/boat ramp.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Tower Leases – Town Attorney Yeager has provided council with new leases to be sent to Delmarva Wifi and AB Indiana. Existing leases have expired and are month-to-month. The new leases increase the monthly fee to \$500.00 per month per company. *Councilman Pyfer motioned to give a 30 day notice to the companies to terminate the current month-to-month leases and to advise with the new lease, Seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor; motion carried.*

Bayside Project – Council will open new bids at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Paperwork has been sent to FEMA to extend the project.

Ericsson Avenue Project – Covered in Town Manager report earlier.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Proclamation – Front Line Workers and First Responders. Mayor Sutton read into record the proclamation. Chestertown Councilman Tom Herz was present and spoke about the background of the said proclamation. Council signed off on the proclamation.

**OPEN FORUM:** Wayne Gilchrest reported that four households in town are contributing food waste for composting. Other people in town are welcome to participate.

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

- Bingo on Sundays, doors open at 12:30 p.m. starts at 2. - Queen of Hearts Sunday evenings 6 p.m.
- Paint Night – February 18<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. \$20 per person. - all materials provided.
- Themed Basket Bingo – March 19<sup>th</sup> Doors open @ 5:30pm, Game starts @ 6:30pm, \$20 per person
- **Betterton Youth Group** – Winter/Spring Schedule – Feb. 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. Any questions, contact Patti Bone 443-298-0057.
- **Pancake Day – Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** – Betterton Volunteer Fire Co., Drive-thru pancake dinner. 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Pyfer reported that the Betterton Youth Group visited the train display at the old town hall and that the Rigbie Hotel is now in the train garden.

Candi Sorge thanked the town crew for their great job keeping the roads clear during the snow.

*Motion was made by Councilman Gilchrest to close the February 8, 2022, seconded by Councilman Pyfer; all in favor; Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

March 8, 2022