

**TOWN OF BETTERTON
PUBLIC MEETING
October 25, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610**

Learn about safe water...and the lead service-line pilot program

Meeting was held in person and GotoMeeting link.

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

RESIDENTS: (in person or virtually via GoTo link) - Dick Story, Ginny Story, Carolyn Sorge, Clyde Warden, and Larry Crew.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sutton opened the public meeting 7:00 p.m. and read the introduction as follows:

In 1991, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) to minimize lead and copper in drinking water.

Since 1991, the EPA continues to expand LCR regulations to include service line replacement programs.

Following the EPA's guidance, the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) established safeguards to avoid the crisis conditions like those present in Flint, Michigan from 2014-15.

To further ensure public safety, MDE has commissioned Maryland Rural Water Association (MRWA) to conduct a pilot program to examine the presence of lead in the service lines.

Representatives from MRWA along with staff from MDE will present information about the LSL program and address questions and concerns from residents and public officials.

Berterton's Utilities Supervisor, Jeff Miller, along with others familiar with Berterton's infrastructure have taken time to review the maps/as-builts of the water system and shared their knowledge with Maryland Rural Water.

MRWA Scott Delude and Mark Davis can share what they have learned so far.

What should residents expect? How can residents help? Scheduling? Time Frame?

Brief discussion.

Scott Delude, MRWA, spoke about the program and that they will be doing an inventory on the existing lines in town. There is funding available to help with the cost to replacing any lines that would need to be replaced. Handouts are available at the town office and there will be information on the town website.

Public meeting closed at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: November 6, 2022