

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

Meeting was held via GotoMeeting link.

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

RESIDENTS: (in person or virtually via GoTo link) Dick Story, Ginny Story, Carolyn Sorge, Mary Anne Wasko-Smith, and Russell Bell.

Mayor Sutton administered the oath of office to Wayne Gilchrest and Harry Marcy as recently elected Councilmembers from the election on October 1, 2022. Both will fill their current seat until 2026

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore – Councilman Gilchrest stated that Councilman Pyfer should continue the position. Mayor Sutton appointed Councilman Pyfer as the Mayor Pro Tempore.

Committee Assignments:

Water/Sewer – Councilman Pfyer and Councilman Gilchrest

Street/Roads/Street Lights – Councilman Gilchrest

Safety – Councilman Marcy

Personnel – Councilman Fracassi

MINUTES: *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes on October 11, 2022, Public Meeting October 25, 2022, and Council workshop on October 25, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Pyfer; all in favor, motioned carried.*

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Mayor Sutton read the October report. The Sheriff's Department handled 14 calls for service, 2 criminal complaints, 21 traffic warnings, 4 traffic citations, 3 foot patrols, 13 Man hours and overtime cost of \$599.09.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: No Report.

BCDC: Candi Sorge reported that the Berterton Heritage Museum will be holding a holiday sale and will have some new merchandise this year. Dates are November 25th & 26th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and during the train show on December 3rd.

PLANNING: Comprehensive Plan is coming along

APPEALS BOARD: No report.

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ROADS: No report.

PARK: Construction has started on the tennis court.

SAFETY: No Report.

FIRE CO.: The food truck nights are planned for Friday nights next season. The company will be hold nominations for officers tomorrow night.

WATER/SEWER: Mayor Sutton read the report that Jeff Miller, Plant operator submitted. The water treatment plant pumped 854,000gal.of potable water the month of October, there were no leaks in the distribution system other than reported in last month's report. The New water meter and lateral from the main to the Bath house has been completed, sidewalks and road patched. The wastewater treatment plant discharged 887,000 gal. of effluent to the Sassafra River the month of October. The covers are in place on both SBR'S in an effort to increase temps through the winter months. The plant is operating within ENR standards at this time.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: working with County Parks and Recreation about a mobile mat for the beach to allow ADA access and kayak launch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tower Leases –Town Attorney Yeager has not heard from Bridgemax. Will need to disconnect their equipment from out tower.

Bayside Project – Meeting set up with Lindstrom Excavating and the Bayside Homeowners. Project will be starting in the near future.

Ericsson Avenue Project – Will have a proposal for final engineering for CDBG.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Town Manager Report –
Met with Scott Delude about the Service Line Project.

Reached out to a few residents and organization for information for the Revize website.

OPEN FORUM: Candi Sorge congratulated Mayor and Councilmembers Marcy and Gilchrest for continuing on council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: -

Betterton Fire Co. – December 17th** It's a Whoville Holly-Day! - Brunch buffet with Santa and the Grinch at 10:30 a.m. (\$12/person, \$8/child 10 and under). - Christmas Caroling Hayride leaves firehouse parking lot at 4 p.m. - Movie – How the Grinch Stole Christmas (\$5/person, \$3/child 10 & under includes sm. drink & 1 bag of popcorn) will begin at 5:30 p.m. Will also have additional food items provided by a food truck during the movie.

**** NOTE:** *The fire company would LOVE for the town to really get involved and do up lights/decorations, come out during the hayride to wave, fire pit, etc. It would make for a GREAT hayride through town that evening!*

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Free Smoke Detectors. Please contact the fire department through the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company Facebook page, any Volunteer Fire Company member, or pick up at Betterton Town Office during office hours.

Betterton/Still Pond Lions Club – Night at the Races, Nov. 12th at the Betterton Fire House. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Betterton American Legion – November 12th – Veteran’s Day Luncheon 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Thursday nights – Open Mic Night, Open at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 2 p.m. – Cash Bingo
Sundays at 6 p.m. – Queen of Hearts drawing.

Betterton United Methodist Church Youth Group –Children’s Christmas Party Dec. 10th at the American Legion, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *All are welcome.* Please register at the Legion or Marzella’s.

Councilman Marcy asked about the ARPA money that the town received. Town Manager Mogle stated that we have up to six years to use the money and the town has a few projects we are working on that the money will be funding. Councilman Marcy asked about the electronic water meters. Mayor Sutton stated that we checked into the electronic meters in the past and they were very expensive but we will recheck on them and see what the cost would be.

Councilman Marcy talked about what plastic recyclable items are allowed? The company will not take everything. Candi Sorge commented that there is a group at the Chestertown Farmer’s Market on Saturdays until December 1st that will take yogurt containers, bottle tops, toothpaste tubs, etc. to be recycled and making benches out of these items.

Trail Walk on Monday, November 14th at Sassafras Natural Resource Area @ Turner’s Creek from 10 a.m. – Noon. About a 1.5 mile walk to the beach area.

Council Workshop on Tuesday, November 22nd cancelled unless something comes up.

Motion was made by Councilman Marcy to close the November 8, 2022, meeting, seconded by Councilman Pyfer; all in favor; Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: December 13, 2022