

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
April 11, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.
Betterton, MD 21610

Meeting was held via GotoMeeting link.

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

RESIDENTS: (in person or virtually via GoTo link) Mary Ann Wasiko-Smith, Candi Sorge, Dick and Ginny Story, Malcolm Kram and Caller 1.

MINUTES: *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes on March 14, 202. There was no Council workshop on March 28, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor, motioned carried.*

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Mayor Sutton read into record the Sheriff's report from January, February, and March 2023.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: Echo Hill hosted a "Stories of the Chesapeake" concert for community members on March 31st.

BCDC: Candi Sorge announced on Friday, April 14th Echo Hill will have a group of students touring the museum.

Museums of Kent Driving Tour will be on May 20th & 21st. The train show will be open on May 20th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

BCDC hosted the Still Pond/Betterton Tree Run. Even with the rainy conditions they had a good turn out and high spirits. Several expressed interest in the museum and plan to visit and attend the train show.

PLANNING: Met last night. Have received two applications for backyard chickens. *The commission discussed permit fees and recommended \$45.00 for a 3-year permit. The Council agreed with the fee.* Spoke about the second draft of the Rules of Procedures. Discussed adding Dave Paltrineri to the commission. Worked on the Comprehensive Plan.

APPEALS BOARD: None

ROADS: No report.

PARK: Bathhouse is open. Town Manager Mogle touched base with Mid Atlantic Asphalt regarding painting and lining the courts. Still do not have a date.

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SAFETY: No report.

FIRE CO: Dick Story reported that the Food Trucks will be at the Fire House this Friday, April 14th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WATER/SEWER: Mayor Sutton read the report that Jeff Miller, Plant operator submitted. The water plant pumped 680,000 gallons of potable water in the month of March. The plant is operating as it should. There were no leaks in the distribution system.

The wastewater plant treated and discharged 764,000 gallons of effluent to the Sassafra River the month of March. Temps are rising which continue to stimulate the microorganisms bringing them out of their winter “dulldrums”. We anticipate the delivery of the new generator to replace the old one at pump station 2 sometime in the near future.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: No meeting has been set. There was a request to expand the sustainable community to include the Betterton American Legion which is in the county but borders the town. The property will not be annexed into town, just in the sustainable community. Once this is complete, the town can support any grant assistance the Betterton American Legion applies for and qualify for said grant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tower Leases –No payments have been received from Delmarva Wifi now known as East Coast Wifi and Bridgemaxx. Working on getting a qualified person to disable both services from the tower.

Bayside Project – Will be receiving another bill from Lindstrom Excavation Contractors. Waiting on MDEM for reimbursement of funds. Still working on Phase 2 of the project. Homeowners are scheduling a meeting to discuss the project on April 22nd.

Mayor Sutton commented that the town is looking into quotes for the removal of a large dead tree on the right-of-way next to the foot bridge on the corner of Glen St. and Bayside Blvd.

Ericsson Avenue Project – Waiting on work from MRDC and will be putting together the RFP for final engineering design.

Tennis/Basketball Courts Project – waiting on several days of nice weather to schedule the painting of the courts and lines.

WWTP – New loader has been delivered. Working on finalizing the paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPEN BID FOR MOWING TOWN PROPERTIES – Received 2 bids.

<p>Christopher G. Fahrman, Lawn and Yard Services Town Park- Flat Fee/mow \$150.00 Town Office - Flat Fee/mow \$50.00 2 First Ave. Bank – weed whack/month \$120.00. No bid for maintenance of Wheeler Ave.</p>	<p>Extreme Lawn Care Grass Cutting, Trimming, Edging Sidewalks, Policing Litter and Blowing off Properties at 6th Avenue Park and Town Hall. Total for this service is \$300 per cutting.</p> <p>Weed control (seasonal) on Wheeler Avenue. Total for this service is \$195 per occurrence.</p>
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OPEN BID FOR MOWING TOWN PROPERTIES Cont'd.

Councilman Pyfer motioned to accept bid from Christopher G. Fahrman, Lawn and Yard Services for a total of \$200.00 per mow for the Town Park and Town Hall and \$120.00 per maintenance of bank along 2 First Ave. Councilman Marcy seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

OPEN BIDS FOR PAINTING OF FOOT BRIDGE – Received 1 bid. ZPR Zierfuss Painting & Restoration, Inc.

Containment procedure: All areas below and within the preparation zone are to be tarped and sealed off using 4 mil plastic on the ground and tarping for drift, preventing paint debris from escaping containment area.

Once preparation is completed the debris will be rolled up and taken to an approved disposal site.

Depending on the amount of debris and condition of containment material the clean-up and re-placement of containment material will be completed on an as needed basis.

Option #1 Power-wash using water turbo bits to remove most of the failing coatings. Light machine sanding and scraping will follow. Industrial metal primer followed by a pre-catalyzed epoxy or two-part epoxy finish. Project total including material: \$55,700.00.

Option #2 Blast all metal surfaces with walnut shell or other organic substrate. Goal to achieve 80 percent paint removal plus etching all surfaces for maximum adhesion of primer, followed by epoxy finish (as described above). Project total including material: \$79,000.00. **Option #2 has a ten-year labor warranty included.**

Initial tarping cost not included and will be billed on a time and material basis of \$55.00 per hour not to exceed \$3,000.00.

We use only the finest materials of the highest guarantee. Our preparation is second to none and is reflected in our final products endurance, longevity, and appearance. Go to www.zprinc.com for a complete gallery of similar completed projects.

All workers are trained in fall protection, a safety plan is in place, and all environmental and safety data sheets for products used will be kept on site. We will use our own man lifts to help with the difficulty in scaffolding the uneven terrain.

Council discussed the bid and will put it out to bid again.

Town Manager Report –

Rigbie bank Landscaping by county bathhouse will begin April 24th.

OPEN FORUM:

Mary Ann Wasko-Smith suggested to wait on the painting of the foot bridge and consider all of Bayside Blvd., Bayview Rd., the foot bridge and the Bayside Alley into one project and apply for a grant through MDOT for a pedestrian trail and storm water management. Consider making a strategic plan for the area and include Rigbie Steps. Councilman Gilchrest asked if Mrs. Smith would propose a group of people for a vision for that part of town. Candi Sorge commented that she would look into when the bridge was built.

Candi Sorge thanks everyone for the continued work on the Ribgie bank next to the steps and glad to see it finally getting redone.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: -

MD Food Bank @ Betterton Vol. Fire Co. - Next one will be in May

BCDC – Community Yard Sale April 29th

Betterton Vol. Fire Co. - Food Trucks – Friday, April 14th 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Betterton American Legion –

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 Youth Group –April 14th & May 19th at 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Church.

Betterton/Still Pond Lions Club – June 10th - Night at the Races. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Race time is approximately 6:15 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Marcy to close the April 11, 2023, meeting, seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

May 9, 2023