

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
September 13, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

Meeting was held via GotoMeeting link. Meeting began after public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

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) Anita Williams, Cheryl Fracassi, Dick Story, Ginny Story, Carolyn Sorge, Mary Anne Wasko-Smith, Dave Paltrineri, Russell Bell, and Mark Zwanger.

MINUTES: *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes on August 9, 2022, Public Hearing August 23, 2022, and Council workshop on August 23, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motioned carried.*

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Mayor Sutton read the August report. The Sheriff's Department handled 13 calls for service, 0 criminal complaints, 6 traffic warnings, 0 traffic citations, 29 foot patrols, 31 Man hours and overtime cost of \$1,018.64.

GUEST SPEAKERS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: No Report.

BCDC: Candi Sorge reported that the Berterton Heritage Museum has had quite a few visitors. The museum will be open through October.

PLANNING: Ginny Story commented that the two new planning/zoning board members will get their material to do the required training on-line.

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

ROADS: No Report.

PARK: We are moving forward with the contractor Mid-Atlantic Asphalt. We have access to the money needed to begin the work. Since the asphalt needs time to cure before painting, Mid-Atlantic may not be able to finish the project until spring of 2023. Councilman Fracassi asked if there will be a pickleball court. This has been looked into.

SAFETY: No Report.

FIRE CO.: Dick Story reported that there will be another Food Truck Tuesday on October 4, 2022.

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WATER/SEWER: Mayor Sutton read the report that Jeff Miller, Plant operator submitted. The water plant pumped 1,140,000 Gal. of potable water in the month of Aug. there were 2 water main leaks on Ericsson ave. Tom & I met with Md. Rural water concerning the new Lead & copper rules regulation changes that are up coming, Md rural water is working with MDE, and looking at the town's water distribution system in an effort to get an idea on what the scope of work will include. The water meter upgrade at the Bath House is scheduled to begin sometime after the county winterizes the plumbing.

The Wastewater plant treated and discharged 992,000 gal. of Effluent to the Sassafras River. We have been doing maintenance around the plant, replacing the UV light Lamps and sleeves, Repairing and replacing "wore out" components. Adding some safety features around the plant to send alarms should there be "spills" (chemical or Wastewater) within the SBR Building. We replaced all of the Uninterruptible power supplies at each of the PLC Cabinets throughout the plant. Total =6. The plant is running well, but I am seeing that be it the cold or the heat, the weather plays a big factor in the efficiency of the operation.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: No Report.

Trash: N/A
Recycling: N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tower Leases –AB Indiana/Bridgemax has not signed a lease to date. Town Attorney Yeager will notify Bridgemax that they will need to remove their equipment from the tower.

Bayside Project Town Manager Mogle read a letter from Russell Stickland, Secretary for FEMA stating that they are in receipt of the letter requesting modification to the currently approved Statement of Work which is requesting to change from a water-based to a land-based approach for the staging and construction phase of the Betterton Shoreline Erosion Mitigation project and state hat this change will not impact the project budget. FEMA approves the request.

Ericsson Avenue Project – Moving through CDBG's Release of Funds process. Completed letters to the various state agencies and we are running a required public ad in this week's Kent News. Have two meetings scheduled with MRDC in the coming weeks. Jeanette Delude, the wife of Maryland Rural Water Agency's Scott Delude, will be taking care of the project management for Ericsson Avenue project.

Back Yard Chickens Ordinance – Went over this in the public hearing. Will have an ordinance written up to vote on during the council workshop on September 27, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

Town Manager Report –

Our Town Crew, Jeff and Wayne are doing a great job with the Service Line Project with Maryland Rural Water Association.

Working with the County on taking care of the beach, cleaning charcoal pits, and working on the boardwalk and pavilion projects.

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OPEN FORUM: Anita Williams asked us to get Wheeler Avenue weeded and cleaned up. There is a group of volunteers working on this and will begin work soon. Mrs. Williams also asked to make sure that we specified that we require weed free mulch for Ericsson Avenue.

Mayor Sutton commented that the election will be canceled. Mayor Sutton read the notice that in accordance with the Betterton Town Charter, the Town of Betterton has canceled the election scheduled for October 1, 2022. There was no opposition for the seats of Mayor and two Council seats. The position of the Mayor will be filled by Donald E. Sutton and the positions for the town Council seats will be filled by Harry Marcy and Wayne Gilcrest.

Mayor Sutton will be sworn in by the Kent County Clerk of Court and then he will administer the oath of office to the two council members. The first council meeting in November, the Mayor will assign duties to the council.

Town Attorney Yeager stated that we should get the Charter reprinted and up-to-date with any new policies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: -

Question was asked about the Lions Club Horse Races in November. Mr. Dick Story replied that no decision has been made yet.

Betterton Fire Co.-

Blue Grass and Brews - September 17th

Car Show, 5th Annual - September 25th

Betterton American Legion - Thursday nights – Open Mic Night, Open at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays 6:00 p.m. Queen of Hearts drawing.

October 22nd – Auction at 5:00 p.m.

October 29th – Dance at 7:30 p.m.

November 12th – Veteran’s Day Luncheon 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Betterton United Methodist Church Youth Group – Will start up in the fall. Sept. 30th, Oct. 7th & 14th, and Nov. 4th. Children’s Christmas Party Dec. 3rd at the American Legion, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dick Story asked if the patches on Ericsson Avenue will be repaired prior to the Ericsson Avenue reconstruction project where the water breaks have been repaired? Mayor Sutton replied that one has been patched and the second one has crush and run in at the time and once it has time to compact, then will be patched. This will be taken care of before winter.

Motion was made by Councilman Marcy to close the September 13 2022, meeting, seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor; Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: October 11, 2022