

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Workshop
October 23, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

SCANNED

The Berterton Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Sutton at 7:00 p.m

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Sutton, Councilman Fracassi, Councilman Gilchrest, Councilman Marcy, Town Attorney Yeager, Town Manager, Elizabeth Greenwell and Town Clerk/Treasurer Dlugoborski.

Absent: Councilman Pyfer

RESIDENTS: Candi Sorge, Clyde Warden, Ginny Story, Dick Story, and Cheryl Fracassi.

Others in attendance: Jack Fernwalt, Scott Fernwalt and Shane Fernwalt.

Jason Loar, Principal/Engineer for the new WWTP. Mr. Loar is not available tonight. Mayor Sutton gave a brief update on the status of the new plant. The drying beds will be fixed and will still be part of the sewer plant upgrade. We will need to order a smart phone for the new plant. There is an app that can be put on the phone that you can run the plant with, issues alerts/alarms, etc.

Public Hearing - Mayor Sutton opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. for Emergency Ordinance 2018-02 which was advertised in the local paper – An Ordinance of the Town of Berterton to Provide a Temporary Exemption from the Prohibition of Firearm Discharge in certain areas of the Town for the Limited Purpose of Deer and Waterfowl Hunting In Season. Mayor Sutton opened up the floor for discussion/support/against. There was acknowledgement of support for said ordinance. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Fracassi; seconded by Councilman Marcy, all in favor. Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Councilman Gilchrest motioned to pass the Emergency Ordinance 2018-02 with the effective date of October 23, 2018, Councilman Fracassi seconded; Councilman Pyfer absent; Four in favor; 1 absent.

Post Office Update – As of last week there was nothing going to happen until 2019 now we have word this week that the new modular building will be in place before the end of the year.

Street Lights – Town Manager Greenwell spoke with Delmarva Power. There is a program to change out 20 lights throughout the town (in a calendar year) with either 70 watt, 100 watt and 150 watt LED bulbs. There is suggestion of changing out the ones on Second Avenue, Bayside Avenue as well as Wheeler and First Avenues. There was discussion about replacing the ones on Second, Bayside and Ericsson Avenues with 70 watt bulbs. Council decided to table this until another time.

Mayor Sutton stated that at the last meeting closed session for personnel issue they discussed looking for a temporary Grant Administrator. There will be an advertisement place for applications.

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Town Manager went over the Permit Fees and other municipal fees and suggested that the council up the fees to cover the inspection fees. Mayor Sutton suggested to work on the increase in permit fees at this time and will review the municipal fees/infractions at another time. There will be a public hearing on November 13, 2018 at 7 pm for permit fees.

OPEN FORUM:

Dick Story, Resident on Bayside Blvd. asked about the lights on Bayside Blvd. if they could be converted to solar. Councilman Gilchrest asked if we could look into the solar lights.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES:

Trick or Treat time – October 31, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

November 3rd – Lions Club Horse Races – Fire House – doors open at 5:30 p.m., starts 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Marcy to adjourn the October 23, 2018, meeting and to go into closed session for potential litigation; seconded by Councilman Gilchrest; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

November 13, 2018