

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
June 11, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

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

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

RESIDENTS: Clyde Warden, Candi Sorge, Cheryl Fracassi, Sharon Sutton and Rick Bisgyek.

MINUTES: *Councilman Pyfer motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting and the Mayor and Council Workshop minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting; Seconded by Councilman Marcy; all in favor, motioned carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORT: *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the May 2019 financial report; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motioned carried.*

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff John Price gave the report for the Month of May 2019: 17 Speed Assignments; 2 Warnings; 2 Citations; 0 DUI Arrest; 0 Criminal Complaint; 0 CDS Case- 0 Charges Pending; 4 Non-criminal Calls for Service. Fiscal Year 2018/19 May Overtime Expense – \$0.00 leaving a balance of \$2,621.90.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: Placing a call to have the a/c unit looked at.

BCDC: Candi Sorge reported the museum is open for the summer with weekend hours of 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. until the end of September. Sunday, August 4th Concert – Mainstay plays Berterton in memory of Judy Kohl. Community yard sale will be the weekend before Labor Day. Looking for volunteers for BCDC.

PLANNING: Meet last night, June 10th. Worked on the comprehensive plan. Will have workshop in a couple of weeks. Currently meeting monthly to update the comprehensive plan. Mayor Sutton commented that there has been a request from a resident to open a butcher shop. Questions concerning health department, licensing, trash, location of shop, parking, water/sewer, waterfowl cleaning also, etc. The town would need to hold a public hearing to change the code to allow business. Decided to have planning/zoning follow up with resident and get some more information.

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

ROADS: There was a request to fix a hole on Bayside Alley where a water line had been patched. Will be repaired next week.

PARK: Mulch has been installed at the "Jewell" play area.

SAFETY: No Report

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FIRE: Hosting the Summer Kick-off party at the beach on June 22nd.

WATER/SEWER: Mayor Sutton read a brief report from Jeff Miller, plant operator, on the performance of the plants in the last month.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: Meeting next Monday, June 17th.

Trash: May 2019 – 11.32 Tons

Recycling: May 2019 – 2.23 Tons

TOWN MANAGER REPORT: Elizabeth Greenwell reported that we ordered a new bulletin board to be installed by the post office. We are having technical issues with the town email account and calendar through GoDaddy. The calendar is currently not on the website. Will continue to work to resolve this issue.

Worked on grant application for Rigbie Steps.

Met with Stefanie Jones and the County about critical area worksheet for the bluff clearing in August and the site plan for the bench area.

Pump has been ordered for Idlewhile Pump Station.

Water tower – Southern Corrosion is still working with Verizon about equipment on tower. Scheduled to start work the week after labor day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Water/Sewer Rates – the Mayor and Council voted the new rates in the budget for 2019/2020 which will increase the sewer rate as well as the increase to the special assessment to \$150/yr. Rick Bisgyek questioned if this is an annual increase or just an increase for current year? Mayor Sutton stated that the council voted the increase into this next fiscal year budget year and there will be a rate study to see what the rates should increase to in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2019-01: Community Legacy Grant – Mayor Sutton read into record the resolution. *Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-01 was made by Councilman Marcy; Councilman Fracassi seconded; all in favor; motion carried.*

Town Manager Greenwell stated that additional money was requested to help fund the Idlewhile Avenue pumping station project and was approved for an additional \$10,000.

Consider Revising Code to Allow Butcher Shop – discussed earlier. Will have the planning/zoning commission gather more information.

Employee Retirement Plan – Mayor Sutton read the section in the town charter and the personnel manual in reference to the retirement plan. Discussion. Mayor Sutton asked for figures on costs for the town for the next meeting on July 9th.

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OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, June 22nd – American Legion Taco Bar Dinner 4:30p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 22nd – BVFC – Summer Kick-off Party at beach with bonfire.

Tuesday, June 25th – NO Workshop meeting.

June 23rd – 26th – MML Conference – Ocean City - Limited office hours on Monday and Tuesday.

Last set of gates have been installed on Bayview Rd. to Bayside Blvd. to temporary close road due to erosion of the bank.

Candi Sorge requested a No Outlet sign for Idlewhile Ave. Town Clerk Dlugoborski stated a sign has already been ordered.

Town Attorney Yeager stated that the Kent County Commissioners have passed the county budget and the county bathhouse was still in the budget to get replaced.

A motion was made by Councilman Fracassi to close the June 11, 2019 meeting; seconded by Councilman Marcy; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

July 9, 2019