

TOWN OF BETTERTON
Mayor & Council Meeting
August 14, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berterton, MD 21610

SCANNED

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

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

RESIDENTS: Wayne Gilchrest, Candi Sorge, Mary Ann Wasko-Smith, and Cheryl Fracassi.

Others in attendance: Chief Deputy Culp, Kent County Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Sutton stated that the first thing on the agenda was the vacant council seat and we have a nominee to fill the seat. Councilman Marcy introduced Wayne Gilchrest as the nominee and Mr. Gilchrest meets the criteria of a nominee. Councilman Marcy motioned to accept the nomination of Mr. Wayne Gilchrest to fill the vacant council seat, seconded by Councilman Fracassi, all in favor.

Mayor Sutton swore in Mr. Gilchrest to fill the vacant council seat until the next municipal election which is October 6, 2018. If Mr. Gilchrest would like to run in the upcoming election, he would need to complete the candidate for nomination for councilperson and file it to the Clerk/Treasurer by September 4, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Mayor and Council Meeting minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting as well as the Mayor and Council Workshop minutes of the July 24, 2018 meeting; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Councilman Fracassi motioned to approve the July financial report; seconded by Councilman Marcy; all in favor.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: For the Month of July 2018: 26 Speed Assignments; 22 Warnings; 17 Citations; 0 DUI Arrest; 0 Criminal Complains; 10 Non-criminal Calls for Service. Fiscal Year 2018/19 July Overtime Expense - \$0.00; Berterton Patrol Balance F/Y 2017/18 - \$5,000.00

Chief Deputy Culp reminded everyone of the Kent Goes Purple for the month of September. Anyone wanting to volunteer should contact Sheriff Price or Lt. Dennis Hickman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCC: No Report

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BCDC: The museum had about 35 visitors on Betterton Day. Sunday August 19th and Tuesday August 21st the museum will be hosting a group of freshmen from Washington College.

BCDC is on board with sharing the cost for the banners in town. Would like to discuss design at another meeting. Possibly at a workshop.

PLANNING: Town Manager Greenwell stated they met last night, August 13, 2018. Reviewed the plans for the playground for Sixth Avenue Park and Rigbie Steps that grants are being applied for. Grants for both were submitted today, August 14, 2018.

APPEALS BOARD: No Report.

ROADS: Mayor Sutton read the water/sewer report provided by Marcellus Black. The report from the speed signs were discussed.

PARK: Town Manager reported that the mural is being painted on the bath house at the park. The mural was dedicated on Betterton Day with two guest speakers. Mayor Sutton reported that the contractor will replace the roof once the weather cools down.

SAFETY: No Report.

FIRE: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: The new wastewater treatment plant will go online sometime in October.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: No Report.

Trash: July 2018 – 17.55 Tons

Recycling: July 2018 – 2.23 Tons

TOWN MANAGER REPORT: The Town Manager will give a report during the workshop.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Parking at beach: Mayor Sutton, Councilman Marcy, Town Administrator Shelley Heller, Sheriff John Price, County Parks & Recreation Director Myra Butler and County Engineer Jim Wright met and discussed possible solutions to the parking and overcrowding of the beach. There was discussion that they will install the post and cable/rope along the road sides again. There will be a follow-up meeting after the season.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candi Sorge announced the town wide yard sale will be August 25 – map with 16 locations marked. Will be in the Tidewater Trader for 2 weeks.

- August 24 – Children’s program at Betterton Community Center sponsored by Kent Co. Library, 10 am
- August 25 – Betterton American Legion taco dinner 4:30 – 7 p.m.
- September – Kent Goes Purple Campaign
- September – December – Youth Group starts back up
- September 2 – Betterton Fire Co. Chicken BBQ
- September 30 – Betterton Fire Co. Car Show

Betterton Election for Mayor and two Council seats, 4 year term will be held October 6th. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. A third Council seat is up for election due to resignation. August 31, 2018 is the last day to register to be placed on the ballot. Absentee Ballots are due by October 5th, 3 p.m.

Candi Sorge stated that the steps would be down on the Ark for a week or so. Please call the Sheriff’s department if you see anything suspicious.

A motion was made by Councilman Marcy to adjourn the August 14, 2018 meeting; seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 9/11/18
Sheila Dlugoborski

