

TOWN OF RISING SUN  
MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS TOWN BUSINESS  
MEETING MINUTES

*Let it be remembered* that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun held a Town Meeting on the third floor of Town Hall Tuesday June 11, 2013. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** Mayor Robert A. Fisher, Commissioner Travis Marion, Commissioner Joanne Osborne and Commissioner Bernard Chiominto.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Stephen Naughton arrived at 7:15 PM.

**STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT** –Town Administrator Calvin A. Bonenberger Jr., and Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk.

**GUESTS:** See attached list.

**MEETING OPENING** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and a request from Mayor Fisher for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Kami Ring, the 10 year old from Charlestown Maryland who was murdered.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – Mayor Fisher asked for any corrections to May 14, 2013 Town Meeting minutes. Commissioner Marion motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Chiominto. Vote passed 3-0.

Mayor Fisher asked for any corrections to the May 28, 2013 Town Meeting minutes. Commissioner Osborne motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Marion. Vote passed 3-0.

**RECORD OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES** – None

**Petitions for Resolution 2013-08 and Ordinance 2013-02;** Commissioner Osborne read into the minutes on behalf of the town attorney that the petition to nullify Resolution 2013-08 was invalid due to guidelines used by the staff who found

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incorrect addresses, non registered voters, illegible signatures and duplications. The petition requesting a referendum for Ordinance 2013-02 was not verified stating that Ordinances cannot be petitioned to referendum.

**Calvin Bonenberger;** read into the minutes the June 10, 2013 election results and announced the newly elected Commissioners Evelyn Dugger who received 191 votes, and George Walker who received 208 votes. Breakdown of the votes are as follows; Augie Pierson 142, Joanne Osborne 101 and Stephen Naughton 95 votes. Mayor Fisher commented that the people have spoken and hopes we can unite and get on with the business of the Town. Pam Haines was commended for filling in to work the election in the absence of the election clerk. The election judges were thanked.

**STAFF REPORTS--**

**Calvin Bonenberger reported on the following:**

**Banner Sponsorship Program;** announced that three businesses have purchased banners for Town poles and with the proceeds the town can purchase additional holiday banners.

**Town Fiscal Budget;** reported that the budget is tight, but the town has come under budget without having to raise taxes. The budget includes a yard waste hook for the public works department with a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Commissioner Osborne motioned to adopt the budget as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Marion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Sun Fest;** commended the police department for a great job, and stated the only problem this year was the cardboard trash cans not holding up.

**Valley View water line problems;** stated that he is concerned that there may be additional water line problems and the entire subdivision water line may need to be replaced and is nervous about paying \$40,000 for street repairs only to have the water line rupture again.

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**Triangle Dog Park;** Octoraro Watershed Association will be breaking ground for the construction of the dog park.

**Employment Contract;** distributed copies of his employment contract to the Mayor and newspaper reporters, stating that he would like to clear the rumor that his salary is \$120,000 and if anyone would like to discuss this information further he is available.

**FINIANCIALS-** Ms. Wagner reported year to date expenditures and revenue.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT** – reported the crime statics are downstairs for anyone wanting to view them, the police department is hoping to send a police officer to DARE school in August. Also the department would like to buy a fully equipped police cruiser from the Town of Port Deposit at a cost of \$16,000.

**MAYOR FISHER** – announced that the Homes for Troops will be building a home in Rising Sun for Cpl Jeffrey Kessler.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** – Mr. Mumey announced that on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall starting at 7:00 PM “an evening to remember” presenting Ms. Wendy Falko who will entertain everyone with her harp. Admission is free to everyone.

**CITIZEN IMPUT -**

**Jennifer Scully;** requested the Board to outline their reasonable intended accomplishments for the next twelve months.

**Shelly Leishear;** announced that she is working with a committee to bring a farmers market to Town.

**Tom Mullaney;** commended the Chief for obtaining the new TV screens and expressed his concern regarding the freedom of expression.

**Chris Callahan;** thanked the outgoing commissioners for the hard work and dedication and congratulated the new commissioners stating the he hoped they will do the Town justice.

**Brenda Maynard;** expressed her concerns regarding Valley View.

**Patricia Wagner;** asked the board members to “analyze a situation and think about” decisions that are made.

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**Chip Slaybaugh;** commented that he agreed with Ms. Wagner's statement.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Adoption of Ordinance 2013-03 Flood Plain Regulation;** Commissioner Osborne read into the minutes the summary of Ordinance 2013-03 titled Flood Plan Regulation and motioned a vote for adoption and was seconded by Commissioner Naughton. Vote passed 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS –** Commissioner Marion motioned for the approval to enter into a four contract with Cassidy video with a opt out clause after one year at the cost of \$450 plus and addition for the taping of the Town meetings the motion was seconded by Commissioner Naughton. Mayor Fisher asked for discussion and stated that he would like to table the motion. After discussion Vote passed 4=0.

**COMMISSIONER S COMMENTS –**

**Commissioner Chiominto;** motioned to purchase a fully equipped police car from the Town of Port Deposit at a cost of \$16,000 and was seconded by Commissioner Marion. Vote passed 4-0.

**Commissioner Marion;** reminded everyone of the Movies in the Park scheduled for July 6, 2013 and also thanking Armstrong Cable and Ace Hardware for their donation.

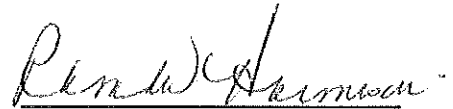
**Commissioner Naughton;** congratulated newly elected Commissioners Lyn Dugger and George Walker and also thanking everyone and it has been a pleasure to serve the community.

**Commissioner Osborne;** a grant has been submitted from WILMPCO on behalf of the Town.

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**ADJOURNMENT** – meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Joanne Osborne,  
seconded by Commissioner Stephen Naughton at the July 9, 2013 Town  
Meeting

Motion Passed 4 0

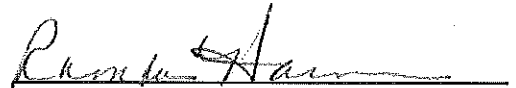
**Declaration And Verification Of Authenticity**

I, Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk for the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing minutes are a true, perfect and complete copy of the Minutes adopted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, and is identical to the original thereof appearing in the official records of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland and the same has not, since its adoption, been rescinded or amended in any respect.

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*In Testimony Whereof*, I have here unto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013.

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

***CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL***