

**Town of Rising Sun
Mayor & Commissioners Town Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2015**

Let it be remembered that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, held a Town Meeting on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, September 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Travis Marion, Commissioners Authenreath, Scully and Warnick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Administrator Calvin A. Bonenberger, Jr., and Town Clerk Marsha J. Spencer.

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Travis Marion and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Commissioner Scully and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

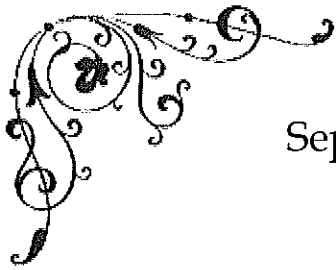
IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS' INPUT: Comments were made and action items taken by respective commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Peterson:

- Canine unit and helicopter support hovering around Maple Heights last evening. State Police tactics have priorities that include officers' safety that precludes intervention of the general public. Often the situation does not lend well to timely notice to residents. In this case, there was no present danger.
- With the exception of the State Police, Cecil County has transitioned to the new computerized reporting system that allows for consistency with reporting.



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Mayor's Report:

- Attended Cecil County Sheriff's Department's "Thank a Cop" day in Charlestown.
- Donate Life Month – donation forms are located in the lobby.
- Received Certificate from University of Maryland for completing course work for the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance.
- Spooktacular is planned for October 24 with openings for vendor participation.

Historical Preservation Commission:

- Civil War Reenactment is scheduled for October 3rd – 5th with plans to accommodate 200-300 school students visiting the soldiers at various stations on Friday morning. The Reenactments are scheduled for Saturday around 1 PM and again on Sunday at 2 PM. A period dance with a band will be open to the public.
- The Historical Preservation Commission meets on the second Wednesday each month.
- Museum hours are 4 – 7 PM on the second Saturday of the month.

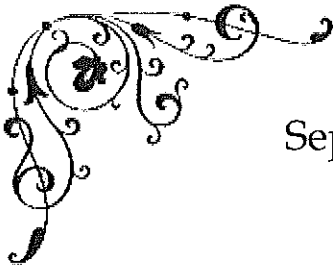
IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORTING OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: Town Administrator Bonenberger read into the record Minutes of the Executive Session of the Ethics Board held on September 22, 2015. (See Minutes of Executive Session).

IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- The unofficial list of candidates for the two Commissioners positions that will serve four-year terms are: Bob Fisher, Dale Gerber Jr., Brian Leishear, Joanne Osborne, and Joseph Shephard.
 - Letters will be prepared to the candidates who need to correct or add some minor pieces of information on the Election Forms.
 - October 19th – Election Day
 - Commissioners-elect will be sworn in on the second Tuesday in November or at the first town meeting.
- Personnel Manual Revisions – changes were made according to the passed resolution; Chief Peterson has completed the Police Department manual for review by the Town Attorney.
- Elected Body Protocol – please provide feedback to help move along this process.



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- Property Maintenance Code – public discussions will be planned; complaints continue to be received regarding high grass, vacant houses, abandoned cars, etc. MML has expressed interest in the Town's approach to vacant and abandoned houses.
- Big Footh – demolition permit has been approved with plans for this 3–4 day process to be scheduled this week.
- Zoning Map Update: KCI has prepared the new digital zoning map which will be listed on the County's GIS site. The Town's planned road restoration program includes a color triage on the condition of the town roads and storm drains.
- Sewer Update: With various obstacles that have included court challenges, the USDA review process, design objections, etc. the completion of the sewer plant is a monumental accomplishment. Aerial shots and photographs were shared.
 - State Highway meeting - proposing to plant 150 trees at the sewer plant.
 - MDE and USDA have met at the plant, reviewed operations, and viewed very clear samples of the treated water.
 - Lagoon – no longer discharging into the stream; engineers assure that 1.1 acres of surface water provides adequate evaporation.
 - Power will be shut down to the lagoon.
 - An Annexation request has been received for the Reynolds tract between Pearl and Route 1 corridor.
 - Meetings have been held with other developers that include possible donation of the home on the Reynolds tract for use as a town museum.
 - Spicers – request for Crab Carry Out to relocate there.
 - Land connected to Knutsen property near Fire Company – interest in a type of PUD or combination of businesses/homes.
 - Streetlamp Productions is moving to Valley View and will offer something for the kids, i.e. Zumba classes, theatre with auditions, etc. Parking issues need to be addressed.
 - Bryans' Grace – With an update on the legal action, it is unfortunate that the developer walked away from his obligation. After repeated updates over the years to Cecil Bank, the Town considers it most unfortunate that Cecil Bank is not honoring the letters of credit.
 - Valley View parking spaces – a vendor has been secured to re-line parking spaces next week over two days. Residents will be asked to move to other sections as work progresses.
 - Ryan Drive – bids are going out Friday with the advertisement on Wednesday to rebuild the road base; KCI will handle the bid packets (estimated due date of 10/8), review and make a recommendation. Expected completion of this project is near Thanksgiving for \$300,000. The work will involve the intersection of Sunrise Circle to the cul-de-sac.



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IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Authenreath:

- Valley View – tree trimmed at stop sign; line striping as mentioned above.
- Ryan Drive Update – as provided above in Town Administrator's report.

Mayor Marion interjected comments of appreciation for Commissioner Scully's service and disappointment that Howard Bank has taken the position to not permit her to run in this election. Additionally, the Mayor encouraged the commissioner candidates to ask questions and become acquainted with current board members.

Scully:

- Thank you to the Mayor for his kind words.
- Commissioner Scully plans to be available to offer help in the future.

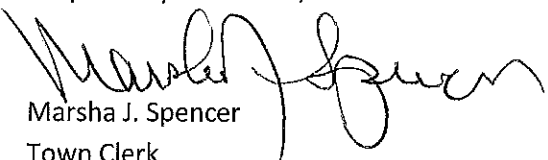
Warnick:

- RS Arts Council had large turnout for most recent Saturday with artist Tim Jackson and Tricia Jetson.
- One Eyed Jacks Band was rained out and will be rescheduled.
- Cinderella release at Movies in the Park – more than 100 attendees.
- Two hours this past Saturday: AP Environmental Sciences from Rising Sun High School at Veterans Park for education.
- Tomorrow more than 40 trees will be planted at Veterans Park from 5:30 PM – 7 PM.
- Registration is open for the Clean Stream Alliance.

Mayor Marion thanked Commissioner Warnick for his commitment to Movies in the Park through the summer months with special thanks to sponsors Martins Food Market and Armstrong.

With no other business to come before the board, motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Scully to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marsha J. Spencer
Town Clerk



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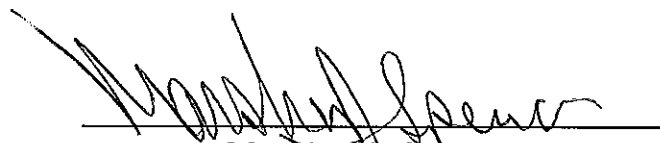
MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WARNICK AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AUTHENREATH TO APPROVE THESE MINUTES AT THE OCTOBER 13, 2015 MEETING OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Marsha J. Spencer, 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this 13th day of October 2015.

Respectfully submitted



Marsha J. Spencer
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

**(STATE OF MARYLAND)
(COUNTY OF CECIL)
(TOWN OF RISING SUN)**