

TOWN OF RISING SUN

BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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June 13, 2006

Present: Judy Cox, Clint Bowers, Tom Mumey, Debbie Craig, Mary Bedsworth (7:10 PM)

Town Administrator: Shawn Hershberger

Town Planner: Alex Smith

Guests: See Attached List

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on June 13, 2006 at the Town Hall with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

The minutes of the May 23, 2006 were presented. Mrs. Craig noted 3 typographical errors. A motion was made by Mr. Bowers to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried.

With no additions or corrections a motion was made by Mr. Bowers to accept the minutes of the May 30, 2006 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried..

A public hearing was conducted on the Constant Yield Tax for FY 2007. No persons appeared in favor of, or opposed to the proposal. Commissioner Craig motioned and Mr. Bowers seconded the motion that the Town maintain the current tax rate of .36/\$100 for FY 2007. (This rate is 2.8 cents higher than the Constant Yield Tax as computed by the Department of Assessment and Taxation.) The vote was 4 yeas and 0 nays.

The budget for FY 2007 was presented. Mr. Hershberger gave a brief synopsis of the proposed budget which includes a 19% increase. A copy of the FY 2007 Budget is attached and made a part of these minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried to adopted the proposed FY 2007. Mayor Cox thanked Shawn for his work on the budget.

REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox congratulated the success of Mr. Bowers and Mr. Pierson in winning the recent election. She also congratulated Mr. Callahan. Mrs. Craig congratulated Mayor Cox on her re-election and questioned if that left an opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Cox also thanked the ladies on the Election Board and the poll watchers: Mrs. England, Mrs. Ehrhart and Mrs. Emsley.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised that he had nothing to report.

Public Safety - Mrs. Bedsworth reported that the department had received a thank you note from the residents of Maple Height for doing patrol checks there. The Chief and department are trying to make sure the kids don't get into trouble since school is out. She thanked everyone saying that she has enjoyed her time on the Board and wished Mr. Pierson well. Mayor Cox thanked her for the time that she has served.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig reported that there is a serious problem with vandalism in the Town Park. The picnic tables are covered with graffiti so badly that a church group could not hold their picnic there. The graffiti remover will not work and they have now started on the bleachers. Ron Thomas is going to try to find a paint that will work on the surface of the tables. It may be necessary to have a camera placed in the park to catch the responsible persons. Mr. Pierson advised of a system that they use in Baltimore, but he did not know the cost.

Water & Sewer & Streetscape - Mr. Bowers reported on today's meeting with RK & K and Lenny Gold for the review of the preliminary design report for the new wwtp. Shawn is working on funding. Clint hopes to report back when they find a process that is acceptable and the funding. Under water, Clint reported that they had met with CLSI who will be doing the testing and permitting of the legion wells. They have already had preliminary talks with MDE and SRBC. The well levels are holding steady which are being monitored very carefully. Ron reported that he had attended the Maryland Rural Water Conference and received some good information. All 4 maintenance personnel attended "flagger training" provided by LGIT. They are now certified flaggers. Ron will be going to a wastewater operator's class the last of June. Following the course, he will take the State test.

Under streetscape, Clint reported Daisy is still working on punch list items and landscaping. The placement of the lines on the streets has been marked. He is hopeful the lines will be down soon. The street lights are being wired and will be completed soon. The Town will not be required to perform a 30 day burn test. A copy of Clint's report is attached.

Town Planner/Code Enforcer - Alex Smith advised that he had nothing to report, but reminded everyone of the Planning and Zoning meeting on June 19.

Town Administrator - Mr. Hershberger advised that he had nothing of significance to report.

Diane Ehrhart reported on the activities of the Historical Preservation Commission. Shirley Smith won the hand-painted brick. The web site is still being worked on; they hope to have a booth at the Fire Company Carnival; 3 new family memberships; they will be having a fall dance. Diane's report is attached to these minutes.

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Chris Callahan advised that he had run into a situation where a shutoff valve was broken by a contractor creating a water leak. He felt that the Town should have a statue written addressing the issue, where the Town, not a contractor is responsible for all turnoff.

Mr. Callahan also advised that there was a large hole at Cooper and Main about 2' deep where a fire hydrant is missing. It is 2' off of the road and there is a steel rod in the middle of it. Ron will check it out.

Mr. Ehrhart just wanted to congratulate everyone on the recent election.

Mr. Pierson advised that more important than the voting was the number of voters who turned out. A record number of voters voted.

Dee Emsley advised that as a result of being a poll watcher, she had a few questions concerning policy. The Mayor asked if the people in the room who were poll watchers would submit a list concerning the issues that need to be addressed.

Mayor Cox advised that there will not be another meeting this month due to everyone attending the conference at the end of the month, unless an emergency arises. If a meeting must be scheduled it will be posted on the website. The next scheduled meeting will be July 11

With no additional business coming before the Board, a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Bowers, and seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sandra D. Didra
Secretary