

TOWN OF RISING SUN

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July 11, 2006

Present: Judy Cox, Clint Bowers, Tom Mumey, Debbie Craig, Augie Pierson

Town Administrator: Shawn Hershberger - Absent

Town Planner: Alex Smith - Absent

Guests: See Attached List

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Cox, Commissioners Bowers & Pierson were sworn into office by William Brueckman, Clerk of the Court for Cecil County.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on July 11, 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 June 13, 2006 were presented. Mrs. Craig noted 2 typographical errors. A motion was made by Mr. Bowers to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Brandon Castell, a graphic design student at Marymont University gave a presentation of a interactive computer program on the history of Rising Sun which he had developed as a class project. It showed the Town as it is today and in the past with stories about the Haines and Reynolds families.

REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox asked the Board to give some thought to a letter from our waster hauler, Tri-State Waste Solutions. The County landfill is no longer accepting co-mingled recycling. Tri-State has located a company that will accept the co-mingled and they would like to set a 20 yard open container at a location to be determined. They will collect the co-mingled recycling and put in the 20 yd container and then take the container to the recycling center. Discussion followed as to where to place the container, and changes to the contract upon the renewal date. More thought is to be given the matter before contact is made with Tri-State.

Mayor Cox advised that she had received a letter from Chris Callahan requesting appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The letter will be forwarded to the Planning & Zoning for a recommendation. She advised that she would be addressing appointments at the August 22 meeting.

Mayor Cox advised that she had received an email from the Tributary Strategies Program. There will be a workshop for public officials on July 24th from 10 am to 3:30 PM at a location to be announced on Watershed Planning for Local Governments, presented by the Upper Western Shore Tributary Team. She encouraged the Board to attend.

She advised that the Rural Maryland Summit will be held at Sandy Cove in October of this year. Phyllis Kilby and John Dillman will be attending the August 8, 2006 meeting to give a presentation on this summit meeting.

Mayor Cox passed out proposed revision to the Town Charter. A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised that the Louise Court project is finished and it looks nice. He advised that Mason Runn is getting to the point where something will have to be done. With the recent heavy rains, the runoff has gotten worst. The project is not eligible for the grants that we had applied for, but we are still looking for other sources of monies. He also congratulated Mayor Cox on her recent election to the MML Board.

Public Safety – Mr. Pierson asked Chief Michael to give a report. The Chief reported on attending the MML Conference. He talked about the recent article in the paper where someone wanted to offer a reward to find those responsible for the graffiti on the park tables. He will be contacting this person to see if in lieu of a reward, they will establish a “Crime Solvers” program where the police would have access to monies to offer as rewards for various crimes. He is asking citizens to call the police if they see anything happening. He does not feel that anyone in Rising Sun has to fear retribution. The Chief also reported that Ofc. Dominick had made a recent arrest where copper wire had been cut out, removed and stolen from the Maple Heights Apartments. The wire was recovered. The cost of the wire is approximately \$6,000. The cost of reinstalling it is about \$10,000.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig reported that members of the Grace Bible Chapel Church had painted the tables in the park covering up the graffiti. The secretary is to send a thank you letter on behalf of the Town. Mrs. Craig would like to see the letter before it is sent. She reported that the police department had made one arrest for some of the graffiti.

Water & Sewer & Streetscape - Mr. Bowers reported that the final report on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant is due from RK & K on July 15th. On July 6, he, Delegate Rudolph, MDE, Mayor Cox, Shawn, Commissioner Mumey, Ron & Chris had met to discuss the type of WWTP that RK & K is proposing and to ensure that it would meet MDE permitting requirements and to secure the \$100,000. Once the final design is received the committee will meet again to pursue the funding issue.

Clint reported that CLSI and Advanced Land & Water have been working with SRBC and MDE to develop a aquifer testing plan for the Legion Wells. A letter will be sent to those property owners whose wells will be tested. There is a meeting on July 12 to ensure that the project is moving forward on schedule and within budget.

The street lights are wired and awaiting County inspection which should be done tomorrow. As soon as that inspection is completed, Delmarva Power will be notified so they can do their inspection and final hook-up.

Diane Ehrhart asked for information about the MML. She advised that she and others in the room had heard the Board talk about MML and wanted to know what it was. The Mayor and Commissioners explained the workings and activities of MML.

Diane reported on the activities of the Historical Preservation Commission. They will be having a booth at the carnival and requested support for their group and the fire company. She also reported on another painting by Jane Wassmer of the Brookview Chapel which is being raffled off to raise monies for work on the Chapel building. New members include Tom Connelly and Mr. & Mrs. Majewski. A copy of Diane’s report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

CITIZEN’S INPUT:

Bill Barr questioned the proposed lanes at the entrance to Martins. He felt that they were very confusing and wanted them the way they were. Mr. Bowers advised that there would be 2 left turn lanes because that was how the State felt it should be done.

Mr. Barr questioned how the Town figured the billing for sidewalks. Sandi explained how the bills were calculated.

Dee Emsley had observed the tents in Town selling fireworks and asked if anything had been enacted addressing the temporary vendors. She was advised that it had not, but would be addressed when the ordinances were revised.

Mr. VanDyke inquired about the walk-through by the State. He was advised that it would be tomorrow and that his property was on the list..

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sandra D. Didra
Secretary