

# TOWN OF RISING SUN

## BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

**MAYOR**  
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Vacant

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September 26, 2006

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

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 September 26, 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 September 12, 2006 were presented. With no corrections or additions, a motion was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Dr. Carl Roberts and Perry Willis of the Cecil County Public Schools were in attendance. They explained the Capitol Improvement Program for CCPS and the "feeder" system for Rising Sun High School. They reported on the different types of information sources they use to gather data to estimate the number of students who will be attending area schools. This includes working with the Health Department for birth records and the planning office for building permits. However, no projected development is counted until the houses are actually occupied. Once the CCPS has determined the need, they must then go before the DPW in Annapolis for funding.

Kevin Beane of Tri-State Waste was in attendance. Tri-State had proposed to place a 20 yd roll-off at the maintenance building so that they could put the re-cycle materials in it and then take it to Philadelphia for disposal. The roll-off would be dropped off on a Thursday and removed on a Friday after final pick up has been made. Chris George was asked if there was room at the maintenance building and he advised that there was. The Rising Sun Herald is to publish the recycle list which is tin, aluminum, glass, plastics and paper including junk mail and magazines. The Board gave permission for Tri State to locate the 20 yard roll-off at the maintenance building on Thursday and to be removed on Fridays.

Mr. Hershberger presented a contract with Maryland Environmental Services for the oversight of the design and construction of the new WWTP including 1 month of start up and 1 year of operations and maintenance. A budget for the operations and maintenance will be presented once the plant is completed. A motion to accept the contract was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried.

### REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox advised that she received 4 bids for the carpeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor ranging in price from \$4,150 to 2,290.65 and from 20 oz to 28 oz density. Mr. Pierson questioned if there was a wear number on the carpet. Mayor Cox is to check on the wear numbers. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried to purchase the carpet with the best wear number and cost.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised that the maintenance had begun the process of repairing the stormwater basins on Mason Run. 2 have been repaired and 2 remain to be repaired. With the maintenance department doing this work, it has saved the Town a considerable amount of money.

Public Safety – Mr. Pierson had nothing to report. Chief Michael advised that they had done a training seminar in Cecilton for seniors. He will also be attending a conference this coming week. The department has received a \$1000 grant for overtime from the health department for enforcement of the smoking laws.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised that the equipment is being installed this week. She asked for suggestions for something honoring our service people overseas besides the current ribbon tree. The tree has seen better days and the ribbons are faded and not something that she feels appropriately represents our service people. A monument in the small park was suggested. A request is to go out for a committee to come up with ideas for such a tribute. Anyone interested in serving on the committee is to contact the Mayor.

Planner - Mr. Smith deferred the first item on his report to the Mayor. Mayor Cox advised that the Rising Sun Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that Chris Callahan be appoint to fill the vacancy on the P & Z Board. Mr. Callahan was asked if he would be interested in the position and he advised that he was. A motion for the appointment of Chris Callahan to serve on the P & Z Board was made by Mr. Mumey. Seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried.

Mr. Smith advised that the Rising Sun Planning & Zoning Commission recommends the Boyd Farm for annexation. Mr. Hersherberger presented Annexation Resolution 2006-01 and a Petition for Annexation and a letter from the Boyds requesting annexation. The annexation resolution will be run for 4 weeks and a public hearing will be held before the Mayor and Commissioners on November 8, 2006 at 7:00 PM .

Mr. Smith advised that Planning and Zoning would be holding a public hearing for the revised Comprehensive Plan on Monday, October 9, 2006 at the Town Hall.

With regard to the annexation resolution, Mr. Pierson asked if the developer was aware of the pending APFO for the Town and would he be compliant with our requests. Shawn advised that they were on Board with the Town's needs for water and wastewater.

Mr. Pierson asked if Alex had made any progress with Mr. Moore's complaint in Maple Heights at the last meeting. . Alex advised that he had not. Shawn advised that it was a civil matter as the Town did not currently own the streets. Mr. Mumey and Mrs. Craig advised that it was a stormwater management problem and the county needs to be contacted to be sure that necessary measures have been taken to address stormwater management issues. Alex is to contact the County.

Mayor Cox advised that she had received 2 letters of interest in the current opening on the Board left by Mr. Bowers' resignation. Those interested were Chris Callahan who has just accepted appointment to Planning & Zoning and Jim Majewski, who is interested in serving. She recommended the appointment of Mr. Majewski. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried to approve the appointment of Mr. Majewski to fill the vacant seat on the Board.

Town Administrator - Mr. Hershberger advised he had nothing further to report.

In the absence of Diane Ehrhart, Dee Emsley reported that they would be serving dinner for the Civil War Reenactment in period dress. The dance is set for November 17 and there are still t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale.

There was no unfinished business or new business to report.

#### CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Chris Callahan asked when the fire hydrant at Main and Cooper was going to be replaced. Chris George will check with Ron.

Mr. Callahan also questioned the Board about their decision to enter into a contract with MES stating that 14 days ago they had not made a decision. He asked if the matter had been discussed at other than a public meeting. Mr. Mumey advised the MES is a quasi state agency and an expert in the field and they are not allowed to entering into a bidding process. MES has met with Town officials and those officials have made recommendations to the Board. Other companies were contacted but only MES presented a contract.

Mayor Cox advised that the Town needs to get moving on the project as we are looking at fines imposed by the State for non-compliance.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra  
Secretary