TOWN OF RISING SUN MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS TOWN 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 3rd floor of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening June 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>: Mayor Judith M. Cox, Commissioner Clinton E. Bowers, Commissioner Jim Majewski, Commissioner Thomas S. Mumey and Commissioner Augie Pierson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: (None)

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Administrator Calvin A Bonenberger, Jr.

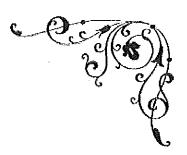
GUESTS: See Attached List

<u>MEETING OPENING</u> – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Judith M. Cox followed by a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Mayor Cox's asked for any corrections to the minutes for the May 25, 2010 Town Meeting. Commissioner Pierson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mumey. The minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections or additions. Town Administrator, Calvin A Bonenberger Ir read the closed executive report into the minutes, in which a motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mumey to authorize the Town Administrator to have the Town Accountant prepare a report on the reorganization of the Town's financial processes over the past 10 months. Commissioner Bowers, Mumey and Pierson voted yes for the motion, Commissioner Majewski abstained. Commissioner Pierson made a motion to approve the closed executive report, seconded by Commissioner Bowers. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Pierson requested to read the report that had been received from the Accountants into the minutes. The report was read into the record. Further discussion ensued on the report. Commissioner Bowers requested to know if we would be following up on the issues raised in the report. Mr. Bonenberger stated that the fiscal policy revision had been completed and would be presented at the next Town meeting. Commissioner Bowers was concerned about the issues raised and wanted to know what steps could be taken to look into these issues further. After discussion regarding the plausibility of a forensic audit, Commissioner Bowers made a motion seconded by Commissioner Pierson to have the Town Administrator secure prices for a forensic audit. Mr. Bonenberger suggested that the cost of a forensic audit could be very costly if there were no parameters or scope to follow. Commissioner Bowers amended his motion to direct the Town



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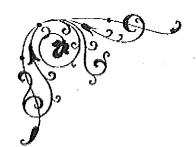
Administrator to research the prices for a forensic audit, following the scope and parameters of issues raised by the Accountant. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierson. Bowers, Mumey and Pierson voted yey for the motion with Commissioner Majewski abstaining. Motion carried.

<u>PRESENTATIONS</u>, <u>ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS</u> — There was a resident from the Trailer park that originally requested to be on the agenda for the meeting. She later contacted the Town Administrator and requested to be removed from the agenda. Jim Gibney Jr. from the 150^{th} Celebration Committee provided a presentation on the benefits a program that would include movies in the park. Residents could attend these events throughout the summer months. Mr. Gibney reported that the cost associated with a general 12×9 foot screen and all necessary stakes, tie downs and projectors would cost roughly \$2,400. After a brief discussion on the subject, the board indicated that they would like to review the project in more detail and at a later date.

MAYOR'S REPORT — The Mayor received a thank you letter from Mr. David Fox from the recently created ethics board. He also requested to know when the Town would be having an orientation meeting. The board suggested having a meeting in August. The Mayor also indicated that she had been looking to appoint an alternate to the board. If anyone was interested they should contact the board. The Mayor also thanked all those that attended the Sun-fest events and especially thanked the Police and Public works employees that stepped up in the final hours to take care of several last minute details.

<u>FINANCES</u> – (No Report)

SEWER AND WATER REPORT — Commissioner Majewski reported that the Town had submitted its preliminary report to MDE for the construction of a new 500,000 gallon wastewater treatment plant. The Town had received word yesterday that MDE was working to set up a meeting next week to discuss the plan in more detail. Commissioner Majewski also reported the Town administrator was working to submit the required letters and maps needed to request an amendment to the County's Master Sewer and Water plans. The packet needs to be submitted by June 17th in order to make the July meeting of the County Planning Commission. Upon a favorable review, the County Board of Commissioners would be in a position to review the request at their August meeting. If approved by the Commissioners, the amendment would be forwarded to the Maryland Department of the Environment for their review and consideration. He also thanked the Public works crews that repaired a small water main leak at 138 Queen Street.



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<u>STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT</u> — Commissioner Bowers reported that Leeco Construction is scheduled to come in tomorrow to make the necessary repairs to the storm drain on Ryan Drive. He also reported to the Board that the following storm drains are in need of repair. They are:

- 1) East side of Mount St. between Brinker Ct. and Manor Ct.
- 2) 111-113 Turtleback Ct.
- 3) 201-203 Turtleback Ct.
- 4) 207-209 Turtleback Ct.
- 5) Littlebrick Ct. by vacant lot
- 6) 102-104 Britton Dr.

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> — Commissioner Pierson provided a report on police activity reports. He also caution those individuals that have been taking candidate signs from peoples yards.

<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u> – No Report – the Movie in the Park presentation was his report.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT — The Town Administrator provided a report on the Meter installation to date. The program is in full swing and has proceeded quite well. We have completed roughly 80 meter installations since the start. Residents are reminded that all personnel working for the Contractor, National Metering, will be in uniform or shirt bearing the company name and will have ID badges around their neck. Residents are urged to contact the Town Hall if they have any questions. He also provided an update on two recently submitted grant applications. One was for additional monies for the expansion of Triangle Park to install a nature trail in the heavily wooded areas adjacent to Triangle Park and the 2nd grant was for roughly 6 million dollars to pay for the upgrades to the new wastewater treatment facility. We did not get awarded any grant monies for the park project and MDE denied our sewer project because we did not score high enough on a priority scale of importance.

<u>PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD</u>- Mr. Bonenberger reminded the board that they had received a resignation from a previous board member and there is now an opening. He also stated that we are quickly approaching the end of the 60 day review period of our comprehensive plan by the Maryland Department of Planning. We will need to schedule public hearings for this project in late June if not early July.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - (No Report)

CODE ENFORCEMENT - (No Report)



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<u>HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION</u> – Karen Majewski read a report on the recent events of the 150th Committee and the Historical Commission

OLD BUSINESS. The board discussed having a budget meeting and set a date of Tuesday evening June 15th at 6:00 PM

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>. Commissioner Majewski raised a concern about the amount of street lights that are not working along Main Street. He requested that a map be put together by the police department to show which lights are now working. The Town Administrator reported that the Public Works crews were aware of the situation and were checking on the status of breakers being switch off. The Mayor raised an issue about having spare street lights available for instances when our lights are damaged.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – Karen Majewski expressed concerns about the Accountants letter that was previously read into the minutes and questioned the motive by the board in reading it out in public. Dee Emsley expressed concerns about the election process. A motion was made by Commissioner Mumey, seconded by Commissioner Pierson, to direct the Town Administrator to research the various election policies employed by neighboring communities, the County and the State, as they related to the issues raised by Ms Emsley, and to implement those policies to insure compliance with all election laws on election day. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – With no other business before the board a motion was made by Pierson to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Calvin A Bonenberger Jr., Town Administrator / Acting Town Clerk

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Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner August Pierson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Mumey at the June 22, 2010 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 4 to 0



DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Calvin A Bonenberger, Town Administrator and Interim Town Clerk for the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, do herby 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 22^{nd} day of June 2010.

Respectfully submitted

Calvin A Bonenberger Jr., Town Administrator / Acting Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)