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 September 14, 2010. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>: Mayor Sandra Didra, Commissioner Clinton E. Bowers, Commissioner Chris Callahan, Commissioner Thomas S. Mumey and Commissioner Augie Pierson.

<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u> (None)

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Attorney - Jack (Jay) Gullo

GUESTS: See Attached List

<u>MEETING OPENING</u> — The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Sandra Didra, followed by a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

<u>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</u> – Mayor Didra stated due to a tape recorder problem at the last meeting August 24, 2010, the minutes are being pieced together and will be approved at the next meeting.

Mr. Bonenberger read the closed meeting report for September 14, 2010 into the record. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to accept the executive meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierson, the vote carried unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners is aware that a two count indictment was issued by the Grand Jury of Cecil County against Sandra Didra for alleged criminal offenses occurring during her tenure as Town Clerk-Treasurer, and prior to her election as Mayor of Rising Sun.

Mayor Didra introduced the town attorney; Mr Jay Gullo to read a public statement into the record as attached.

<u>PRESENTATIONS</u>, <u>ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS</u> – Mayor Didra asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-01 titled Development Rights and Responsibilities, that was introduced at the last Town meeting and read in its entirety. Commissioner Mumey motioned a vote and Commissioner Callahan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.



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Chief Peterson introduced Mr. Greg Zitto and Ms. Gia Colanero from a company called Red Speed and stated that he asked the company to do a study for the Town after receiving numerous complaints of speeders on our roads especially in the school zones. Mr. Zitto from Red Speed stated that there is a new law that allows Municipalities to deploy a mobile van equipped with a camera for monitoring speed around the school zones. He also stated that an ordinance would need to be passed to deploy the equipment and we would have to enter into a contract with Red Speed. Commissioner Mumey questioned the revenue of the fine. Mr. Zitto stated that the fine for a speeding violation would be \$40.00 dollars and no points on the driving record, Red Speed's share of the \$40.00 would be \$15.00. Commissioner Pierson commented that this is a safety issue. He stated that Pear St. and Mount St. are the primary areas. A study was done on June 23, 2010 on Mount St. and concluded that 785 vehicles were in violation of the speed limit. After discussing the issue further, the Chief was directed to develop an ordinance for the program and forward it to the Mayor and Commissioners for review.

<u>MAYOR'S REPORT</u> - Mayor Didra stated that she attended a meeting with the Mayor of Elkton September 2, 2010. She also stated that she attended a presentation with Mr. Rossetti. Mayor Didra stated that she, Commissioner Mumey and Commissioner Bowers did a walking tour in the Town with Congressman Krataville visiting the area business. She stated that Congressman Kratoville will help with looking for funding for the Sewer Plant. Mayor Didra reported that on the 11th she did the Rising Sun mile event. She stated that there was a good turnout. She also reported on the Chautauqua at the Fire Company for the 150th. She stated that it was very nice. Mayor Didra reported that she had the privilege to attend an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. She stated that four of the Eagle Scouts attending were from troop 140.

<u>FINANCES</u> – Mr. Bonenberger presented a two month financial statement, that indicated the Town was once tracking well with the approved budget. He also stated that the Auditor had begun the annual audit and should be wrapping up by the end of the month.

SEWER AND WATER REPORT – Commissioner Bowers reported that the repair of the black top at Queen St. and Main has been completed. This area had previously been dug up to replace a broken curb stop. He stated that slip lining of the 1" service line running from Sunrise Circle to 119 Pierce Road had been completed. He reported that on September 3, 2010 Mayor Didra, Ron Thomas, Commissioner Mumey, Calvin Bonenberger and he met to prepare for the upcoming meeting with the Town of North East, regarding the possible acquisition of water from North East. He also reported that on September 9, 2010 the same group met with Jay Gullo Town Attorney, John Moore, our Water Engineer from RKLK, Melissa Cook, the Northeast Town Administrator and the project manager Ron Clark from Severn Trent to discuss obtaining water from the Town of Northeast. Commissioner Bowers stated that we are waiting for answers from North East regarding our



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discussions, but will continue to meet with Chester Water Association and others to find the best and least costly water for the Town of Rising Sun.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT – (No Report)

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> – Chief Peterson introduced exploring a process to promote an officer to the rank of Sergeant. He stated that this position will have supervision authority during his absence. Commissioner Pierson stated that this promotion is already funded and will be within. Mayor Didra asked Chief Peterson to get back with the elected body with a process and recommendations.

Commissioner Pierson asked Chief Peterson for an update on the incident that was reported at the last meeting, concerning the newspaper article stating that when a Town police officer was not available, the response time from a supporting police agency, was thirty minutes. He stated that he has since met with Sheriff Jannings of Cecil County, Director Richard Brooks EMS Director and Lt. Cook from the State Police. Chief Peterson stated that there was a communication problem and they are working together to improve the response time of supporting agencies when an officer from Rising Sun is not available to respond. Commissioner Pierson stated that the report will be downstairs for public review.

PARKS AND RECREATION - (No Report)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - (No Report)

<u>PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD</u>- Mr. Bonenberger stated that the next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - Mr. Bonenberger stated that there was no meeting scheduled.

<u>CODE ENFORCEMENT</u> – (No Report)

<u>HISTORICAL PRESERVATION</u> COMMISSION – Karen reported that the fashion show and parade is up-coming. She stated that all is welcome.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>. Type or paste in Commissioner Bowers reported that the new town vehicles are coming in and we have to find salvage for the vehicles being replaced. Commissioner Bowers stated that some of the Towns employees would be interested in obtaining the old vehicles.



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<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>. Mayor Didra stated that she would like to start a Parks and Recreation Commission. Mayor Didra introduced Scout Ryan Fisher, who was in attendance for his merit badge.

<u>CITIZEN'S INPUT</u> – Mr Jim Kyte filed a complaint with the board regarding the traffic issues along Pearl Street as a result of parking around the school during pick up times and afterschool events. He suggested making Pearl St, one way traffic by Rising Sun Middle School. He stated that the street is only 32 feet wide 34 feet is the average width of a road.

Mr. Dave Warnick passed along a positive comment that he received from a state trooper who stated that the Town of Rising Sun Police Department was one of the best departments around.

John Logan stated that parking for football events at the Middle School is a problem. He stated that parking on the grass is not allowed.

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

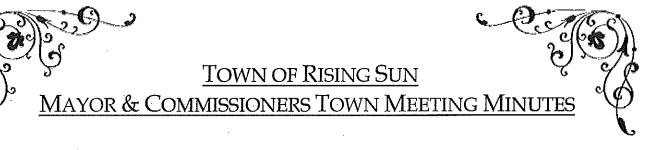
Meeting Adjourned at 8: 30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner August Pierson, seconded by Commissioner
Thomas S. Mumey at the October 12, 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 13th day of October 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)