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Present: Judy Cox, Debbie Craig, Tom Mumey

Absent: Mary Bedsworth, Clint Bowers

Guests: See Attached List

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on January 10, 2006 at the Town Hall with Mrs. Bedsworth and Mr. Bowers absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Mayor Cox advised that due to the lack of a quorum, no action items would be voted upon and no reports would be given.

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Bill Barr questioned when the work on the sidewalks in Valley View Village would continue. He was advised by Mr. Mumey that work would begin again when the weather allowed. Plants are closed and will not open until spring.

Mr. Barr questioned the new pedestrian signs on Main Street. He was advised that they were installed by the State on a State Highway. Mr. Barr will contact the State with his concerns.

Mr. Pierson questioned the Annexation Resolutions on the agenda. He voiced his objections to the annexations when the Town is currently under a moratorium. Mayor Cox advised that the agenda items were only introductions of the Annexation Resolutions and comments and opposition should be voiced at the upcoming public hearings.

Mr. Craig also voiced his opposition to the Annexation Resolutions due to the pending revised Comprehensive Plan and the imposed building moratorium. He also voiced his displeasure at having the Citizen's Input at the beginning of the meeting.. He questioned why after 50 years was the Hansen property having water problems. He was advised that the problem was sewer. He felt that water and sewer problems were one of the same.

Dee Emsley also voiced her opposition to the annexation resolutions.

Jim Majewski questioned if the Town was aware that the sidewalk on the south side of E Main Street was already cracked. There are areas from Creegers to Cherry Street with cracks in them. Mayor Cox advised that there would be a final walk through inspection and that his concerns would be placed on the punch list.

Butch Wyant from 69 Louise Court explained the problems he is having with parking along Louise Court. Some families have teenagers who now drive and have their own vehicles and are utilizing parking spaces in front of other people's homes. Several others were in attendance on the same issues. They were: Linda & Jim O'Rourke, Lisa Rausch, and Bill Barr. A discussion ensued concerning the history of the parking on Louise Court and how the matter can be addressed. The matter is to be studied with a possible survey going to the residents asking if they want their house numbers painted on 2 parking spaces in front of their house. Research is to be done of the public street issue and enforcement. Mr. Wyant will get a copy of the original plat for the development.

Ron Creeger addressed the Board concerning the water issues. He reminded everyone of the major drought that occurred a few years ago. No one was allowed to wash vehicles or water lawns. Mayor Cox advised that that was a State mandated water moratorium. Mr. Creeger advised that he was in favor of the proposal to work with Chester County Water Works to pipe water from PA to the line for Rising Sun to hook up to as another water source for backup.

Mrs. Craig questioned the location of Citizen's Input on the agenda and asked why a vote had to be taken to move it since there was not vote to move it the first time. Mayor Cox advised the Board would vote on the issue at the next meeting.

Diane Ehrhart reported on the activities of the RSHPC. She advised that there was a conflict as the Comp Plan Committee meeting was the same time as theirs. The group has been encouraged to participate in next year's Christmas Parade in North East. They have a new sponsor member – Fossett Insurance. Still looking for new members, shirt sales have gone well. They are trying to acquire a 5-6 foot showcase to put on the 3rd floor. They also have couple of people who will be working on matting some of the items to be framed.

Mrs. Craig requested that the minutes reflect that in the early spring a meeting and public hearing was held without a quorum. She addressed the Mayor as being inconsistent with the way she conducted meetings and said that she felt it was disrespectful to the citizens. Mayor Cox responded that she hopes that we have learned from past mistakes.

Jeannine Edwards also questioned why the decision concerning the replacement of citizen's input could not be decided without a vote since the decision to move it was made without a vote. Mayor Cox again replied that she hoped we had learned by past mistakes.

With no additional business coming before the Board , the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted

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