



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 May 10, 2011. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.*

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Thomas S. Mumey Commissioner Clinton E. Bowers, Commissioner Allen Authenreath and Commissioner August Pierson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Callahan

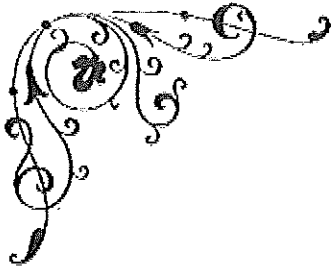
STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Administrator Calvin A Bonenberger, Jr.

GUESTS: See Attached List

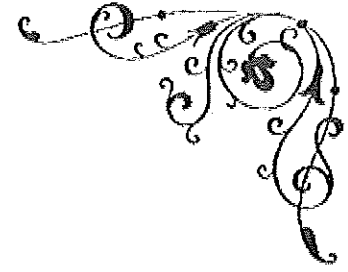
MEETING OPENING – The meeting was called to order at 7 : 00 PM by Mayor Thomas S. Mumey, followed by a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – The Mayor asked for any corrections to the minutes for the April 26, 2011 Town Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Pierson seconded by Commissioner Bowers to approve the Town minutes of April 26, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Thomas S. Mumey asked Mr. Bonenberger to read into the minutes the Executive Session report. Mr. Bonenberger reported that an Executive Session was held on April 26, 2011 at 8:05 PM on the third floor of Town Hall, the reason for the meeting in accordance to the Maryland Open Act was to discuss item number seven; (to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice) and number eight (to consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation). The topics discussed, was the sentencing hearing for Sandra Didra and restitution. Action taken at the Executive Session; a motion was made by Commissioner Pierson, seconded by Commissioner Callahan to have the Town Administrator and the Town Attorney to pursue a civil judgment against previous Town employee Sandra Didra, in order to secure full financial restitution related to her criminal prosecution for theft and embezzlement of Town funds. Motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Authenreath, Commissioner Callahan and Commissioner Pierson voting in favor and Commissioner Bowers voting against. Mayor Mumey asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session report. Commissioner Pierson motioned to approve the Executive Session report seconded Commissioner Bowers vote passed unanimously.



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PRESENTATION, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Mumey asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Barbara Shallcross to the Board of Elections. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierson seconded by Commissioner Bowers, motion passed unanimously for approval.

Mayor Mumey reminded everyone that elections are fast approaching and he would like to announce that there are two Commissioner Seats open with two interested candidates, Mr. James Authenreath and Mr. Shawn Keene. Mayor Mumey reported on the following dates related to the Town Elections:

May 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Last day to register to vote and Books close at 4:30 PM.

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Deadline for (Written) Candidate Registration – 4:30 p.m.

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Nomination for office from the Meeting Floor – 7:00 p.m.

June 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Deadline to submit absentee ballots – 4:30 p.m.

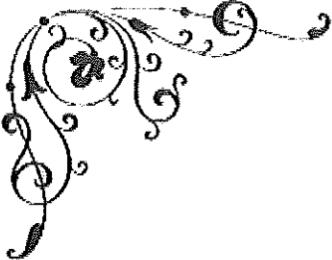
June 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Town Elections – Polls Open from 8:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Mumey reported on the Cecil County Mayor's meeting scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> stating that he and Mr. Bonenberger will be attending.

Mayor Mumey reported that the Town has received 3 applications for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board and we hope to meet with the applicants within the next few days and report back to the Planning and Zoning Board with recommendations.

Mayor Mumey reported that he, Mr. Bonenberger and Chief Peterson will attend the Boys and Girls Appreciation Dinner on Friday evening. He invited other elected officials to attend also.

FINANCES – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town is still in the process of refining the budget numbers for the new fiscal year. He provided an overview of the constant yield tax rate system and explained how the drop in assessment values of Town properties would negatively impact the projected real estate revenue for the Town in this upcoming budget. He suggested that if the Town wanted to achieve the same level of services, they should raise the tax rate from .36 to .40. He emphasized that the average resident would not see an increase in what they pay for their taxes. Mr. Bonenberger further suggested that he believed that the Town could essentially operate under the same budget framework as the year before, due to the fact that the Town was aggressively tracking all cost and monitoring the budget on a regular basis. The Town has positioned itself to replace most of the Public Works and Police fleet of vehicles in addition to other important upgrades to the Town's over all operations. Mr. Bonenberger also reported on the double tax system clarifying that the Town and the County collect



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taxes, stating that according to law the County is to reimburse the Town for a percentage of those taxes collected based upon the services the Town provides and the County does not. For example, police protection, trash collection and road repairs. Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town gets about \$97,000 from the County each year but the County has voted to reduce that amount every year after this year by 10% until they are no longer obligated. Mr. Bonenberger also stated that with the reduction of reimbursable taxes from the County and the decrease of highway user funds, the Town has essentially lost roughly 20% of its projected general fund revenue. However, the Town has been applying securing grants and managing its money wisely, therefore the impact of these revenue losses is more manageable. Mr. Bonenberger stated that the Town is in good shape structurally and running under budget.

SEWER AND WATER REPORT – No Report

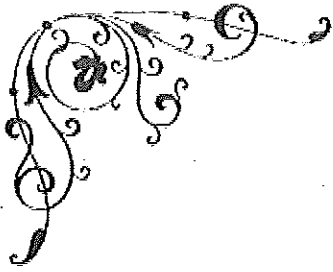
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Public Works Dept. will be repairing the road on Main St. and repairing the driveway apron entering into Harrington Body Shop due to the Town having to dig up the street to repair the water leak.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Commissioner Authenreath reported that the police activity reports are available at the Town Hall for anyone who is interested in reviewing them. He also reported that in light of what has been happening wordily he asked the residents to keep an eye open and report suspicious activity.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Commissioner Bowers reported that on Thursday he and Mayor Mumey met with Mr. Rossetti and his planning group to discuss his ideas and plans for the Triangle and Daydream parks. Commissioner Bowers also stated that Mr. Rossetti has quiet an elaborate group assembled consisting of a design group from the University of Maryland and the State of Maryland, he stated that as they develop their plan they will be meeting with us to get our input. Commissioner Bowers also stated that we will be setting up a meeting with the Town's Park and Recreation equipment committee to review needed equipment.

Commissioner Bowers reported that he, Mayor Mumey, the American Legion, and Ms Rebecca Grabarczyk met with the Boy Scouts on Thursday evening to refine the RFP's for the Log Cabin project. Commissioner Bowers stated that financing the Log Cabin is still an issue.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mr. Bonenberger reported that starting next week the Town will be able to access MDE's website to find out if the Town was successful in securing the grant that the Town has applied for in reference to the Town's sewer project. Mr. Bonenberger stated



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that if the Town receives the grant, that will significantly reduce the utility rates for the Town residents.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – Mr. Bonenberger reported that as the Mayor stated the Town has three very good candidates for the Planning and Zoning board.

Mr. Bonenberger reported that he attended an economic development revitalization symposium last Thursday and Friday in Cumberland Maryland, reporting that the Town has been talking for awhile about the need to jump-start the economics in our community and now is a perfect opportunity to take some of those initiatives and put our Comprehensive Plan to work. Mr. Bonenberger thanked Mr. Bud McFadden for the work he is doing to help with the revitalization and possibly obtaining some grant opportunities.

Mr. Bonenberger also reported on the storm water management seminar held at the symposium, stating that under the new sewer water management requirements, instead of having one or two large retention ponds, you may possibly see 75 to 100 small components' that can catch rain water from down spouts and put that runoff into a small underground retention area in the yard, also doing away with raised curbs and creating a sophisticated system between the sidewalk and street to capture the runoff. Mr. Bonenberger reported that these new requirements will allow for a cleaner Bay.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – Mr. Bonenberger reported the Town still has one vacancy for the Zoning Appeals Board and stated that Mayor Mumey has suggested that we put one of the three candidates that have applied for the Planning and Zoning Board and appoint them as an alternate to the Zoning Appeals Board.

Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town has received building permits, stating that one is for an in ground swimming pool and a couple for garages and additions, reporting that is an indication of a recovering economy.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – No Report

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Ms. Ehrhart reported that we are getting ready for Sun-fest and we will have a float in the parade, starting at 9:00 AM. Ms Ehrhart also reported that the Historical Society booth will be in front of Town Hall, and please come and visit us; also the museum will be open from 1-4 PM.

Ms. Ehrhart reported that this is the year to appoint new directors for the Rising Sun Historical Preservation Board and they will be announced tomorrow at the Rising Sun Historical Preservation meeting.



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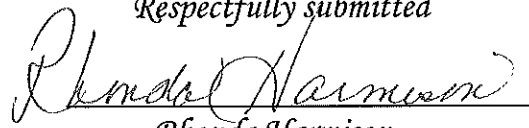
OLD BUSINESS. – No Report

NEW BUSINESS. – No Report

CITIZEN'S INPUT – Ms. Brenda Maynard – 33 Louise Ct. Requested the Town post more signs banning skateboards and bicycles on sidewalks in her development. Mayor Mumey replied that he will look into the matter. Ms. Maynard also asked the Board about a section of road in her development that needs blacktop. Mr. Bonenberger replied that section is on the list. Ms. Maynard also asked about the sidewalk repairs, stating that the sidewalks that were put in three years ago are now falling apart. Mayor Mumey replied he will look into the matter. Mr. Bonenberger suggested that the Town meet with a group from the development about pending issues, stating that one of the issues is parking and he and the Police Chief have come up with some ideas. After discussion on how to get a group interested with meeting with the Town, Ms. Maynard stated that she will actively recruit interested residents.

ADJOURNMENT – With no other business before the board a motion was made by Commissioner August Pierson to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8: 05 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
  
Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by, Commissioner Pierson seconded  
by Commissioner Bowers at the Town Meeting May 24, 2011

Motion Passed 4 to 0



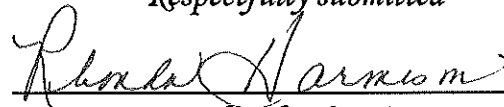
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DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

*I, Rhonda S. Harmison Town Clerk for the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, do hereby 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 25th day of May 2011.*

*Respectfully submitted*



Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL**

**(STATE OF MARYLAND)**

**(COUNTY OF CECIL)**

**(TOWN OF RISING SUN)**