



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 24, 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 Chris Callahan, Commissioner Allen Authenreath and Commissioner August Pierson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

GUESTS: See Attached List

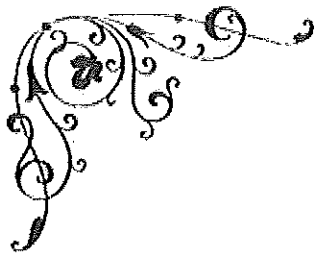
MEETING OPENING – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Thomas S. Mumey, followed by a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Mayor Mumey asked for any corrections to the May 10, 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Pierson after asking Rhonda if the correction he made was changed and with the answer being yes, motioned, seconded by Commissioner Bowers to accept the meeting minutes as recorded. Motion passed unanimously for approval.

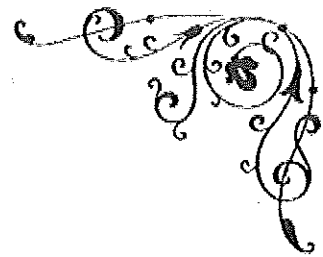
PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – (None)

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Mumey reminded everyone that the Town election is fast approaching. This year there are two Board of Commissioners seats open. Mayor Mumey reported that we have received the following letters of interest for these positions:

- James Allen Authenreath of 107 Broad Leaf Ct.
- Shawn L Keene of 203 Maple Leaf Dr.
- Donald W. Craig of 12 Springhouse Ct.
- Joanne L. Osborne of 20 West Cherry St.
- Stephen Naughton of 10 North Walnut St.



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Mayor Mumey stated that the deadline for receiving letters of intent to run for office, expired at 4:30 P.M. today, however as per the Charter, nominations can be taken from the floor. Mayor Mumey asked if there are any nominations for Town Commissioner from the floor. Mayor Mumey reported that there were no nominations from the floor. Commissioner Pierson motioned seconded by Commissioner Bowers to close the nominations from the floor, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mumey presented a listing of important dates for the elections as follows:

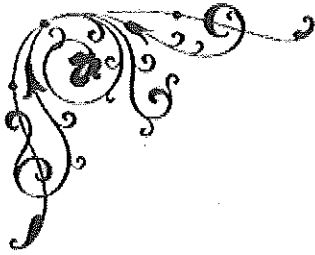
- June 13th 2011 – Deadline to submit absentee ballots – 4:30 P.M.
- June 13th 2011 – Town Elections – Polls open from 8:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Mumey also reported on a meeting with Delegate Rudolph stating that he and Mr. Bonenberger met with Delegate Rudolph on Wednesday May 18th in his local office. Mayor Mumey reported that items of discussion were our current sewer plant project and provided an update to the Delegate of the time table for commencing of construction. Mayor Mumey also reported that there was a discussion for the development of a Town project to promote economic development and community revitalization.

Mayor Mumey reported that he and the Town Administrator have been meeting with various experts in the field to discuss opportunities to promote economic development and community revitalization, stating that this program would include various financial incentives to help current and future businesses to prosper and thrive in our community. Mayor Mumey also reported that the Town is in the process of writing a grant to help fund a study to perform a comprehensive study of all economic and demographic factors that impact a small business community. Mayor Mumey stated that it his intent to form a committee to work with a future consultant to sheppard this program and to map out the best strategies available to reinvigorate our down town area. Mayor Mumey stated that it is time to put a positive light on Rjsing Sun and to promote our community through a successful and vibrant down town business center.

Mayor Mumey reported on the Boys and Girls Club Appreciation Dinner May 13th, stating that he along with Commissioner Authenreath and Mr. Bonenberger, Town Administrator attended the annual dinner. Mayor Mumey reported that the meal was fine the entertainment was great, and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Mayor Mumey reported on the meeting with Congressmen Harris stating that he along with other Mayors from Cecil County met to discuss the different things that each town is facing. Mayor Mumey reported that Congressmen Harris indicated that we have his assistance and support.



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Mayor Mumey reported that it is traditional to give an Annual Report stating that he is new at this and the report would probably not be as detailed as usual. Mayor Mumey reported that the Town has received the necessary paperwork and documents to go ahead with the Town's sewer and water projects.

Mayor Mumey reported on the Park and Recreation projects, stating that the town is developing grant money received to turn Triangle Park into a dog park and revitalizing the Town Park on Wilson St. and it will soon be known as Veterans Memorial Park.

Mayor Mumey reported on the Log Cabin replacement project, stating that we are still in the process of pricing, also stating that we have grant money but the cost is running substantially higher and we are meeting with various organizations to see if we can get funding assistance.

Mayor Mumey reported on the Town finances stating that they are in order and have been more in order than the past.

Mayor Mumey reported on the economic development and community revitalization project, stating that he will keep everyone posted on any updates.

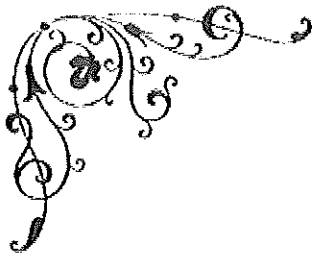
Mayor Mumey asked Mr. Bonenberger to give the Town financial Report.

FINANCES – Mr. Bonenberger presented the financial reports, stating that this is the time of the fiscal year when the Town is lean due to the bulk of the real estate taxes having already been paid, resulting in a closing gap between revenue and expenses.


Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town has finally received all of the reimbursement money for the water meter project.

Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town is submitting to USDA loan disbursement requests, stating that the Town pays upfront for engineering services and then submits the requests to USDA for approval and release of draws from the \$13 million loan that has been set aside for the wastewater project.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the Town budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, stating that we are still working on the budget, making sure we don't sacrifice services that we provide to the residents. Mr. Bonenberger stated a case in point; since the state has cut the highway fund, the Town has had discussions with the County Public Works Dept. about cost saving ideas for repaving Town roads and one alternative to repaving may be tar and chip. Mr. Bonenberger stated that there has been money set aside for road repairs and that should be kept in reserve for repairs only, stating that the 30 or 40



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thousand in the reserve would not be enough to pay for repaving anyway.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the Town's Department of Energy grant, stating that we are in the running for upwards of a \$10,000.00 grant to be used for energy saving projects. Mr. Bonenberger stated that the Town is looking at several ways to utilize the grant money, one option would be the failing HVAC for Town Hall and sensor switches for the Town Hall lighting.

Mayor Mumey asked to back up to the Mayors report stating he also wanted to report on the renovations for the second floor of Town Hall, stating that the renovation will better serve the community, and allow for badly needed office space, stating that Mr. Bonenberger, Rhonda Harmison and Stephaney Ondrik will be moving upstairs. Mayor Mumey also stated that the downstairs will be occupied by the Police Dept. with the exception of a new receptionist at the window. Mr. Bonenberger added that the idea of a receptionist will allow the Town to have longer working hours, allowing residents additional time to conduct business.

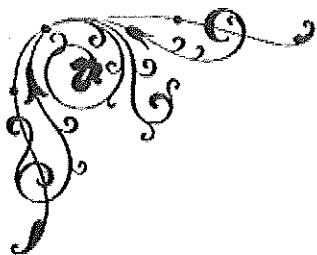
SEWER AND WATER REPORT – Commissioner Pierson reported that MDE has finally given us the construction permit for the wastewater treatment plant.

Commissioner Pierson reported that we received word today that we can officially place our project out to bid and we will be doing so early next week. Commissioner Pierson stated that the bids will be a six week turnaround upon receipt.

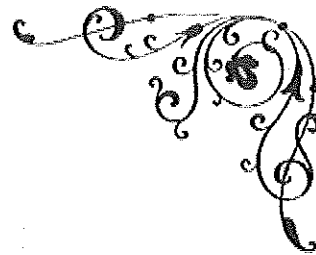
Commissioner Pierson reported that we have received an estimate for construction management from RKLK. Commissioner Pierson stated that it has generally been assumed all along that RKLK would be inspecting the work that the contractor performs on this project. Commissioner Pierson asked Mr. Bonenberger to check with two other firms so that we can compare the cost estimate, and we will report back in the future with a recommendation.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT – Commissioner Callahan reported that we have received various prices to perform several repairs of sidewalks; storm catch basins etc., stating that he will be reviewing these prices with Mr. Bonenberger the Town Administrator and Mr. Ron Thomas the Public Works Director in the coming days to develop a game plan on moving forward with some of these repairs. Commissioner Callahan reported that the repairs consist of various locations on Sunrise Dr, Ryan Dr and along North Walnut St. near Janes Church. Commissioner Callahan reported that we will review this and get back to you with a recommendation.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Commissioner Authenreath reported that the police activity reports are available at the Town Hall for anyone who is interested in reviewing them.



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Commissioner Authenreath reminded everyone with the upcoming celebrations of prom night and graduations asking everyone to please remind the kids no drinking and driving.

Commissioner Authenreath reported that with the severe weather forecasts we have been having, everyone needs to make sure to stock up with emergency items, reminding everyone of the tornado that we had a Fair Hill a few years ago.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Commissioner Bowers reported on the Log Cabin project stating that we have modified the RFP and we are submitting the new modified RFP to vendors for pricing and when we receive the new estimates we will be setting up a meeting with the cabin commission to review the pricing.

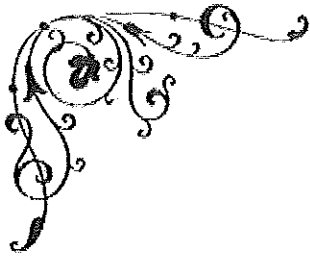
Commissioner Bowers reported that he and Mayor Mume and Mr. Bonenberger will be meeting Thursday at 6:30 P.M. with the park and recreation committee to start planning the layout of Memorial Park and Daydream Park.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mr. Bonenberger reported on the Cherry St. mercury cleanup stating that the job is complete.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the grant application that was submitted to MDE, for the amount of 7 million dollars, stating that notification was sent to the Town last week stating that our project scored 38 out of 124 of priority projects and according to the tables the Town was eligible for a grant or forgiveness but after several phone calls to MDE for verification the Town learned that we did not qualify, due to exceeding the average household medium income of \$49,000 needed to qualify as a distressed community. Mr. Bonenberger reported that the average household medium income for the Town of Rising Sun is \$52,000, explaining that even though the average income for the Town is \$52,000 that does not represent the medium income of the majority of residents within the Town, further stating that the deck is stacked against the Town.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the sewer and water rates, stating that misinformation is being circulated around Town that the rate has been increased 38% and actually the rate has been increased 21% to extend over the next couple of years, further stating that a study was done comparing the Town's rate with neighboring communities and the only community that was lower was Elkton only because the minimum rate is calculated different.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the new water meter billing system, stating that the Town has been struggling with the conversion from Northern Data to the new billing system, and realizing that some mistakes were made with the billing system due to the fact that when some meters were replaced the old meter and the new meter could not be reconciled resulting in a meter reading for more than 90 days,



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and in some cases the reading dated back to July. Mr. Bonenberger stated that some 500 residents were given a credit at the old rate for usage used between the time when the meter was replaced and the utility rate increase which became effective October 20, 2010. Mr. Bonenberger also stated that the new system is causing another problem that on the new bills in some cases it is not showing prior balance paid for previous bill, explaining that it does not show that a balance is owed but causing concern to some residents explaining that everyone wants to see what has been paid on their prior bill.

Mr. Bonenberger also reported on the efficiency of the new water meters, stating that he has had some complaints from residents who are very diligent about tracking their water usage and seeing an increase in flow, Mr. Bonenberger stated that he has explained to the residents that the new meters have the capabilities to track water usage to the hour and will even record a toilet flushing and the old meters did not have that capability. Mr. Bonenberger also stated that he has been able to walk the residents through their daily water usage pointing out when high consumption is being used.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the efficiency of the new office renovations, stating that Town employees will be able to streamline building permits and water utility bills better and residents will be better served.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – Mr. Bonenberger reported that due to having no quorum the Planning and Zoning meeting was cancelled also stating that the next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. but due to the MML convention also that week, the meeting will likely be cancelled. Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town has 3 planning and zoning candidates to interview.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – No Report

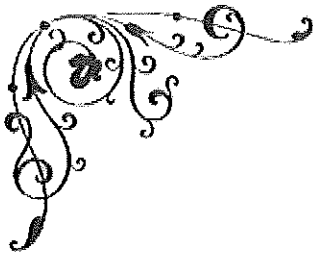
CODE ENFORCEMENT – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town is getting a lot of activity with deck and porch permits.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION – No Report

OLD BUSINESS. No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS. No New Business

CITIZEN'S INPUT – Mayor Mumey reported that before he asks for citizen input, he would like to read a letter that was addressed to him from Mr. Shawn L. Keene. Mayor Mumey read the letter stating that Mr. Keene after his own research believes that he was given incorrect information which caused his signature to be placed on a petition and, as such he does not want his name associated in



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any manner with a petition or court action where he feels his signature was obtained in a misleading manner. Mr. Keene is requesting that his name to be removed from the petition circulated by Mr. Fisher of his own free will without any threats or promises from anyone whatsoever.

Mr. Fisher commented that Mr. Keene's signature is not on there. After a brief discussion between Mayor Mumey and Mr. Fisher it was determined that Mr. Fisher misunderstood Mayor Mumey believing that the Mayor was referring to the court injunction not the petition.


Ms. Dee Emsley asked if after the second floor renovations are complete, will there still be an available conference room. Mr. Bonenberger answered yes, stating that the renovations include a new conference room on the second floor.

Ms. Joann Osborne asked if anything could be done about the brick sidewalk on the Main St. reporting that the bricks are rising up. Mr. Bonenberger replied that the Town is looking at the problem.

Mr. Bonenberger reported that Mr. Lam contacted him about removing the Town Clock and repainting it before Sunfest. Mr. Bonenberger also suggested putting the Town emblem on the clock, at that time, after a brief discussion it was decided to wait.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minute made by, Commissioner Pierson seconded
by Commissioner Bowers at the Town Meeting June 14, 2011

Motion passed 4 to 0

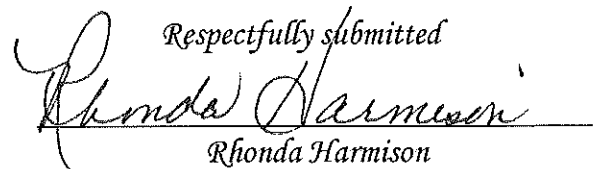


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DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Rhonda 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.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)