# 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 July 12, 2011. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>: Mayor Thomas S. Mumey, Commissioner Clinton E. Bowers Commissioner Chris Callahan, Commissioner Allen Authenreath and Commissioner August Pierson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

<u>STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT</u>: Town Administrator Calvin A Bonenberger, Jr. Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk

GUESTS: See Attached List

<u>MEETING OPENING</u> – 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.

<u>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</u> – Mayor Mumey asked for any corrections to the June 14, 2011 Town meeting minutes. Commissioner Pierson motioned, seconded by Commissioner Bowers to accept the meeting minutes as recorded. Motion passed unanimously for approval.

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 June 14, 2011 at 8:20 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 eight; (to consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation). Motion by Commissioner Pierson seconded by Commissioner Callahan to seal the record of this meeting as the disclosure of such would thwart the purpose of entering into executive session as provided for by law. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Mumey asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session report. Commissioner Pierson motioned seconded by Commissioner Bowers to approve the Executive Session report, vote passed unanimously.



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Mayor Mumey presented Ms. Charlene Notarcols, Chief Deputy Clerk for Cecil County Court, to officially swear in Ms. Osborne and Mr. Naughton as newly elected Commissioners. After the swearing in ceremony Mayor Mumey personally congratulated Mr. Stephen Naughton and Ms. Joanne Osborne and welcomed them to the board and asked them to take their seat at the board.

PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – Mayor Mumey introduced Mr. Steven Wood an Eagle Scout from troop 143 to present his project for the Community Park Pavilion. Mr. Wood presented the board with a proposal for upkeep and beautification for the pavilion. Mr. Wood detailed his ideas to include preserving the pressure treated wood, build a decorative brick pathway, install outdoor lighting, and fans, planting bushes and move an existing crape myrtle tree to a new location. After discussion of concerns from the board concerning the crape myrtle relocation, due to the growth factor of the plant possibly interfering with sun-fest, it was decided that Mr. Wood could proceed with his project excluding the relocation of the crepe myrtle and the board would reconsider the relocation. Mayor Mumey asked for a motion to approve the Community Park beautification project, Commissioner Osborne motioned seconded by Commissioner Callahan with exception of the location of the crepe myrtle. Mayor Mumey asked for the motion to include relocating the crepe myrtle to another park. Commissioner Osborne and Commissioner Callahan concurred with the request and amended their motion, the revised motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT – (No Report)

FINANCIALS – (No Report)

SEWER AND WATER REPORT – Commissioner Pierson reported that on July 1, 2011 there was a pre-bid meeting for the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant. He also stated that the final bids are due July 21, 2011.

Commissioner Pierson reported that the board has had numerous discussions concerning water but we are not quite ready to make a statement. He reported that in the coming months everyone is going to learn a lot about water, stating that how simple and not so simples it can be. Commissioner Pierson explained that the Town of Rising Sun has a great deal of land surrounding the Town that is currently used as a recharge area. He stated that we are extremely limited in the amount of water that we can get out of the surrounding area. Commissioner Pierson asked everyone to stick around for future recharge information.



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Mayor Mumey asked the board to allow him to make a comment concerning the Richard Braun law suit, stating that the case has been withdrawn. Mayor Mumey stated that the Town entered into a settlement today which was filed with the courts without prejudice, which means that it cannot be brought against the Town again. Mayor Mumey reminded everyone that the Town still has other pending lawsuits.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT — Commissioner Callahan presented to the board a proposal to make Mount St. one way to traffic, reporting that due to the width of the road, there is safety and parking issues. Commissioner Callahan explained that his proposal would make Mount St one way from McCoy Enterprise and Ace Hardware parking lots to Pearl St. north bound. Commissioner Callahan reported that the signage would be minimal possibly only having to install 5 road signs mounted to existing posts. Commissioner Callahan stated that he would like to introduce the proposal at this meeting and have a vote at the next meeting. After discussion from the board members, on what legal action the Town needs to make in order to authorize a change in the traffic pattern, Mayor Mumey asked Mr. Bonenberger if a resolution would be needed for this traffic change. Mr. Bonenberger replied that, yes he felt the Town should have an ordinance to cover the Town from liability; he stated that he would research and check with the town attorney to see if the Town has such a resolution to allow the Town to change traffic flow. Mayor Mumey asked Chief Peterson if he had any objections, Chief Peterson replied that he did not at this time. Mayor Mumey asked Mr. Bonenberger to research the proposal and report back to the board.

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> – Commissioner Naughton reported that the police activity reports are available at the Town Hall for anyone who is interested in reviewing them, and reminded everyone to drive safely and report any suspicious activity.

### PARKS AND RECREATION - (No Report)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT—Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town is working on securing funds for the log cabin project, reporting that the project is still about \$30,000 short of being able to afford the lowest bid. He also reported that the park committee is still in the process of recruiting additional committee members, stating that the committee has possibly three potential candidates. Mr. Bonenberger also reported that the Town is in a partnership with the Octoriaro watershed group, stating that the group is performing soil samples at Day Dream park wetland areas and our public works department has been assisting them obtaining these samples.

Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town is about 99% complete with the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovations, reporting the difficulties complying with ARA's stipulations for the energy grant, that the Town can



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road. Commissioner Callahan explained that due to the budget cuts the Town is limited, stating he will look into the problem.

Ms. Maynard gave praise to the Rising Sun police department for their efforts in enforcing the failure to stop at the stop sign and speeding.

Mr. Bonenberger reported that he wanted to recognize Mr. Bud McFadden for his efforts with the Cecil County Casino grant, stating that the Town has applied for a grant for a comprehensive economic revitalization study for the Town. Mr. Bonenberger explained that the Town may be eligible for grant money due to the impact of the casino allowing proceeds from the casino to be used for economic revitalization. Mayor Mumey reported that the Town has met with a representative for revitalization and will be meeting with others.

A resident approached the board with an issue concerning the weeds growing between the cracks on the sidewalks. After lengthy discussion Commissioner Callahan reported that he will look into the matter.

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

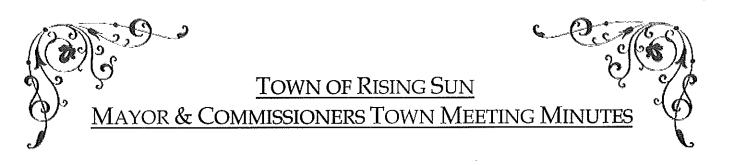
Meeting Adjourned at 8: 00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Stephen Naughton, seconded by Commissioner August Pierson at the July 26, 2010 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 4 to 0



# DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Rhonda Harmison 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 21th day of July 2011.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)