# 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 13, 2011. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>: Mayor Thomas S. Mumey, Commissioner Stephen Naughton, Commissioner Chris Callahan, Commissioner Joanne Osborne, and Commissioner August Pierson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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 August 23rd Town meeting minutes. Commissioner Pierson motioned to approve the minutes as they are presented, seconded by Commissioner Callahan. Motion passed 4-0 for approval.

# PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - No Report

<u>MAYOR'S REPORT</u> – Mayor Mumey reported that he was asked by a citizen if there was going to be any organized assistance for the Port Deposit residents who were affected by the flooding. Mayor Mumey read e-mail that he received from the Janes United Methodist Church with a list of items needed for cleanup, stating that donations will be accepted at the Port Deposit Presbyterian Church and there will be a container at the Janes United Methodist Church for donations. Mayor Mumey offered copies of the correspondence that listed the needed cleanup items.

Mayor Mumey also commented on the recent hurricane event reporting that the Town Administration set up a storm center at Town Hall, due to the severity of the storm. Mayor Mumey stated that he had the privilege of witnessing the performance of very highly qualified professionals who performed very professionally, also stating that we stayed at the Town Hall thirteen hours waiting out the



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storm. Mayor Mumey reported that there was only one major incident where we had to evacuate a portion of the Sun Valley trailer park next to a stream due to the rising water, everyone was instructed to go to the Rising Sun High School for shelter. Mayor Mumey stated that he wanted the citizens to be aware that the Town Officials were prepared and provided services during the storm and we are planning improvements for any future events.

<u>FINANCES</u> – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town audit will begin next week and we are preparing documents for review.

SEWER AND WATER REPORT - No Report

<u>STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT</u> – No Report

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> — Commissioner Naughton commented on the storm effort thanking the Mayor and officials for their time spent keeping communication lines open. Commissioner Naughton reported that beside the evacuation at Sun Valley Mobile Home Park there was no significant damage done to any structures in the Town. Commissioner Naughton also reported to Chief Peterson that a mandatory meeting with the governor's office on crime control prevention in reference to the State aid for police protection grant, reporting that the grant application must be received by September 29, 2011.

<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u> — Commissioner Osborne reported that the broken door on the handicap portable toilet at the park has been repaired. Commissioner Osborne also reported that she is still working on quotes for the Log Cabin project.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT — Mr. Bonenberger reported on a class he attended on road paving, also stating that two more classes are planned for himself, Commissioner Callahan and public works employees to attend. Mr. Bonenberger reported to Commissioner Callahan telling him that he will get class dates and times to him. Mr. Bonenberger reminded the board of the upcoming MML conference and the need get everyone registered for the early bird deadline. Mr. Bonenberger also reported that he wanted to give notice to the general public and elected body that the State of Maryland will be considering adoption of the 2012 ICC codes and there will be a public hearing held in Crownsville on September 30th at 1:00 PM. Mayor Mumey asked Mr. Bonenberger for any updates on the material that was sent out concerning the quality of life ordinance. Mr. Bonenberger replied that he and the Chief are waiting response from the preliminary documentation that was presented to the board for review in reference to abandoned vehicles and property issues.



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<u>PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD</u> – Mr. Bonenberger reported that a Planning and Zoning workshop is scheduled for Saturday the 24th to address conflicts of zoning codes. Mr. Bonenberger also reported that a certificate of occupancy has been requested for a new veterinary clinic also stating that there is interest in a self storage facility moving into Town. Mr. Bonenberger also reported that he has heard but not official, that a developer has an agreement with the Montgomery Brothers to purchase the second half of Maple Heights development for a future townhouse development and we will keep you posted with any updates.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - No Report

CODE ENFORCEMENT - (No Report)

<u>HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION</u> – Ms. Erhart reported that the Historical Society hopes to have more guest speaker in the coming months, also reporting on the upcoming Civil War reenactment held at the Community Park.

OLD BUSINESS. No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS. Commissioner Naughton asked for clarification of the meeting minutes from the last Town meeting, referencing the Rising Sun High School Tiger football team donation that was voted on in his absence, and commending Commissioner Osborne on her efforts to be mindful of the Towns money. Commissioner Naughton asked Mr. Bonenberger if the Town budgets for donations. Mr. Bonenberger replied yes. Commissioner Naughton motioned seconded by Commissioner Pierson for a new donation of \$110.00 for the Rising Sun Tiger football team. Commissioner Osborne voiced her objection stating the Town is not a charitable organization and feels that making this donation opens the door for all charitable organizations to ask for help. After lengthy discussion on the Town's commitment to helping our children, Mayor Mumey asked for any more discussion, Commissioner Callahan suggested that an amended motion be made for the donation to reflect the Rising Sun High School Booster Club instead of the Rising Sun Tiger football team. Commissioner Naughton motioned for an amended motion for a donation to the Rising Sun Booster Club. Mayor Mumey stated that there was already a motion on the floor and the amendment would need to be approved. Mayor Mumey called for a vote to approve the amended motion, vote passed 3-1 for approval. Mayor Mumey called for a vote to approve the motion as amended to donate \$110.00 to the Rising Sun High School Booster Club vote passed 3-1 for approval.

Commissioner Osborne asked Mr. Bonenberger for a copy of the Codes and Ordinances Commissioner Naughton also commented that he needed a copy of the Ordinances.



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<u>CITIZEN'S INPUT</u> – Ms. Maynard voiced concerns about skate boarding in the street and other safety issues associated with Valley View. Mayor Mumey suggested that Ms Maynard along with other concerned citizens discuss the issues with the board at a later time.

Mr. England presented to the board his concerns about a water bill. Mayor Mumey suggested a meeting to be set up to further discuss the concern and resolve the issue.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8: 15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison, Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner August Pierson, seconded by Commissioner Stephen Naughton at the October 11, 2011 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 4 to 0



# DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Rhonda S. 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 28th day of September 2011.

Respectfully <mark>submitte</mark>d

Rhonda S. Harmison Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)