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 on Tuesday evening October 25, 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.

<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>

<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. Mayor noted that Commissioner Osborne arrived a 7:03 pm.

<u>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</u> – Mayor Mumey asked for any corrections to the October 11, 2011 Town meeting minutes. Commissioner Pierson motioned seconded by Commissioner Naughton to accept the minutes as recorded. Motion passed unanimous for approval.

PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - None

<u>MAYOR'S REPORT</u> – Mayor Mumey read into the meeting minutes a letter from the Rising Sun Tiger football Booster Club, thanking the Town, Mayor and Commissioners for the donation.

Mayor Mumey reminded everyone that Halloween festivities this year are Monday the 31st between the hours of 6-8 PM, encouraging everyone to chaperone their children and stating that there will be police out in force for added protection.

Mayor Mumey reminded everyone that the Mayor and Commissioners will be attending the fall MML conference in Cambridge Md. October 31^{st} – October 2^{nd} .

Mayor Mumey reported that he attended the quarterly Cecil Harford Chapter dinner on Thursday October 20th reporting that a representative from the transportation board gave everyone the board's perspective on the newly adopted toll increases, and updating various upcoming highway projects.





<u>FINANCES</u> – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town audit is all but complete. However we are still waiting for a proof of collateral request from one of the Town's banks, and as result of this delay we have not been able to provide an accurate financial report until the auditor can give us the final journal entry numbers.

Mr. Bonenberger presented to the board a check register dating back to July 1st of the government and propriety funds of actual expenditures.

Mr. Bonenberger also reported on a couple of internal changes in reference to the reconciling of all the daily receivables, stating that we now have two employees reconciling the daily receipts.

SEWER AND WATER REPORT - No Report

Commissioner Osborne asked the board how long it should take to receive word from MDE for a start date of the wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Pierson replied that MDE works within their, own time line. Mr. Bonenberger also replied that the bid prices are good for 60 days so MDE should let us know within that time.

<u>STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT</u> – Commissioner Callahan reported we now have a concrete bidder and we will start the sidewalk repairs, stating that we will start with Sunrise Circle first.

Mayor Mumey asked Mr. Bonenberger since we only have the one bidder, does the board need to approve that contract. Mr. Bonenberger replied that the board does not need to approve, because the repairs fall under maintenance.

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> – Commissioner Naughton reminded everyone about the prescription drug turn in event that will take place this weekend from 10-2 at the Town of Rising Sun police Dept., encouraging everyone to bring old prescriptions for disposal.

<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u> – Commissioner Osborne reported that she has been reviewing the projects that the Town has grants for, stating that very shortly we should start to work on them.

Commissioner Osborne reported that today she and Mr. Bonenberger addressed the issue of access from Valley View into the Diddie Richardson Park, concluding that cutting a path through that area is not practical.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT—Mr. Bonenberger reported on the Town's drinking water stating that the Town received a Nitrate violation from MDE. Mr. Bonenberger explained that the required quarterly testing was done on time, September 12th and sent to the lab for results, however

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the lab did not return the results until October 14th, which was past the reporting period, resulting in the Town having to publish a letter of violation. Mr. Bonenberger reassured everyone that the Town knows the quality of their drinking water.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the weekly updates, stating that one has been already sent to the Mayor and Commissioners.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the new post card utility billing stating that we are getting positive feedback, and we are moving forward with a monthly billing cycle also with positive feedback.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the out of Town water utility rate, stating that the 14 out of Town properties that use water and sewer pay twice the amount that in Town users pay, further outlining the rates for in Town users and the Out of Town users. Mr. Bonenberger suggested to the board to review the policy noting that there is a lot of options. Commissioner Pierson commented that the water lines are within a mile of the Town border and therefore he believes that it is wrong that we are charging that much. Commissioner Callahan commented that he believes that no premium should be charged for out of Town users. Commissioner Osborne also commented stating that she agreed that twice the amount is too much, however the out of town users pay no Town taxes and therefore she is suggesting a premium of 25% to 50% more for the out of town users. After lengthy discussion about what would be a fair rate for an out of Town user, Mayor Mumey ended the discussion saying that this is something we need to study a little bit more and discuss in more detail and at some point come up with a decision.

<u>PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD</u> – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Planning and Zoning Board met last night to review the case PZA 11-01 application received from the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Bonenberger reported essentially they will be recommending to the Zoning Appeals board to grant a variance or special exceptions to go forward in favor of the Boys and Girls Club.

<u>BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS</u> – Mr. Bonenberger reported that there will be a meeting Thursday October 27th at 7:00 pm to hear the Boys and Girls club case.

<u>CODE ENFORCEMENT</u> – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the new updated State 2012 code books will need to be ordered costing roughly around \$500.00.

<u>HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION</u> – Ms. Ehrhart reported and invited everyone to attend the Rising Sun library November 2nd at 6:00 PM to listen to Reverend Jay Bunting the pastor at the Hopewell United Methodist Church speak, about his book titled Oxford Class of 1850. Refreshments will be served.





OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Osborne publicly thanked the church group for their hard work cleaning up around the Town Parks. Commissioner Osborne also reported that the benches around the pond do not belong to the Town stating they belong to the Department of Natural Resources therefore the person who asked about dedicating a bench will have to contact the Dept. of Natural Resources Fish and Game however we possibly find another area.

Commissioner Naughton acknowledged Mr. Allen Authenreath for all the help he received in his transition to his newly appointed position as the ex-officio for the Planning and Zoning Board.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> — Commissioner Pierson reported that hazardous materials such as old paint cans, old pesticides, garden material, TV's and fluorescent light bulbs can be dropped off at the County landfill Sunday October 30th at no charge.

<u>CITIZEN'S INPUT</u> – Mr. Shellcross shared his concerns with the Board in reference to the out of Town utility user rates. Mayor Mumey assured Mr. Shallcross that he will recommend to the Board to take a serious look at this issue.

Mr. Mark Gerst asked the board if anyone has paid to hook-up to the Towns utility lines. Mayor Mumey answered that although he can't answer for the past but stating there is in the present an Ordinance for a hook-up fee.

Mr. Allen Authenreath brought to the Boards attention about the discovery of a wash out problem underneath the sidewalk that crosses the stone run creek located across from Bucks on Main St. Mayor Mumey replied that the Town will take a look at this problem first thing in the morning and take immediate action.

Mr. Authenreath also reported a large pot hole located on Maple Heights Lane, first entrance into Stephens Hair Salon.

Mr. Authenreath also commented on the flags that are hung on the light poles around Town stating that they are starting to look shabby and could they possibly be replaced. Mayor Mumey agreed that they do look terrible and cheapen the appearance of the Town, stating that the Town will look into this.

Commissioner Osborne commented that there are light poles on Main St. that are not working properly. Mr. Bonenberger replied that the maintenance is working on those problems.

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In closing Mayor Mumey reported to everyone about reports of business break-ins throughout the Town encouraging everyone to keep their eyes and ears open and report any suspicious activity.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – With no other business before the board a motion was made by Commissioner Stephen Naughton seconded 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 Chris Callahan at the November 8, 2011 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 3rd day of November 2011.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)