



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 November 22, 2011. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Town Clerk Rhonda Harmison

GUESTS: See Attached List

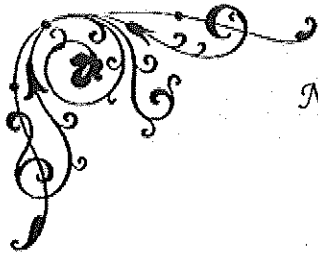
MEETING OPENING – The meeting was called to order at 7 : 00 PM by Mayor Thomas S. Mumey, followed by a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Mayor Mumey introduced and welcomed Boy Scout Troop 92 and their parents, reporting that the troop came to the Town meeting as a requirement to achieve their communications badge.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Mayor Mumey asked for approval of the November 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Bonenberger reported that due to a malfunction of the tape recorder there are missing pieces to the drafted minutes that were handed out to the Board and asked the Board to review the minutes and provide input.

PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Mumey announced the newly formed Special Events and Activities Committee appointing Judy Cox, Rhonda Harmison, Pam Haines, Harri Anne Caskey and Stephany Ondrik, Police Chief Peterson, business owner Tom Connelly and a to be determined member of the Historical Preservation Commission. Mayor Mumey outlined the committee's goals reporting that the Town's involvement will help organize the Civil War Reenactment, Sunfest, Carol Sing and possibly concerts in Centre Square.

Mayor Mumey also reported on the Town's Main St. pole holiday decorations stating that the existing decorations are worn and in bad shape. The Town bought holiday banners last year, but response from the residents was why the Town does not have any lights. Mayor Mumey proposed to the Board to



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purchase 5 lighted angels and 11 evergreen sprays with lights, outlining where the decorations would be placed throughout Town. Mayor Mumey asked for a motion for approval with a cost not to exceed \$3,800.00. Commissioner Naughton made a motion and vote was unanimous for approval to approve the purchase of the Town pole light decorations with a cost not to exceed \$3,800.00.

Mayor Mumey asked the Board for a motion to cancel the December 27th Town Meeting stating that it's traditionally not held. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to cancel the meeting a vote was unanimous for approval to cancel the December 27, 2011 Town Meeting.

Mayor Mumey reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Carol Sing held Tuesday November 6th inviting everyone to attend.

Mayor Mumey announced the Annual Town Employee Appreciation dinner that will be held on December 10, 2011 at the Patriots Glen Golf Course, Elkton, Md.

Mayor Mumey reminded the Board of the upcoming Maryland Municipal League dinner held on December 15th at Woody's Restaurant located in North East Md.

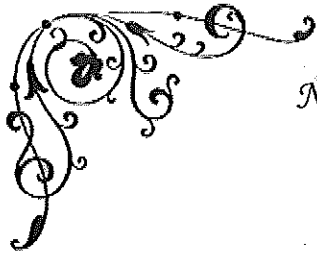
FINANCES – *Mr. Bonenberger reported on the Town's Audit stating that the Town has finally received the confirmation from PNC bank in reference to the Town's \$100,000 CD, thus allowing the audit to be completed and at the next Town Meeting on the December 13th the auditor will be scheduled to give a report.*

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the monthly financials stating that the Board was given all the monthly financials dating back to July 1st through October 31st.

Ms. Wagner reported on the monthly financials reporting that expenditures for the Town are down, also stating that the revenue for the governmental funds ended with a positive change of \$287,320.54.

SEWER AND WATER REPORT – *Commissioner Pierson reported that the Town is still waiting for the final Ok from USDA in reference to the new wastewater treatment plant reporting that we are ready to start the construction process.*

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT – *Commissioner Callahan reported that a meeting was held with the Town's engineers in reference to the Mount St. one way problems, and during the site visit it was observed four cars entering the one way street from the wrong direction. Commissioner Callahan reported that two long term plans are being explored outlining the costs and designs, stating however it is likely that the Town will implement a short term fix and further explore a long term fix. Commissioner Callahan reported that the short term fix would cost the Town \$5,000.*



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Mr. Bonenberger stated that the quoted price was the engineer's price and the Town may be able to do it for less cost. After discussion and comment about ways the Town would pay for any long term plan, Commissioner Osborne made a motion seconded by Commissioner Naughton and vote was unanimous for approval for the Town to spend with a cost not to exceed \$5,000 for temporary measures which is needed to meet liability purposes.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Commissioner Naughton reminded everyone that the holiday shopping season is upon us and everyone needs to be aware of safety, Commissioner Naughton outlined ways to stay safe while shopping. Commissioner Naughton also reminded everyone that the crime reports are available downstairs for viewing.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Commissioner Osborne reported that she received a letter granting approval for disbursement of grant funds for Triangle Park; therefore a final plan needs to be put in place. The letter also stated that the funds for Veterans Park are still pending

Commissioner Osborne reported that she is exploring the possibility of using concrete logs to rebuild the Scout Cabin.

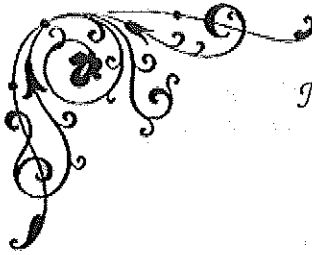
Commissioner Osborne requested the Mayor to also appoint her to the Special Events and Activities Committee. Mayor Mumey replied that he would have no objection.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mr. Bonenberger asked the Board for feedback on the weekly updates that are sent to the Board on a weekly basis. The Board replied that it was very helpful.

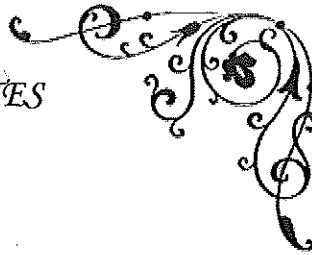
Mr. Bonenberger reported on the revised agreement for the County easement request, stating that with the revisions accepted the County can start work on the bridge on Pearl St.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the utility billing system in reference to the misplaced decimal point issue, stating that after the threat of involvement of MDE the company has agreed to update the software.

Mr. Bonenberger reminded everyone that when a holiday falls within the week of garbage pickup the pickup is pushed back a day, instead of garbage pickup on Friday as usual garbage pickup would be on Saturday.



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PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – Mr. Bonenberger reported that a meeting was scheduled for last night, but due to a Board members medical emergency the meeting was cancelled, stating that another meeting has been scheduled for Monday the 26th. Commissioner Naughton voiced his concerns about Board members meeting attendance and agreed to speak to Mr. Bonenberger after the meeting.

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the McDonalds permit request stating that the Town is still working with McDonalds in reference to the second drive-thru and reported that they have not gotten back with him as to whether they want to proceed with the variance and special exception required.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – Mr. Bonenberger reported that possibly drafting language in an Ordinance that would address Board member attendance and increase the voting members from 3 to 5 which will also help with meeting attendance.

Mr. Bonenberger also reported on the Ordinance change to allow notification to adjacent property owners for an appeals case being heard, so everyone will be able to come to the meeting and speak for or against the case.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – No Report

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Ms. Diane Ehrhart reported that on November 26, 2011, at the Hopewell Methodist Church at 2:00 PM the Grand Army of the Republic will be honoring the fourteen Civil War Veterans buried at the Hopewell Cemetery.

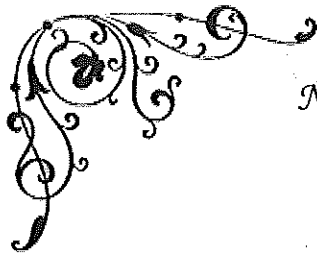
Ms. Ehrhart reminded everyone about the Cecil County parade in North East on December 3rd.

Ms. Ehrhart reported that the Rising Sun Historical Commission will present a local author Ms. Shannon Farrington as a guest speaker December 14th at 7:00 pm and the location will be the 3rd floor of Town Hall, also refreshments will be served.

Ms. Ehrhart reported that the Historical Museum received over 300 Indian arrow heads and reminded everyone that the museum will be open December 14th.

OLD BUSINESS. – Commissioner Osborne asked if there was any update on the out of town utility user's fee. Mr. Bonenberger replied that he is working on a spreadsheet that he is going to present to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS. – Commissioner Callahan asked Mr. Bonenberger if the Town snow plows Centro Properties which is the Martins parking lot and does the Town provide garbage pickup for them. Mr. Bonenberger replied that they take care of their own snow plowing and garbage removal.



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Commissioner Osborne brought to the Board's attention that in the Town Code, article 2-101 which indicates the Town meeting starts at 7:30 pm and the Board should amend the code to 7:00 pm. Mayor Mumey replied that it was. Commissioner Pierson stated that the whole code book is in need of updating. Mr. Bonenberger also answered Commissioner Osborne, stating that he has corresponded with a company that will update the Town's code and will report back to the Board.

Commissioner Osborne also asked the Board about article 2-202 number five which indicates that the Mayor should be reporting to the Board as to what has been paid and what needs to be paid between meetings. Commissioner Osborne stated that the Board rarely approves any expenditure. Mayor Mumey commented that the Board's approval of expenditures have been long gone, stating that the Town Clerk is responsible to pay the expenditures and the Town Administrator approves them. Mayor Mumey suggested to Commissioner Osborne to put in writing any discrepancies and bring them to the attention of Mr. Bonenberger our Town Administrator so that we can revise them. Mr. Bonenberger also commented that the Town should go forward with the code revision company, reporting that he has a proposal and will present it to the Board.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – None

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8: 30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison,
Town Clerk

Mayor Mumey called for a vote for at the December 13, 2011 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 4 to 0

For approval

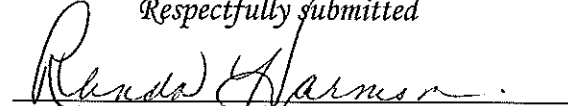


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DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

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 9th day of December 2011.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)