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 January 10, 2012. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

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

MEMBERS/STAFF ABSENT: Calvin Bonenberger, Town Administrator

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES —Mayor Mumey asked for any corrections to the December 13, 2011 Town Meeting Minutes stating that there is a correction to where the meeting was held stating that the minutes reflected Janes United Methodist Church and the meeting was held at Town Hall on the 3rd floor and this was brought to Rhonda's attention. Commissioner Pierson motioned, seconded by Commissioner Naughton to accept the minutes as written with the correction of the location of where the meeting was held, the vote was unanimous for approval.

PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS — Mayor Mumey introduced Mr. Saddler from Weyrich Cronin & Sorra to present the Town's year-end financial audit report that ended June 30, 2011. Mr. Saddler outlined the Town's finances stating that the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$6,836,829 (net assets) and of this amount; \$1,816,199 may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Total net assets of the primary government increased \$239,729. The net assets of governmental activities increased \$46,603 from the previous year, while the net assets from business activities increased \$193,126. Mr. Saddler also reported that the Governmental Funds ending balance was \$208,626 a net increase of \$71,139 from the prior year. The total net assets of the water and sewer proprietary fund at year end were \$5,438,145. Mr. Saddler summarized that the Town is financially sound and opened the floor for questions. Mr. Fisher asked the auditor about past audits, Mayor Mumey replied that if Mr. Fisher should have any questions about past audits, the Board would be happy to answer any concerns, but



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he is not to question Mr. Saddler. With no more questions Mayor Mumey thanked and excused Mr. Saddler.

<u>MAYOR'S REPORT</u> – Mayor Mumey reported that he has attended several meetings concerning Town business but he is not in a position to report on those, because issues are still pending.

FINANCES - No Report. End of year audit report was presented at the opening of the meeting.

<u>SEWER, AND WATER REPORT</u> — Commissioner Pierson reported that he is still waiting for USDA to approve the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Osborne asked if the reason for the holdup is a change of language in the contract. Mayor Mumey replied that is correct.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT - No Report.

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> —Commissioner Naughton reminded everyone that even though the holidays are over we still need to be aware of safety when we are shopping. Commissioner Osborne asked the Chief if he would talk to the National Penn Bank personnel about parking for the parents that are waiting for their children and could they park in the parking lot instead of the driveway which is causing congestion for the patrons of the bank. Chief Peterson replied that he would look into that matter and report back.

<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u> — Commissioner Osborne reported that she was planning to set up a meeting with the Parks and Recreation committee about recruiting volunteers for the Cabin, and coordinating with Mr. Bonenberger a landscaper to start laying out plans for the Park projects.

At this junction, Mayor Mumey announced that he failed to include in his report his desire to make a change in the departments of Parks & Recreation and Streets and Sidewalks. As a result, he proceeded to announce those changes, stating that Commissioner Callahan will now be the Parks and Recreation Commissioner and Commissioner Osborne will now be the Streets and Sidewalks Commissioner.

<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT</u> – (No Report)

<u>PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD</u>- Commissioner Naughton reported that at the last meeting we did not have a quorum, and the next scheduled meeting will be January 23rd at 7:00 PM

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – (No Report)



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CODE ENFORCEMENT – No Report

<u>HISTORICAL PRESERVATION</u> COMMISSION – Diane Erhard was not present. No Report

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>. Commissioner Pierson reported that there is a current Resolution changing the time of the Town Meetings from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM stating that the Board does not need to pass a new Resolution.

NEW BUSINESS. No New Business

<u>CITIZEN'S INPUT</u> – Mr. Fisher 108 Wilson Ave. expressed his concerns about the Town's Audit process, stating that he is not satisfied with the process and feels that he should have further access to information. Mayor Mumey replied that Mr. Fisher needs to complete a freedom of information act form and submit it to the Town and Mr. Bonenberger will address the request.

Mr. Tracy Duvall 51 Pearl St. expressed his concerns about an outstanding utility bill for one of his properties located in Town, stating that he was told by Town personnel that if the utility bill was not paid that his property would be sent to the delinquent tax sale. Mayor Mumey and Commissioner Pierson replied that they would look into the matter and work with Mr. Duvall to resolve the problem.

Lisa Tome from the Herald newspaper asked the Board about the Executive Session that was held Sunday at Town Hall. Mayor Mumey replied that yes, there was a Executive Session meeting held Sunday January 8, 2012 at 4:30 PM and the subject was Town Personnel, also stating that no decision was made and all the Commissioners were present including the Town Administrator and the Chief of Police.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – With no other business before the board a motion was made by Commissioner Stephen Naughton and seconded by Commissioner Chris Callahan to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7: 48 PM.

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Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison,

Town Clerk



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Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Stephen Naughton, seconded by Commissioner Joanne Osborne at the January 24, 2012 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 3 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 12 day of January 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda-Harmison

Town Clerk.

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)