

# TOWN OF RISING SUN

## BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

**MAYOR**  
Judith M. Cox

**COMMISSIONERS**  
Deborah Craig  
James Majewski  
August Pierson  
Stewart Yust

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
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March 25, 2008

Present: Judy Cox, Skip Yust, Jim Majewski, Debbie Craig, Augie Pierson

Town Administrator: Absent.

Guests: See Attached List

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on March 25, 2008 at the Town Hall with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. She asked that everyone keep Calvin in mind as he had had surgery and would not be in the rest of the week.

The minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting were presented. Mrs. Craig advised that under the New Business, the time was set for 12 Noon for the Charter Workshop. The motion was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried to approve the minutes as amended.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox reported on the Special Meeting about Water & Sewer Issues that was held on Saturday morning and on the Work Shop Meeting that was held at noon on Saturday. Minutes for both of these meetings will be provided at the next Town meeting.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Yust reported that the state had contacted the Town with regard to information about storm drains in conjunction with the Sidewalk Replacement Grant for which the Town had applied. He also advised that we are awaiting the results from the traffic study count at the intersection of Main & Queen Streets. The Mayor will do a follow-up with SHA on this.

Water & Sewer - Mr. Majewski advised that the Town had received a 3<sup>rd</sup> fine from MDE for non-compliance with sewer discharge limits in the amount of \$600. He also reported on the meeting with a private sector construction management team with regard to the design, construction and operation of a new treatment plant. There will be a meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> company in early April. There were also meetings with municipal financing experts to discuss the various tools available to help pay for the needed repairs to the sewer and water system upgrades.

Mr. Majewski also reported on the second meeting to discuss water and sewer issues. He advised that Mr. Bonenberger will finish compiling the data from the survey and report his findings upon his return at the next Town meeting. Mayor Cox and the Board agreed to extend the submission on completed questionnaires another week having them due April 1.

Public Safety - Mr. Pierson deferred his report to Chief Michael. Chief Michael advised that 4 of the officers were in training in Salisbury for drug interdiction. The instructor is an expert in the field, both Chief Michael of PFC Peterson have previously had the training. The Chief advised that 3 police vehicles now have lo-jacks installed. These were installed by the company free of charge. He also advised that the department would be getting a NCIC terminal and that Harri Ann and Chip would be trained in its use. PFC Peterson is diligently searching for grants. The new officer is fitting in well with the department.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised that Ron Thomas has contacted RNJ Graphics with regard to getting a price on the refurbishing of the sports signs at both ends of Town. They will come up with a price within the next couple of weeks.

Finance - None

Town Administrator - The Mayor, on behalf of Mr. Bonenberger advised that the Town had met with County officials concerning the flooding issues to the rear of the houses on Spring House Court.

Planning & Zoning - In the absence of Mr. Bonenberger, Mrs. Craig gave the P & Z report. She advised that the P & Z Board had voted to recommend approval to the Board of Appeals for the 2 cases heard at their last meeting. Both were requests for Special Exceptions to allow a residential unit in a Central Commercial zone. One for 9 Pearl Street and the other for 128 S Queen Street. The date of the Board of Appeals hearing has not yet been set..

Board of Appeals - None

Community Development - none

Code Enforcement – None

Historical Preservation Commission– No report

Old Business – Mr. Majewski reported that the 3 phase converter that was reported on needing replacement at the last meeting for an cost of \$10,000, has been repaired at a cost of \$1,500. A thank you letter is to go to the company responsible for the repair. Jim will get the address to Sandi

New Business – Mayor Cox advised that she had received a quote from Delmarva with regard to the moving of the utility pole at Main and N. Walnut. The cost is \$30,000 plus the cost of moving any electric lines or other utility lines.

Mr. Pierson asked about the trees on Mount Street that Delmarva was going to trim or remove. He was advised that Mr. Bonenberger was to get pictures and have the trees marked and identified.

#### CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Erik Starky of Boy Scout Troop 441 was in attendance working on his Community Citizenship Badge. He is required to attend 3 Board meetings. He was advised that he could also attend the P & Z meeting and the Historical Preservation Commission as both are open to the public.

Chris Callahan addressed the Board advising that due to the recent changes and upgrades to the water system, there has been an increase in water pressure especially in low lying areas. The pressure decreases for high areas but builds up in low areas due to gravity. He advised that the normal pressure is 30-60lbs. He advised that house pressure gauges could be purchased at local hardware stores and residents could then see what their pressure is. If there is high pressure a pressure reduction valve can be installed by a plumber. The papers were asked to do a story and notice is to be placed on the next water bill.

With no other business coming before the Board a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra,  
Secretary