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 Town Hall on Tuesday evening April 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 Stephen Naughton Commissioner Chris Callahan, Commissioner Joanne Osborne. 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 7:08 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 March 27, 2012 meeting minutes. Commissioner Callahan asked for a word change on page 3 under Streets and Sidewalk second paragraph second sentence the word form to from. Commissioner Naughton motioned seconded by Commissioner Callahan to accept the minutes as recorded with the request of the word change form Commissioner Callahan. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Mumey asked Mr. Bonenberger to read into the minutes the March 31, 2012 Executive Session Meeting. Mr. Bonenberger reported that there was an Executive Session held on the 2nd floor of Town Hall on March 31, 2012 at 12:30 PM on the second floor of Town Hall. The reason for the meeting in accordance to the Maryland Open Meeting Act was to discuss item number one (to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals), and item number eight (to discuss with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation). Motion was made by Commissioner Naughton seconded Commissioner Pierson to seal the record of the meeting, motion passed 4-0. Motion made by Commissioner Pierson seconded by Commissioner Naughton to adjourn the Executive Session motion passed 4-0; the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 PM





PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - (None)

<u>MAYOR'S REPORT</u> – Mayor Mumey reported on the following;

- The MML Cecil Harford Chapter dinner scheduled for April 19th reminding everyone to let Rhonda know if you plan to attend.
- Little League Parade; reminding everyone about the Little League parade this Saturday, encouraging everyone to come out and support our young baseball players.
- Boys and Girls Club; reminding everyone of the grand opening of the new Boys and Girls Club on Colonial Way next to the Town's water tower.
- Fire Company Banquet; reporting he will be attending the annual banquet Saturday at the Community Fire Company of Rising Sun.
- Greater Rising Sun Chamber; reporting that the next meeting of the Greater Rising Sun Chamber will be Wednesday April 18th at 6:15 PM, encouraging business folks to attend. Also reporting that the Town and Chamber have partnered together to develop a game plan to revitalize and rejuvenate the Town and our Town Administrator will be giving a presentation on our plans for economic development and community revitalization.
- Sun fest Banners; reporting that as discussed previously, he would like to expand upon our community display of spirits and the celebration of various events such as Christmas, Winter Greetings, Election Day and July 4th. Mayor Mumey also reported that we have been working closely with the Chamber to assist them with the planning of this year's annual Sun fest event, which is going to be expanded to include Main St., more entertainment and multiple areas for performing arts etc. Also we have partnered with the Chamber to secure pricing for multiple Sun fest banners to line the Main St. reporting that our goal is to create more of a festive atmosphere over the days leading up to the event. Mayor Mumey reported on a proposed Town banner program and asked Mr. Bonenberger to present the program.
- Mr. Bonenberger highlighted the details of a proposed Town Banner program stating that the idea of having businesses sponsorship a banner program to be installed alongside the Town's seasonal banners for the 34 poles throughout town and expressing partnership with the Greater Rising Sun Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bonenberger outlined the cost of sponsorship for the in Town and out of Town Businesses stating that the price for sponsorship per year will vary depending on business location and prime spots. Mr. Bonenberger explained that the Town will initially need to spend \$4,800 to purchase rods and additional banners and with the sale





of business sponsorship we would be able to purchase more banners with a Resolution mandating any money received from sponsorship would be put back into the Banner program. Mayor Mumey asked for any input from attending Chamber members and after lengthy discussion Mayor Mumey asked for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$4,800 to purchase pole rods and banners needed for the Town Banner Program. Commissioner Pierson seconded by Commissioner Naughton motion passed 4-0.

<u>FINANCES</u> - Mayor Mumey presented Ms. Wagner to present the financials;

Ms. Wagner reported that the Total net assets of the primary government increased \$239,429.93 year to date. The net assets of the governmental activities increased \$248,236.20 from the previous year, while the net assets from the business activities decreased \$8,806.27. However if we add back the depreciation to the business activities; we would have an increased of net assets of \$162,055.11.

Actual revenues on a budgetary basis are \$37,436.22 below the amount of budget, while actual expenditures are below budgetary basis by \$302,514.70 for the primary government. As for the primary budget actual revenues are higher by \$8,306.47 while the actual expenditures are below the budgetary basis by \$19,489.57.

SEWER AND WATER REPORT - Commissioner Pierson reported on the following;

• New Sewer Plant Update; reminding everyone that our ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for tomorrow at 10:00 AM and everyone is invited, but parking is limited at the site therefore we are asking everyone to meet at the Foard's Funeral Home on Queen St. and from there a bus will transport everyone to the site. Also reporting that lunch will be provided after the ceremony at the Foard's banquet hall.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT - Commissioner Osborne reported on the following;

- Cherry Street sidewalk repairs; reporting that we are still securing prices for repairing several sections of broken sidewalks throughout Town.
- Pot hole repairs; reporting that black top plants officially opened on April 1st so we will begin to schedule more permanent repairs of some of our pot holes that have been temporarily repaired.





- Mount Street; Commissioner Osborne asked if the additional bollards have come in for installation. Mr. Bonenberger replied they have not.
- Cherry Street questionnaire; Commissioner Osborne asked the board about their thoughts about her questionnaire draft that she put in their mailboxes. Commissioner Pierson stated that he felt that there were not enough options. Mayor Mumey reported that he has received responses from residents that do not want the sidewalk removed. Commissioner Osborne then questioned the board's response to installing speed humps on Cherry Street. Mayor Mumey responded that speed humps would damage the Towns snow plows. After lengthy discussion in conclusion Mayor Mumey asked the Board if they were for or against the proposal to remove sidewalks on Cherry Street. Commissioner Pierson suggested a public hearing and Commissioner Naughton responded that he is against removing the sidewalk.

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> – Commissioner Naughton reminded everyone that as the weather gets nicer, to keep their speed in check and keep pedestrians safe, also reporting that the police reports are on file downstairs for anyone wishing to view them.

<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u> - Commissioner Callahan reported the following;

- Triangle Park update; reporting that we have completed a phase 3 sketch of the park that is currently being revised to reflect discussion from our past meeting asking Mr. Bonenberger to update the Board on the latest concepts.
- Mr. Bonenberger outlined the planned off leash dog park located at Mount and Walnut Streets, reporting that there will be separate fenced areas for large and small dogs, a walking trail, a memorial reflection area and a wetland garden. Mr. Bonenberger asked for any questions and after discussion and no more questions, Mayor Mumey thanked Mr. Bonenberger.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - (No Report)

<u>PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD</u>- Commissioner Naughton reported and reminded the citizens that there will be a meeting on April 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm to hear the request for a second drive-thru for the McDonalds restaurant.





<u>BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS</u> – Mr. Bonenberger reported that on April 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm a meeting will be held to hear the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning board in reference to the McDonalds restaurant second drive-thru proposal.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the following;

- Veterinary Clinic; is now open for business.
- 108 Stone Run fire damage; reporting that the occupants are back in the house.

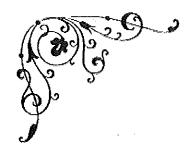
<u>HISTORICAL PRESERVATION</u> COMMISSION — Ms. Erhart reported that she has tickets and flyers for the April 21st dance if anyone is interested.

OLD BUSINESS. — Commissioner Osborne reminded the Board that no decision has been made about having one work session per month. Commissioner Pierson suggested that the first meeting of the month should be a work session and the second meeting would be a business meeting. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Mumey asked for a motion to hold a work session for the first meeting of the month and a business meeting for the second meeting of the month. Commissioner Pierson motioned seconded by Commissioner Osborne to start the first work session in May motion passed 3-0 with one abstained vote made by Commissioner Naughton.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>. – Commissioner Osborne asked Mr. Bonenberger to share his ideas that he will be presenting next week to the Greater Rising Sun Chamber for the Town's revitalization. Mr. Bonenberger replied he will not be presenting any ideas although he will be presenting the idea of the need to do something to jump start revitalization for the Town.

CITIZEN'S INPUT-

- Ms. Manetta brought to the Board's attention of the traffic speeders that use Mount St. and the noise of the early pickup of trash in her neighborhood.
- Commissioner Osborne reported that she will bring Cherry Street residents to the Town meeting to express their interest for speed humps.
- Ms. Bellmyer reported to the Board that serve fest participants will be cleaning Triangle Park and pulling weeds on the 28th.





• Mr. Pierson spoke as a citizen expressing his feelings on Commissioner Osborne attending the Wastewater Treatment Plant groundbreaking ceremony stating that as a Commissioner she is welcome but I find it very hypocritical that you attend this ceremony when you sued this town a year ago.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – With no other business before the board a motion was made by Commissioner Naughton seconded by Commissioner Pierson to adjourn meeting adjourned at 8: 45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Stephan Naughton, seconded by Commissioner Chris Callahan at the April 24, 2012 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 4 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 20th day of April 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)