# 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 24, 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 7:00 PM by Mayor Thomas S. Mumey, followed by a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

<u>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</u> –Mayor Mumey asked for any corrections to the April 10, 2012 meeting minutes. Commissioner Naughton voted, seconded by Commissioner Callahan to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion passed 4-0.

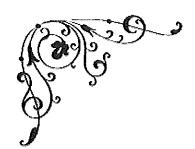
PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS — Mayor Mumey introduced Mr. Rupert Rossetti to present an update on the Rising Sun Triangle Park storm water design. Mr. Rossetti presented a draft design of the Triangle park storm water wetland, reporting that the Octoraro Watershed Association and the Town have been working closely together and were able to integrate a dog park and a wetland to include a reforested buffer, several rain gardens as well as pretreatment of the dog park run-of prior to entering the storm water wetland system. Mr. Rossetti outlined the next steps will be finalizing the Park Design, integrating water quality treatment, securing funding for implementation of the Storm water Wetland and finally moving forward with implementation.





#### MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Mumey reported on the following;

- The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Rising Sun Boys & Girls Club youth celebration dinner, asking the Commissioners approval to purchase a table for our elected officials and staff to attend the annual dinner. Commissioner Pierson seconded by Commissioner Callahan motioned to approve the purchase of the table at a cost of \$400.0. Motion passed 4-0.
- Economic Development Conference at Penn State; Mayor Mumey reported that he and the Town Administrator attended a 2 day summit on the subject of Economic Development and better Town Government, reporting that the event for him was a real eye opener in terms of hearing the issues that other communities have in relation to good communication and working together as a team and commenting that we do a good job here in Rising Sun although we recognize that there is always room for improvement.
- Cecil Harford MML Chapter Dinner; Mayor Mumey reported that he and Commissioners Naughton, Osborne and Mr. Bonenberger attended the quarterly meeting of the MML Cecil Harford Chapter dinner held in Perryville last Thursday evening, stating that there was a lot of good information regarding the new easy pass transponders and some cost saving tips for registering for your transponder. Mayor Mumey thanked the Commissioners for their attendance at these meeting, reporting that we are representing ourselves well.
- Greater Rising Sun Chamber meeting; Mayor Mumey reported that he and Mr. Bonenberger attended the monthly meeting of the Greater Rising Sun Chamber, reporting that it was a fantastic meeting with several members expressing ideas on how to improve and revitalize our Town.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Ground Breaking ceremony; Mayor Mumey personally thanked everyone that attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new sewer plant and also stating that he wanted to set the record straight about the expenditures for the ceremony reporting that there has been some perception that the Town spent over \$4,000 and actually the expenditure was just under \$2,500.





## FINANCES - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the following;

• Budget; Mr. Bonenberger reported that we are working on the budget for the next fiscal year starting in July and have requested quotes on a few items related to our various insurance coverage's to include health care and are awaiting their response.

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

- Ground Breaking Ceremony; Commissioner Pierson also echoed the Mayors sentiments regarding the ground breaking ceremony reporting that it was a very nice event and we received a great deal of positive feedback from those who attended and also thanking the staff for their efforts.
- Pre Construction Meeting; Reporting that we will be meeting with USDA, MDE and the Contractor on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> for the required pre-construction meeting stating that this is essentially a kick off meeting for all parties involved.
- Impact Fees; reporting that we have begun preliminary discussions with our financial consultants on the impact fees that will be required of developers and we will report back to the Board on any potential changes to the current formula, and cautioning everyone, that although we are taking another look at these projected fees, we will not know anything for sure until we are well into the construction project for both the water and sewer.

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

- Cherry Street sidewalk repairs; reporting that we have secured a price and awaiting for two other contract quotes for the repair of roughly 2000 lineal feet of sidewalk, which will cover both sides of Cherry Street, between Wilson and Queen and we hope to report at the next meeting the cost associated with these repairs.
- Mount Street one way; reporting that we have received the additional bollards and they will be installed later this week. We have also installed the "no left turn sign" at Pearl St for west bound traffic approaching Mount St and will be installing an additional sign to read "no right turn" from Pearl St for east bound traffic approaching Mount St, also reporting that we will also be painting a yellow line, to designate two way traffic on Mount St, between Main and the driveway to Ace Hardware.





• Yellow Line Repainting; reporting that the yellow center lines on many of our Town roads have become faded and worn therefore we are securing a price to have those lines repainted and will report back to the Board with prices.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY** – Commissioner Naughton reported on the following;

- Commissioner Naughton asked Chief Peterson to present the crime statistics report. Chief Peterson presented to the Board a copy of the monthly activities, reporting that the total calls for the month of March 2012 for service were 498, of those calls, criminal complaints were 216 public service were 266 and traffic related were 16. Chief Peterson reported that comparing the County wide statics we have a low crime rate, which shows that we are doing our job.
- Commissioner Naughton reminded everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, also bringing to everyone's attention a program known as S.A.L.T which means senior and law enforcement together and asked Chief Peterson to explain the program. Chief Peterson outlined the program stating that law enforcement provides information and equipment for seniors that will be of benefit to them.

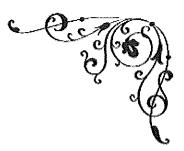
## <u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u> – Commissioner Callahan reported the following;

• Financial commitment to the Park Projects; reporting that we have secured grant monies for a majority of the items covered in the revitalization of both parks, however we are short on the surface area for the dog park and the log cabin restoration, but we are working towards securing additional monies.

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the following;

- Sun fest Event; reminding everyone about Sun fest on June 2, 2012 and letting everyone know that there are raffle tickets downstairs for sale.
- Banner Program; Mr. Bonenberger presented to the Board the Banner program fee schedule, outlining the cost of non premium, premium, in Town and out of Town business and Chamber member fees. Mr. Bonenberger also presented a Google map of the area with pushpins defining the premium areas. Mr. Bonenberger reported that if the Board is happy with the





proposed fee schedule he will put a resolution together to amend the fee schedule to represent the charges and lay the ground work of what will be done with the sponsorship revenue to vote on at the next Town meeting. Commissioner Pierson motioned seconded by Commissioner Osborne to adopt the Business sponsorship Banners as laid out by Mr. Bonenberger using the pushpins as the premium areas and to use the proposed rate schedule. Motion passed 4-0.

• Election letters of intent; reporting that Stephany Ondrik has received a letter from Thomas S. Mumey and a letter received tonight from Commissioner Pierson submitting their letters of intent to run. Mr. Bonenberger also reminded everyone that the last date to submit a letter of intent for consideration is May 22nd or a nomination from the floor at the Town meeting that evening. Mr. Bonenberger also reported that the advertisement has been placed in the newspaper and the first meeting in May we will begin to announce and update information.

## PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD- Commissioner Naughton reported on the following;

- McDonalds application for the expanded drive-thru; reporting that the Planning and Zoning Board met to review the application and after careful deliberation the Board recommended approval of this application to the Appeals Board with additional conditions.
- Next Meeting; reporting that since our next meeting falls on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012 we are working to reschedule this meeting for another date.

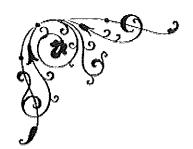
## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the following;

McDonalds Application for the expanded drive-thru; reporting that the Board of Special Appeals met to review the application for McDonalds restaurant and after careful deliberation and consideration of the recommendations put forth by the Planning and Zoning Board, the Appeals Board granted approval of this application with eleven (11) conditions.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT - No Report

## HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION - No Report

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>. – Commissioner Pierson asked the Board for a discussion and clarification of the newly formed workshop meetings that will take place starting in May clarifying that the workshop meeting will take the place of the usual first monthly business meeting. Mr. Bonenberger clarified that the idea of a workshop meeting will be similar to a business meeting, the only difference will be





that you will have the opportunity to present and discuss issues and take the issues to the next business meeting for a motion although voting at the workshop meeting will be an option. Mayor Mumey suggested to the Board to reach out to other Town's who conduct workshop meetings for input.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>. – Commissioner Callahan reported that he is being approached by developers asking when, will the Town decide when development can start. Mayor Mumey answered that there is still a lot of preliminary work to be done before we can start accepting applications from builders.

#### CITIZEN'S INPUT-

• Ms. Haske shared her concerns to the Board about Cherry Street stating that she is against the sidewalk removal and the speed humps.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> — With no other business before the board a motion was made by Commissioner Pierson to adjourn meeting adjourned at 8: 30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison

Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by To be determined, seconded by To be determined at the May 8, 2012 Town Meeting

Motion Passed to be determined to be determined





## 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)