Town of Rising Sun Mayor & Commissioners Town Workshop Meeting Minutes

Let it be remembered that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun held a Town Workshop Meeting on the 3rd floor of Town Hall on Tuesday evening June 12, 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.

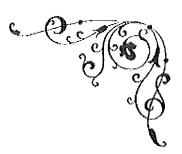
<u>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</u> –Mayor Mumey asked for any corrections to the May 22, 2012 Town meeting minutes. Commissioner Naughton voted, seconded by Commissioner Osborne to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion passed 4-0.

<u>SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS.</u> Mayor Mumey asked Mr. Bonenberger to read into the minutes the Town election results. Mr. Bonenberger read that Mr. Fisher has been elected the mayor and Mr. Marion and Mr. Berkowich are the newly elected Commissioners.

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

• MML Convention: Mayor Mumey reminded everyone that the annual Maryland Municipal League Convention will be held June 24th thru the 27th and entertained a motion to cancel the Town Meeting for June 27th because most of the Board will be in attendance at the convention. Commissioner Pierson motioned to cancel the June 26th Town Meeting seconded by Commissioner Naughton. The motion passed 4-0.





- Election Board Judges: Mayor Mumey entertained the motion to increase the election judges pay from \$75.00 to \$150.00 to match the County's pay rate that they pay their election judges. Commissioner Osborne asked if the pay increase could be retro-active to cover the recent election, Mayor Mumey replied that he has no problem with that request. Commissioner Pierson motioned to increase the pay for Town election judges and to make the pay increase retro-active to the last election motion was seconded by Commissioner Naughton. The motion passed 4-0.
- Sunfest: Mayor Mumey reported that the Sunfest Festival was a success and stating that the event was the best he had ever attended and personally thanked Mr. Vincent Sammons who served as Chair person for the event.
- Chamber Meeting: Reminding everyone that a Greater Rising Sun Chamber meeting will be held at the Hunter Sale Barn on the 27th at 7:00 PM. This will be the Chamber's annual picnic meeting.
- State Aid for Police Protection: Reporting that the Town has received a letter today from the State announcing that we will be receiving \$23, 180.00 dollars as part of the annual State aid for police protection.

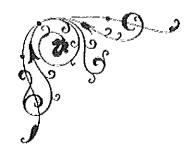
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the following:

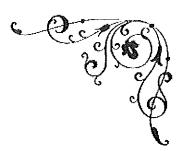
• Trash and Recycle Bids: Mr. Bonenberger reported that he would like to present to the Board an action item for consideration of the Town's trash and recycle bids that they have before them. Mr. Bonenberger outlined the bids and the cost analysis and reported that Waste Management came in the lowest and recommended the Board to award a (4) year contract to Waste Management for the disposal of the Town's trash and recycle. Mr. Bonenberger also reported that the bid is \$14,000 less than budgeted. Mayor Mumey entertained a motion to approve the waste collection as recommended by the staff. A motion was made by Commissioner Naughton seconded by Commissioner Pierson. The motion passed 4-0.





- Sustainable Communities Designation: Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town of Rising Sun holds in spirit two sustainable community designations from the State of Maryland, one for Community Legacy and the other one for designated neighborhoods, however the State passed legislation to combine the two designations and as for now the Town's two designations are grandfathered in, but the Town needs to re apply and submit by October 2013 on the Town's Comprehensive plan a game plan for revitalization in order to receive the combined State Designation.
- Business Review Grant Application: Mr. Bonenberger reported that a grant application for a comprehensive review and analysis of our business community has been submitted to the County and the Town should get an answer in August.
- Sponsorship Banner Applications: Reporting that we have completed the sponsorship application but one of the issues that we are running into is that we don't want to create a problem with business sponsorship in reference to what can and cannot be printed on the business banner, therefore we will work closely with the vendor and the businesses to create and ensure a uniform banner with an understanding that this process will never be perfect and reminding everyone that our goal is to promote community spirit and awareness. Mr. Bonenberger also reported that we already have about fifteen businesses interested in the sponsorship program.
- Town's State Championship Sign: Reporting that there has been a request to add two new names to the Town's State Championship sign and reminding the Board that the previous Boards would wait and collect a few names due to the cost of taking the sign down before the sign would be updated. Commissioner Callahan suggested notifying RLJ of the request to add additional names and requested Mr. Bonenberger to contact the school for any more names to be added. Commissioner Osborne inquired about the cost, Mr. Bonenberger replied he was not sure but would find out.
- Health Care Coverage: Reporting that the Town put the health care coverage out to bid and the Town has selected Aetna, saving the Town roughly \$14,000 annually.





<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u> – Mr. Bonenberger reported on the following:

- Street Repairing and Sidewalk Repair: Reporting that we have moved forward with putting together a bid specification for the following repairing and sidewalk repair projects.
 - a. Mount Street intersection improvements, traffic flow and ADA compliance.
 - b. Repaving of Pearl Street from Mount to Town Square, to include replacement of sidewalks, using a monolithic curb or a raised curb.
 - c. Repaving of Mount Street, from the intersection at Haines Avenue running north to Pogue Avenue, to include the re-crowning of Mount Street and Pogue Avenue to facilitate water flow to the existing storm water drains.
 - d. Replacement of sidewalk and curbing, using a raised curb or a monolithic curb, along Mount Street from the intersection at Haines Avenue running north to Pogue Avenue.
 - e. Installation of additional storm water culverts along Mount Street, from the intersection at Haines Avenue running north to Pogue Avenue. This could be considered if Mount Street does not provide enough fall to get water to the existing drains.
 - f. Replacement of Cherry Street sidewalks.

<u>BUILDING</u>, <u>PLANNING</u>, <u>ZONING AND CODE</u> - Mr. Bonenberger reported that the next Planning and Zoning meeting will be Monday June 18^{th} and will hear a case in reference to a business requesting a sign variance.

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>—Chief Peterson reported on the following:

- Crime Statics: Reporting that the Town responded to 388 calls for service and multiple arrests were made for assaults and drugs.
- Evening with the Chief: Reporting that everyone that attended left with a better understanding of the Town's Police procedures and services, also an understanding of how





the State of Maryland judicial system works. Chief Peterson also reported that he plans to have another meeting in three months.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

SEWER & WATER - No Report

STREET AND SIDEWALKS - No Report

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>— Commissioner Naughton commented on the Evening with the Chief, stating that he was in attendance and agrees that it was very informative.

PARKS AND RECREATION - No Report

PLANNING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT- No Report

OLD BUSINESS -

Sidewalk Repairs: Commissioner Callahan asked if the Town has plans to charge the residents fifty percent of the cost of the sidewalk replacement for Cherry St and Mount Street. Commissioner Osborne replied that we have had no discussion about this matter and asked Commissioner Callahan to share his feelings on this matter. Commissioner Callahan replied that he is against charging the residents. Mayor Mumey stated that this has been an ongoing debate and would like to recommend forming a committee to work out a solution and present to the Board. After a long discussion the Board agreed to form a four person committee to possibly consist of the Streets and Sidewalk Commissioner, the Town Administrator, the Public Works Superintendent and a Town resident to review and make recommendations to the Board.

Comments from Mayor Mumey: Mayor Mumey announced to everyone stating that since this is going to be his last meeting he will be conducting before leaving office he would like to tell everyone that it has been a privilege and an honor to have served this Town as a Commissioner and a Mayor and he is especially appreciative to this Board and past Boards, commenting that they have operated at the highest standards that they could. We have had to make some sad, tragic, but necessary decisions. We made a pre election decision that he believed cost us the election. Mayor Mumey congratulated Mr. Fisher on his winning of the election and also gave congratulations to the winning Commissioners.





Comments from Commissioner Pierson: Commissioner Pierson also thanked everyone and wished everyone good luck.

Comments from Commissioner Callahan: Commissioner Callahan also thanked everyone and personally thanked Mr. Bonenberger for all the hard work he does, stating that we as Commissioners depend heavily on him for his help.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> – Commissioner Naughton brought to the Boards' attention a nomination stating that Mr. David Warnick has submitted his letter of intent to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Mumey asked for a motion. Commissioner Naughton motioned to nominate Mr. Warnick for another term on the Planning and Zoning Board, motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierson. The motion passed 4-0.

CITIZEN'S INPUT - The following citizens reported:

Mr. Jeff Aughenbaugh of 112 Turtleback Ct. shared his concerns with the Board about the direction of the way the Country is going and cited sections of the Constitution and the Maryland Bill of Rights that reference religious beliefs as a requirement to hold public office. Mr. Aughenbaugh stated in past conversations with Mr. Fisher he admitted he was an atheist and as such suggested to Mr. Fisher to step down stating that in order to hold office in the State of Maryland you must honor God.

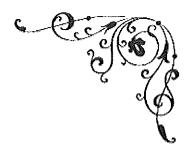
Vincent Sammons of 25 Beaver Ct. thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for all their efforts and expressed his concern going forward.

Jim Majeski of 124 E Main St. thanked Commissioners Pierson for his hard work with the Town's sewer and water project and expressed his hopes that he will continue to work with the new incoming Board.

Chip Slaughbaugh of 111 E Main St. thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their hard work and expressed his hopes they will continue to work and share their knowledge with the newly elected officials.

Bud McFadden of 117 Sunrise Dr. thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their hard work and expressed his hopes for the incoming newly elected officials.





Charlie Patirck of 46 Louise Ct. shared his concerns about being denied the right to vote at the Town' election. Mayor Mumey assured him that he and the Board will look into the matter and contact him. Mayor Mumey also recommended that he contact the County and talk to the department that deals with voters rights and straighten this matter out.

Charlie Vettas of 114 Turtleback Ct asked the question as to why he was able to vote but his wife was turned away stating that we have been Town residents for four years and she was able to vote in past Town elections. Commissioner Naughton shared that he also had an incident where his address and zip code were correct but showed that he lived in the town of Northeast and when he presented this to the election board at the fire house he was offered a provisional vote. Mayor Mumey commented that the Town's Charter does not provide for a provisional ballot and added that he will take a look into the matter stating that being denied the right to vote disturbs him.

Keith Campbell of 29 Pearl St. shared his concern in reference to the deadline time for absentee ballots. Mayor Mumey outlined the rules and regulations in reference to absentee ballots. Mr. Bonenberger also stated that the State mandates that absentee ballots are required to be turned in by no later than 4:30 PM the day of the election.

Skip Yust of 36 Cherry St. thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their service to the Town.

Bob Fisher of 108 Wilson Ave asked the Board if the newly elected officials can attend the upcoming MML convention. Commissioner Pierson responded that it has been in the past that newly elected officials are offered the option to attend the convention.

Mr. Ruppert Rossetti of Octoraro Water Shed Association also thanked the Board and stated he is looking forward to working with the newly elected officials.





<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – With no other business before the board a motion was made by Commissioner Pierson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8: 39 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk

Mayor Mumey asked for vote to approve the minutes at the July 10, 2012 Town Workshop 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 10thth day of July 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)