



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 at Rising Sun Fire Hall on Tuesday evening July 10, 2012. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.*

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

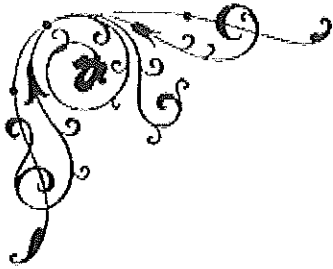
STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Administrator Calvin A Bonenberger, Jr.  
Town Clerk Rhonda Harmison

GUESTS: See Attached List

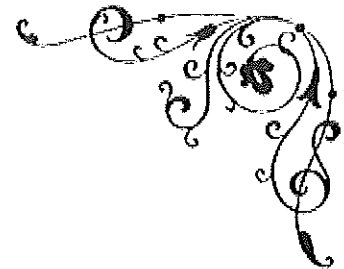
MEETING OPENING – The meeting was called to order at 7 : 00 PM by Mayor Thomas S. Mumey, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Mumey introduced and asked Reverend Gill Clark to give the invocation and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Mayor Mumey asked for any corrections to the June 12, 2012 Town meeting minutes, with no corrections Mayor Mumey asked for a vote to approve the minutes as recorded. Vote passed 4-0.

Mayor Mumey asked Mr. Bonenberger to read into the minutes the June 28, 2012 Executive Session. Mr. Bonenberger read into the minutes that an Executive Session was held June 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM on the second floor of Town Hall. All Commissioners, and Mayor Mumey were in attendance. Topic discussed; Personnel and Legal update on pending matters. Mayor Mumey commented that as the outgoing Mayor he wanted to clarify that Executive Session meetings are not secret meetings, and written into the law for protection for the Town against lawsuits and specifies what can and cannot be discussed. The Board has an obligation to report the meeting to the public and disclose what the meeting was about.



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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Mumey reported that the first order of business is to swear in the newly elected Mayor and Commissioners.

Mr. Derrick Lowe the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cecil County swore in Mr. Travis Marion, Commissioner, Mr. Charles Berkowich Commissioner and Mr. Robert Fisher Mayor. The newly sworn in Board members took their seats at the meeting table.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Fisher reported on the following;

- *Appointments:* Mayor Fisher motioned for appointments as follows;

Commissioner Osborne as deputy Mayor

Commissioner Naughton - Water and Sewer

Commissioner Osborne - Streets and Sidewalks

Commissioner Berkowich - Code Enforcement

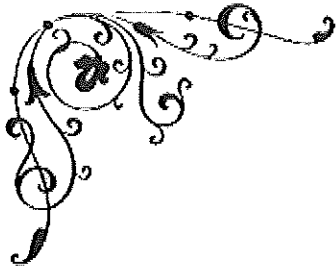
Commissioner Marion - Parks and Recreation,

Commissioner Naughton - ex-officio for Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Naughton motioned seconded by Commissioner Osborne to approve the appointments. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Fisher asked for any additional items for discussion.

- Commissioner Naughton asked to read into the minutes a letter received from the Town Attorney Mr. Gullo. Commissioner Naughton read into the minutes the letter from Mr. Gullo stating that, if at the wish of the Board Mr. Gullo would like to submit his resignation if the Town was going in a different direction.
- Commissioner Naughton presented to the Board and read into the minutes Resolution 2012-06 Reaffirming Contractual Agreements already in place and Re-appoints of certain persons. Commissioner Naughton motioned seconded by Commissioner Osborne to approve Resolution 2012-06. The motion passed 4-0.



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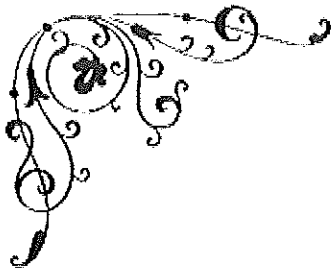


- Commissioner Naughton presented to the Board and read into the minutes Resolution 2012-07 General Powers of Town. Mayor Fisher noted objection to the Resolution and asked for any comments, with no comments Mayor Fisher motioned for an approval. Commissioner Naughton seconded by Commissioner Osborne to approve Resolution 2012-07. The motion passed 4-0.
- Commissioner Osborne presented to the Board and read into the minutes, emergency Ordinance 2012-03, amending language to Chapter Two of the Code of the Town of Rising Sun. Commissioner Osborne motioned seconded by Commissioner Naughton to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Berkowich stated that he did not agree with the Ordinance. Mayor Fisher called for a vote, the motion failed with a 3-1 vote needing a unanimous vote to pass. Commissioner Osborne motioned seconded by Commissioner Marion to table the Ordinance 2012-03 until the next meeting scheduled for July 24, 2012. The motion passed 4-0.

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

- Casino Funds Grant; Reporting that we are still waiting for a response from Cecil County for the proceeds from the Casino Funds.
- Health Care Coverage; Reporting that the Town has saved annually \$14,000 with the new health care carrier also stating that there are a couple of administrative details that need to be finalized but the employees have received their new health cards.
- Town Audit; Reporting that the Town auditor will be in Town later this month to begin the Town's audit.
- State Champion Sign; Reporting that we are still waiting for the updates from the school and will report back.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Bonenberger reported on the following:



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- *Street Repaving and Sidewalk Repair; Reporting that we have moved forward with putting together a bid specification and will revisit this project for the targeted areas with the newly elected Commissioners.*
- *Grass Cutting-Weed Spraying; Reporting that we have slowed down grass cutting due to the heat and community wide weed spraying has taken place.*
- *Meter Project; Reporting that we are still in the process of switching out old meters.*

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Bonenberger reported on the following:

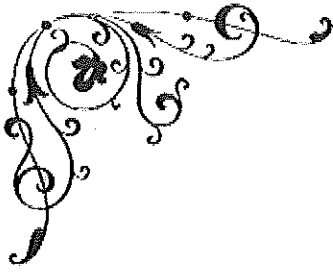
- *Dog Park- Triangle Park; Due to the recent election transition, we will be revisiting this project with the newly elected Commissioners.*
- *Community Park Grant; Reporting that we have a deadline approaching to apply for if we choose to, grant money from the Department of Natural Resources.*

BUILDING, PLANNING, ZONING AND CODE -

- *Top of the Bay Crab Shack; Reporting that a new business will be opening within the next few days.*
- *Sign Ordinance; Reporting that the Planning and Zoning Board has met to start discussing the Town's outdated sign ordinance to possibly make it easier for Town Business to advertise. The next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Summer Hill Building Lot; Reporting that a house is being built on the one remaining vacant lot which is excluded from the water moratorium due to the fact that the impact fees were paid for before the moratorium was put in place.*

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Peterson reported on the following:

- *Crime Statics: Reporting that due to the cancellation of the last meeting, the stats are a little higher, the Town responded to 543 calls for service and the breakdowns are as follows; 5 drug arrests, 1 hand gun violation, 2 juvenile arrests and multiple arrests for theft. Chief Peterson*



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also reported that the Town's officers will be in the communities enforcing speeding violations.

OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Osborne asked Mr. Bonenberger when all the water meters have been changed out will the Town be able to perform an analysis on water loss. Mr. Bonenberger replied yes. Commissioner Osborne asked Mr. Bonenberger about the progress of the permits for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Bonenberger replied that the Town has all of the needed permits and the Town will be having a pre-construction meeting this week. Commissioner Osborne reported that the Streets and Sidewalk committee met this week and the committee has several items to discuss with Mr. Bonenberger before they are able to make recommendations to the Board.

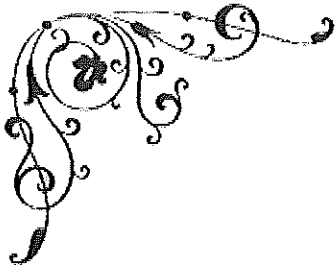
NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Marion reported that going forward we will be videoing the Town Meetings and making the video available for everyone to view on the Town's website.

Mayor Fisher reported that in light of what has happened tonight, that he needs to reevaluate his role as the Mayor of Rising Sun, stating that he feels that his role has been abolished and his hopes were to make positive changes and bring the Town together also stating that he believes the Town could be operated more cost effective and shared his disappointment for his hopes.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS –

- Commissioner Berkowich reported that he needs to do research.
- Commissioner Marion reported that he wanted to thank everyone for their support also stated that he will make himself available for anyone and encouraged everyone to contact him with any problems, also stating that he is looking forward to working with the Mayor and Board of Commissioners.
- Commissioner Naughton reported that he enjoyed attending the MML Convention and found it to be very beneficial.
- Commissioner Osborne thanked everyone for attending the Town meeting and expressed that she was glad to see such a big turnout.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – Many citizens shared their concerns, questions and congratulations with the outgoing and incoming Board.



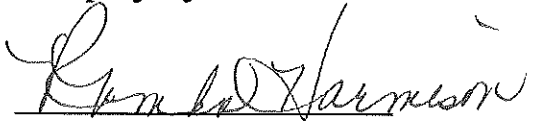
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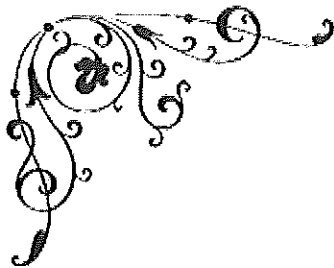
ADJOURNMENT – *With no other business before the Board a motion was made by Commissioner Naughton seconded by Commissioner Osborne to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 9: 15 PM.*

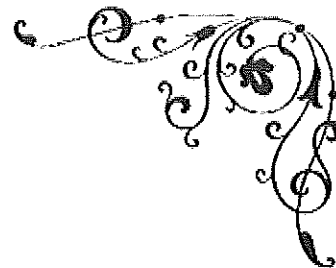
*Respectfully submitted*

  
Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

*Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Stephen Naughton, seconded by  
Commissioner Joanne Osborne at the July 24, 2012 Town Workshop Meeting  
Motion Passed 4 0*



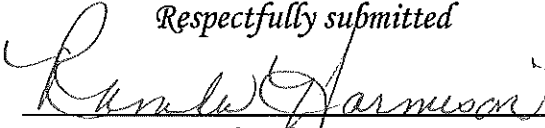
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DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk for the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, do hereby 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012.

Respectfully submitted  
  
Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)