

TOWN OF RISING SUN

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July 24, 2007

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

Town Administrator: Calvin Bonenberger, Jr.

Guests: See Attached List

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on July 24, 2007 at the Rising Sun Town Hall with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Cox, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Mayor Cox requested that everyone keep the men and women overseas in their thoughts and the Craig family in Cecilton.

County Commissioner Brian Lockhart was in attendance and presented a plaque to Dawn Rodenbaugh for her service and dedication to the Neighborhood Youth Panel. Dawn thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their support with the program and reported that she hopes to have similar programs in other towns within the County.

Buddy Cathers was in attendance about the Hunter Safety Program offered at the American Legion. Since the program involves the shooting of firearms within the town limits, he is requesting permission from the Board to be allowed to hold the program again this year. A motion granting permission was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried.

The minutes of the 7/10/07 meeting were approved as corrected. The corrections changed the word sworn to swore and Mr. Mumey to Mr. Pierson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox advised that the Executive Director of the Cecil County Arts Council will be attending the next meeting to present the Cecil County Public Art Project "Just A Daydream Away..."

Town Administrator, Calvin Bonenberger, continued with the Committee Reports, a copy of which is attached:

Finance - Mr. Bonenberger reported on fund transfers, the revised chart of accounts and fund creations and transfers. He also advised that the staff would be meeting with a payroll service company to see if it would suit the needs of the Town. He further recommended that a new check signing policy be put into effect removing the Clerk/Treasurer's signature and making the Town Administrator and the Mayor be the persons responsible for the signing of the checks with the Vice Mayor as an alternative to either of the aforementioned persons. A motion was made to take the necessary steps with all financial institutions to require all town checks to be endorsed by the signature of the individuals holding the following positions with the Town: Town Administrator and Mayor; and to further list the individual holding the position of Vice Mayor as the alternative endorsing signature required in the absence of the Town Administrator or Mayor; such action to become effective 8/1/07. The motion was seconded by Mr. Majewski and carried.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the change orders for #1 - the alley way between Queen and Main Streets with regard to paving and #2 - Walnut Street at Stephens Preserve. A motion to proceed with change work order #1 in order to complete the public alley restoration at a price not to exceed \$22,925, and to further extend the paving of the above mentioned areas behind Sue's Restaurant with the stipulation that the owner, Mr. Gibney pay for the additional services required to complete this area, was made by Mr. Yust, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried. A motion to proceed with change work order #2 not to exceed \$17,060 was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Yust and carried.

With regard to the proposed one-way street project for Cherry and Walnut Streets, Mr. Bonenberger advised that he has received the recommendation of both the Town Attorney and the Town Engineer to do a traffic study before moving forward

with any changes. A motion was made by Mr. Yust to have an engineer to perform an evaluation of the two areas in questions and to take the necessary steps to make a recommendation for the best way to deal with the public safety concerns related to these two intersections. This report should be available for public discussion at the next Town meeting and will not exceed the total cost of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried.

A request for partial payment has been received from S & M Paving in the amount of \$43,261.18 and approval of payment has been recommended by the Town Engineer. A motion to pay the partial payment was made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried.

The millings are being stored at Triangle Park and upon completion of the overlay project, some millings will be sold and the remainder moved to the lagoon area.

Mr. Bonenberger reported that during the street restoration, 5 fire hydrants along these streets were replaced.

Water & Sewer - Mr. Majewski reported on a meeting that he and the Mayor and Town Administrator had attended in Baltimore to discuss the water allocation and WWTP issues. They will be doing a follow up meeting with MES next week.

Public Safety - Mr. Bonenberger reported on some grant applications for surveillance equipment and generators that he has applied for. Mr. Pierson advised that the state has given formal certification of the K-9 dog.

Parks & Recreation - Repaving of Kirk's Court will take place next week.

Town Administrator - Mr. Bonenberger advised that he would have the minutes of the past several Executive Sessions and Work Shop Session ready for the next meeting.

Planning & Zoning - Mr. Bonenberger reported on Wellington Manor with regard to improvements to Red Pump Road. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried to instruct the Town Administrator to arrange an Executive Session with the Mayor and Commissioners, the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Town Attorney and the Cecil County Department of Public Works representatives.

Board of Appeals - There was no report reference to the Board of Appeals

Community Development - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the progress of the Creeger demolition and the McDonald's demolition. He also advised that he and the Mayor had attended a round table discussion regarding housing issues.

Historical Preservation Commission - Mrs. Ehrhart was not in attendance.

There was no old or new business.

Mr. Majewski asked if there would be public input before a vote is taken concerning the one-way street issue. He was advised that the Mayor would conduct a public hearing. Calvin advised that he sensed concerns on both sides. There will be something done, we are just making sure that we are making an informed decision.

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Buddy Cathers advised that one-way streets had been tried before in Rising Sun and did not work and went back to two-way. Mr. Yust reported that he had spoken with SHA and they had not done an official study. A discussion ensued concerning the proposed study. Mr. Bonenberger advised that the study could be extended if the Board wanted to spend more money. He advised that there were 3 possible scenarios: 1 – nothing; 2 – right hand turns only; or 3 – one-way streets.

Mr. Jenkins questioned about a study being done by State. He referred to a letter of recommendation from the SHA. He voiced his concern about taking more time to fix the problem when 3 months ago, it was the Board's decision to make it one-way. Mr. Jenkins' frustration was noted and the plans for a formal study will proceed.

Mr. Callahan also commented on the fact that the one-way street was approved 3 months ago and voiced his confusion. He also advised that he had been reviewing the building code information and questioned the concrete vs blacktop. Mr. Bonenberger advised that blacktop was porous and concrete was not.

Mr. Pierson questioned if some things would be grandfathered in.

There was not Executive Session. With no other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra, Secretary