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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 August 14, 2007 at the Rising Sun Town Hall with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Heather Morrissey, Executive Director of the Cecil County Arts Council was in attendance and presented the Board with a proposal from the Arts Council and Cecil County Tourism. They have proposed a public arts project "Just A Daydream Away" whereby artists from the 8 incorporated Towns will produce a piece of artwork based on their respective Towns which will eventually go on permanent display in that Town. There will be a \$250 stipend given to the chosen artists \$150 coming from the Arts Council and Tourism and \$100 coming from each Town that wants to participate. All winning submissions will be on display at the Arts Gala in November. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried to fund the \$100 for the arts project.

With no additions or corrections, the minutes of the 7/24/07 meeting were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox reported on attending a meeting concerning BRAC. She also toured APG and Edgewood. She advised that the APFO proposed by the County Ad Hoc Committee is being reviewed by the University of Maryland. She advised that there was a Council of Governments meeting on Thursday and that she would try to get members a hard copy.

Mr. Bonenberger expounded on some of the BRAC issues. He advised that the County plans for BRAC involves the Rt. 40 corridor not Rising Sun. He advised that representatives from Lancaster and Chester Counties in Pennsylvania also attended the meeting and tour. He said that the Town cannot depend on other jurisdictions to address the Rising Sun issues. We must get copies of the plans for the surrounding areas so that we know which direction to take.

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

Finance - Mr. Bonenberger reported on 2 CD accounts that would be transferred into the MLGIP as of their maturity date. They are currently earning under 2% and in the MLGIP they will earn 5%+. One of the NBRS Financial accounts will also be transferred to MLGIP for the same reasons.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Bonenberger reported that the work on the 2007 Street Repaving Program had been completed. He advised that the engineer will evaluate what would constitute a reasonable stockpile of millings and the remainder will be sold.

With regard to the proposed one-way street project for Cherry and Walnut Streets, Mr. Bonenberger advised that the engineer's traffic study report will be presented at the September meeting.

Mrs. Craig questioned when Walnut Street would be repaved. That is to be determined at a later date. The question arose as to sidewalk repair on one of the side streets. It is believed that the repair is in conjunction with the fire hydrant replacement.

The curb boxes that have been paved over are being taken care of

Water & Sewer - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the water issues with regard to water allocations. He advised that the Town is not getting credit for the recharge areas. MES continues to be the lead agency in the water and sewer projects.

The Town did not receive funding through MDE or CDBG for 2008. Other funding sources are being sought. Out of 102 we were ranked 38. On possibility would be that the Town could create a LMI study area.

Lightening struck and caused a breaker to trip at the pumping station which resulted the pumps to be shut down for 10 hours which caused water levels in the tank to drop.

Public Safety - Mr. Bonenberger advised that the ad has been placed for the new police officer. The deadline is 8/30/07.

Parks & Recreation - Mr. Bonenberger advised that a grant application had been filed through the Maryland Community Parks and Playground program in the amount of \$190,000. He advised, if approved, how the monies would be spent..

Town Administrator - Mr. Bonenberger reported that the trash & recycling bid specs are being finalized. He reported on the Valley View Village drainage project. He advised that a window was broken and repaired in one of the maintenance vehicles. He is also working on a new employee vacation and time off request forms.

Planning & Zoning - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the upcoming meeting concerning Wellington Manor with regard to improvements to Red Pump Road. A discussion ensued concerning the proposed residential sprinkler system ordinance. The proposed ordinance addresses new construction no the retrofitting of older structures. The Board would like more time to look at the proposed sprinkler ordinance. Planning and Zoning is starting to look at ordinances that need to be revised. They have a re-subdivision of lot 4 of Maple Heights which will correct a mistake in the original subdivision and a request for a change in the zoning ordinance which would allow educational institutions in a Light Industrial zone.

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

Community Development - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the progress of the McDonald's demolition. Mrs. Craig requested that they be contacted with regard to a fence around the property to keep the trash and debris from blowing everywhere. Mr. Bonenberger reported on the progress of the re-location of the traffic light. The Mayor and Town Administrator are to meet with Delegate Rudolph to discuss some of these issues.

Historical Preservation Commission - Mrs. Ehrhart was not in attendance. Dee Emsley reported that there would be a dance held on November 17,2007 at the fire house to benefit the Historical Preservation Commission.

There was no old business.

Under new business a committee was suggested to assist with selecting the art work previously discussed. Anyone interested should get in touch with Sandi or contact Heather. Mrs. Craig is to head up the committee.

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Cherry Moore, a new resident in Town questioned if speed humps could be put in on Walnut Street to keep the speed at 25mph. She also questioned the location of speed limit signs above and below the hill. Other areas in Town could also benefit from speed humps.

Mr. Callahan advised that he had changed his mind on residential sprinklers and was now very much in favor of them. He also commented on the trash and debris at and around McDonald's. Mr. Bonenberger is to call tomorrow. Mr. Callahan also commented on that it seems that Mr. Bonenberger now runs the meetings rather than the Mayor. Chris also advised that the storm drain in the corner of the Ace Hardware parking lot is in need of repair as it is eroding

Lisa Tome of the Rising Sun Herald advised that North East, Perryville and Charlestown have adopted the residential sprinkler code should the Town want to view a copy. She also asked about the status of the Legion wells and was advised that the Town is awaiting allocation figures from MDE.

Ken Jenkins questioned when the traffic study would be completed. He was told the 1st meeting in September and that it would be a public hearing.

Dee Emsley commented on what a good job Calvin was doing and that the reports were understandable.

With no other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra, Secretary