

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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town Hall on Tuesday evening January 8, 2013. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Mayor Robert Fisher, Commissioner Stephen Naughton  
Commissioner Travis Marion , and Commissioner Joanne Osborne Commissioner  
Charles Berkowich.

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – None

**STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT** – Town Clerk Rhonda Harmison

**STAFF/CONSULTANTS ABSENT** – Town Administrator Calvin A. Bonenberger

**GUESTS**: See Attached List

**MEETING OPENING** – The meeting was called to order at 7 : 05 PM by Mayor Robert Fisher, followed by the pledge of allegiance, and a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – Mayor Fisher asked for any corrections to the December 11, 2012 Town Workshop Meeting. With no corrections Mayor Fisher called for a motion. Commissioner Marion motioned and seconded by Commissioner Naughton to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.

**Ordinances, Resolutions and Special Presentations** –

- WILMAPCO Cecil County Bicycle Master Plan; Ms. Tamika Graham from WILMAPCO presented to the Board the Cecil County bicycle plan asking the Board for a letter of endorsement. After lengthy discussion Commissioner Osborne motioned seconded by Commissioner Naughton to submit a letter of endorsement for the idea of the proposed WILMAPCO bicycle route as presented

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by WILMAPCO although withholding approval of the WILMAPCO bicycle plan thus allow a committee to be formed to determine whether the proposed Rising Sun routes are feasible. In closing Mayor Fisher appointed Commissioner Marion to form a committee.

- Retired Sergeant Joseph Appleby Recognition; Mayor Fisher read into the minutes the certificate of recognition for Mr. Joseph Appleby for his heroic action preventing the robbery of Chrome Dairy in Rising Sun.
- David Taylor Community Enhancement; sharing with everyone quotes from Abraham Lincoln and Zig Zigler. Also informing the Board he would like to be a member of the Bicycle Committee.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Fisher commented that the minutes of executive sessions held November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> need to be revised for the reason that the law indicates that if a decision is made during an executive session the decision must be presented in public forum.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Chief Peterson reported on the following:

- Monthly Crime Statistics; the reports are available at Town Hall for viewing.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

Commissioner Berkowich reported on the following:

- Traffic Issues; announcing all traffic complaints, should be submit directly to Chief Peterson.
- Out of State Tags; the police department is handling the issues of out of state tags and illegal parking.

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### **Commissioner Marion reported on the following;**

- Dog Park Update; announcing an upcoming meeting with those involved in the development of Triangle Park and will report back. Mayor Fisher stated that he would like to attend the meeting. Commissioner Marion replied that he will discuss that with him after the meeting adjourns.

### **Commissioner Naughton reported on the following;**

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Update; the plant is moving forward and is expected to be completed in 460 days.

### **Commissioner Osborne reported on the following;**

- Sidewalk repairs; an additional concrete contractor has been contacted about the sidewalks on the corner of Mount and Queen at the yield sign and will be discussing this with the Town Administrator.
- Maple Heights Speed Limit Sign; the DPW department has installed the speed limit sign on Maple Heights Drive and thanked the employees for their effort.
- Speed Limit Signs on State Roads; "I have corresponded with the State in reference to posting a lower speed limit through Town".
- Review of Old Town Meeting Minutes for legislation; reporting that we have a couple of volunteers and will be getting in touch with them.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**CITIZEN INPUT** – "The board heard from one citizen who expressed a desire to see allergy free businesses locate in the town. The Mayor tried to impose a six minute limit on one speaker, rather than the ten minutes the town ordinance allows. That citizen shared quotes from the Constitution. When the mayor tried to enforce his six minute


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limit, several citizens expressed their discontent verbally and left the meeting. The speaker was then permitted to take the full ten minutes."

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 40 PM.

Respectfully submitted

  
Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

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Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Stephen Naughton,  
seconded by Commissioner Joanne Osborne at the January 22, 2013 Town  
Meeting Motion Passed 4 0

**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 23<sup>RD</sup> day of January 2013.*

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL**

**(STATE OF MARYLAND)**

**(COUNTY OF CECIL)**

**(TOWN OF RISING SUN)**