

TOWN OF RISING SUN

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August 28, 2007

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

Absent: 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 28, 2007 at the Rising Sun Town Hall with all members in attendance except Mr. Pierson. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. The Mayor asked to remember the fire victims in Greece.

With no additions or corrections, the minutes of the 08/14/07 meeting were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox reported that she would be attending a BRAC meeting tomorrow in Baltimore City.

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

Finance – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Town had drawn \$192,543.30 against our \$225,000.00 line of credit to pay for the recent 2007 Road Restoration Project. This will now become a debt service for the Town to be paid off over the next 2 years with Maryland Highway users funds.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the bid received from Accuseal to seal coat the Municipal Parking Lot and the lot behind Town Hall. A motion to approve the proposal from Accuseal, to seal coat the Town parking lot and rear police parking lot for a cost not to exceed \$2500 was made by Mr. Yust, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried. The price includes patch work, sealing and stripping.

A motion was made by Mr. Yust, seconded by Mr. Majewski and carried to approve the sale of the remaining street millings at a cost of \$10 per ton with it being free to any town resident using them for non-business purposes with a limit of 2 ton per property. A discussion ensued, Mr. Bonenberger advised that the Town would be keeping 50 cubic yards in reserve. The maintenance department will start moving ours as soon as possible. The non-milling material is separate from the millings, which could be used as a sub-base and is to be given away.

With regard to the Rt. 273 Drainage Project. The Town received a check from the county for \$17,076.49, which represents their 25% of the project cost.

A discussion ensued concerning complaints from a resident concerning streetscape and the damage to their house. Other residents with similar complaints are to be contacted and a meeting scheduled with the state and the state Delegate.

Water & Sewer - Mr. Bonenberger advised that he was trying to set up a meeting with the developers in the near future.

Public Safety - Mr. Bonenberger advised that the ad has been placed for the new police officer. The deadline is 8/30/07. He questioned if the Board wanted to extend the deadline another 30 days since they had only received 3 applications. It was decided to extend the deadline and form a committee for review of the applications and interviews. Those who will be on the committee are the Mayor, Commissioner Pierson, Commissioner Yust, Mr. Bonenberger and Tom Mumey. It was agreed to place the ad on the MML website and a law enforcement website for an additional 30 days.

Parks & Recreation - Mr. Bonenberger advised that the sign in Diddie Richardson Park was in need of replacing. The existing sign is rotting at the base.

The Eagle Scout project, the gazebo across from Town Hall, has run into a technical problem with regard to the ramp and ADA accessibility. At the base of the ramp to make the railing strong, they need to either drill into the sidewalk for support or find another solution. It was suggested that they support the railing with treated lumber and make it look better with a façade of flowers, etc.

Town Administrator - Mr. Bonenberger reported that he had received 2 bids for the drainage piping repairs in Valley View Village. The engineer has reviewed the bids and recommends that the bid be awarded to Civil Utility Construction Company, Inc. at a cost of \$15,727. A motion was made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Yust and carried to award the bid to Civil Utility Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$15,727. He also advised that there were 2 storm water drains that are in stages of collapse. He suggested to ask Civil Utility Construction Company, Inc., to look at these two drains reference repair. A motion was made by Mr. Yust, seconded by Mr. Majewski and carried to have Civil Utility Construction Company, Inc. repair the 2 drains in question, if the cost did not exceed \$20,000.

Mr. Bonenberger also advised that he had looked at the storm drain in the ACE parking lot and would be writing them a letter asking that it be repaired. He also updated everyone on the 5 Year Street Improvement Project; the GIS – Geographic Information System, the Website Design Project and the Town Boundaries and Zoning Map.

Planning & Zoning - Mr. Bonenberger reported on the most recent Planning & Zoning meeting. A copy of those minutes were given to the Board. He advised that they would be holding workshops to discuss various zoning and comp plan issues. They have also requested to be allowed to advertise for interested persons to fill the 2 vacancies on their Board and then make recommendation to the Town Board for appointments. A motion was made by Mr. Yust, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried to allow the P & Z to advertise the 2 vacant positions.

Mr. Bonenberger asked for clarification of the proposed street width issue and asked if such a proposal had been adopted by the Board. The secretary is to research the minutes to determine when such a vote was taken.

Board of Appeals - Mr. Bonenberger advised that there would be an upcoming meeting of the Board of Appeals to hear a request for a Special Exception to increase a home daycare from 6 to 7 children

Community Development - Mr. Bonenberger advised of some developer items and suggested another meeting between the Town, the County and Planning & Zoning. The Mayor suggested a field trip

Code Enforcement – Mr. Bonenberger advised that he had registered the Town of Rising Sun as members of the International Code Council for which we received approximately \$300 worth of code books free.

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.

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CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Mr. McFadden questioned the status of the one-way street issue. He was advised that the report of the study had not been received as of yet. When it is received a public hearing will be held and duly advertised.

Mr. Callahan questioned when was the last time the Town had 24/7 police coverage. This was explained by the Chief as well as how the after hour calls are handled

With no other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra, Secretary