

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 March 12, 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 , Commissioner Joanne Osborne and Commissioner Charles Berkowich.

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – None

**STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT** – Town Administrator Calvin A Bonenberger, Jr.

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

**GUESTS:** See Attached List

**MEETING OPENING** – The meeting was called to order at 7 : 00 PM by Mayor Robert Fisher, followed by the pledge of allegiance, and a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – Due to the Town Clerks absence there are no meetings minutes for approval.

**Ordinances, Resolutions and Special Presentations** – None

**MAYOR'S REPORT;** he attended a bike symposium with Mr. Mike Burns from Charlestown on the 27<sup>th</sup> stating that it was a very productive meeting. Also there will be a Mayors Meeting to talk about the Cecil County Bike plan on March the 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Elkton Town office.

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### STAFF REPORTS:

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT; Mr. Bonenberger reported on the Following

Town Vehicles Titles update; we have started a lengthy process of identifying all the Town vehicles to make sure all of our titling requirements are on file.

Budget Process; we have started working with the accountant on the budget process for the new fiscal year.

Public Works; we have not been able to work on any street and sidewalk projects because of winter. We are now getting all the specifications together for the bid packages.

----- Storm Water Management; as of today the County has the environmental responsibility of the County storm-water, although new laws will be incorporating some of the responsibility to the Towns.

Grants; we are completing an application to allow us to apply for grants.

RFP for the Dog Park; we are working on the RFP.

Sewer Project; have met with the engineer regarding some design issues. Also we are addressing ADA regulations. Another issue we are addressing the design of the Head Works. USDA has asked us to update the budget and submit it to them.

Planning and Zoning; the Board will be hearing a case on the 25<sup>th</sup> regarding a Church asking for a special exception to locate to Colonial Way.

Code enforcement; Big Lots is moving along. We are requesting impact fees for the tenant space next to Big Lots at a cost of around \$19,000.00

New Boutique Space; we have an applicant requesting an occupancy permit to open a new boutiques located at 114 S Queen St.

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

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

Protest Permits; the Town is in need of updating the Code to clarify protests.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Berkowich reported on the following:**

Town Watch Program; researching the idea of starting a Town watch program is gathering more information, to present to the Chief and the Town Administrator.

Town Park Cut Across; observed town employees and the Mayor drive across the grassy area of the park to avoid traffic, suggesting that block put there.

**Commissioner Marion reported on the following:**

State Highway Administration Meeting; a meeting was held to include the Town's electrician regarding Triangle Park.

Format for the Town's new Website; we will be having a meeting next week regarding formatting of the new website. Also the Town has officially established a Face-book account under the name of Town of Rising MD Official.

WILMAPCO Seminar; thanking the Mayor for letting him know of a WILMAPCO Bike seminar and that he is planning to attend.

Video Taping Town Meetings; asking the Board for discussion and verbal approval regarding videotaping the Town meetings allowing him to start the bid process. After discussion it was agreed that Commissioner Marion will start the process of bidding and report back to the Board.

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**Commissioner Osborne reported on the following;**

Concept Drawing for Pearl and Mount St.; received drawing this week and we are now ready for specifications to send to the contractors for bids.

Town Ordinances and Resolution; we are ready to start and by the next meeting will have a report.

**Commissioner Naughton reported on the following;**

Episcopal Carmel of St Teresa tenth anniversary celebration; attending the event last week and letting everyone know that Sister Irene fell and broke her knee asking everyone to put her in their prayers.

Library Trustee Appointee; the County Counsel has re-appointed him to the Library Board of Trustees.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**CITIZEN INPUT** –

Jeff Aughenbaugh; shared his concerns of where our Society is headed.

Jason Sneddin; shared his concern regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rally held in Town.

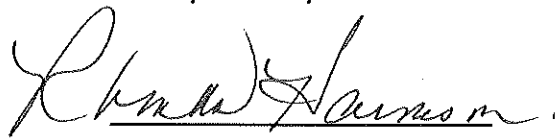
Gem Gibney; shared her concerns regarding the condition of the Town flags.

Richard Baun; directed a question to Commissioner Osborne regarding Town trash pickup.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no other business before the Board a motion was made by Meeting was adjourned at 7: 57 PM.

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Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rhonda Harmison", is written over a horizontal line.

Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Joanne Osborne,  
seconded by Commissioner Travis Marion at the April 9, 2013 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 4 0

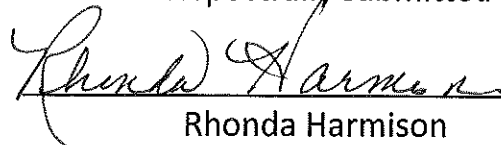
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**DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY**

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 7th day of April 2013.

Respectfully submitted

  
Rhonda Harmison  
Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL**

**(STATE OF MARYLAND)**

**(COUNTY OF CECIL)**

**(TOWN OF RISING SUN)**