

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 Meeting on the third floor of Town Hall Tuesday April 9, 2013. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

Town Clerk Rhonda Harmison

GUESTS: See Attached List

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Mayor Fisher asked for any corrections to the February 26, 2013 Town Business meeting minutes. Commissioner Naughton motioned and seconded by Commissioner Berkowich to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0. Mayor Fisher asked for any corrections of the March 12, 2013 Town Workshop meeting minutes. Commissioner Osborne motioned to approve the minutes with the correction of the list of errors submitted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Marion to approve the minutes with the corrected errors. Motion passed 4-0. Mayor Fisher asked for any corrections of the March 26, 2013 Town Business meeting minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Berkowich and seconded by Commissioner Naughton to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.

RECORD OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES – None

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PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS –

American Energy Corporation; Ms. Asma Manejivala presented in conjunction with Delmarva Electric a no cost energy savings program called Quick Home Energy Checkup which recommends low and no cost ways for residents and businesses to save energy. As a participant a certified inspector will come to the home or business at no cost and perform a walk through and evaluate areas for savings, also at no cost, items such as CFL light bulbs, wraps for water heaters, and low pressure fixture aerators will be offered.

ORDINANCE 2013-01 titled Verification of Citizenship, Residency & Age; Commissioner Osborne read into the minutes Ordinance 2013-01. Mayor Fisher stated that he does not know why we have to have different rules than the County and State.

Mayors Report – Mayor Fisher reported on the following;

- Chesapeake Water Shed Program; Reporting that he attended a meeting with the County and Congressman Harris regarding the Conowingo Dam in reference to the watershed program.
- Community Fire Company Banquet; he had the honor of attending the banquet and presenting the fire company with a \$10,000.00 dollar donation on behalf of the Town.
- Parliamentary Conference; he attended a seminar regarding parliamentary procedure and Roberts Rule of Order.
- Economic Development Commission; a presentation will be held April 23rd at the Elkton County Administration;
- Election; reminding everyone that May 10th is the last day for submittal to consideration to run for office. There will be two seats becoming vacant.

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Staff Reports –

Mr. Bonenberger reported on the following:

- Maryland Department of the Environment Recycling Rule; now requires recycling at apartment complexes with more than 10 units.
- Big Lots update; we are about three weeks away from the final walk through inspection, with a grand opening in about six weeks.
- Fitness Center; he has heard possibly a fitness center wants to open in the spare tenant space next to Martins.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Update; the work is moving along on schedule although additional stone was brought in due to soil compaction issues.

Chief Peterson reported on the following:

- Report of the Police Response to the March 9th rally; the Mayor asked him at the last meeting to present a public report regarding what occurred during the March 9th gun rally in front of Delegate Rudolph's office, although today the Mayor told him not to read the report into the record. Chief Peterson asked the Board if they would like him to read into the minutes the report. Mayor Fisher reported that the reason he did not want the Chief to read the report was because there were errors in the report. Commissioner Naughton motioned and seconded by Commissioner Marion to read the report into the minutes. Motion passed 4-0. Chief Peterson read into the minutes the report of the police response of the event.

COMMISSIONER BERKOWICH REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Town Watch Program; informing everyone that we do not have in affect a Town Watch Program, although he is hearing that we do. We are still gathering information and will report back.
- Chief Peterson added that there are citizens offering a reward for information regarding the vandalism that happened at the Town Pond.

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COMMISSIONER MARION REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Town Website Update; a meeting was held with EGOV strategies regarding the Town's website. We are streamlining our documents for easier access and EGOV will be bringing back a new format.
- Meeting with Public Works Chief; regarding a walk thru of the Town Parks and park issues needing attention.
- Triangle Park Update; a meeting was held with the architect regarding fencing for the dog park.

COMMISSIONER NAUGHTON REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING: no report.

COMMISSIONER OSBORNE REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING: no report.

OLD BUSINESS. – Commissioner Naughton read into the minutes clarifying from the last meetings discussion, the vote recorded in the January 14, 2004 minutes regarding the storm water management pond in Summer Hill. The vote was 2-0 and without a unanimous vote the vote failed because there were only three Commissioners in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS. –

- **VOTING MACHINES;** Commissioner Osborne motioned to secure a contract to purchase electronic voting machines with a cost not to exceed \$2,500 dollars. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Marion. Mayor Fisher asked for discussion and stating the he did not see the practical use for voting machines. Vote passed 4-0.
- **VIDEOTAPING TOWN MEETINGS;** Commissioner Marion motioned to send out an RFP request to receive bids for taping Town meetings. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Naughton. Vote passed 4-0.
- **2013 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS;** Commissioner Osborne presented to the Board the proposal and cost for repaving Town streets. Outlining the cost and stating that proposals will be solicited.

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- MOVIES IN THE PARK: Commissioner Marion presented and motioned to purchase a silver screen backyard projection system with a cost not to exceed \$4,000 dollars. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Osborne. Motion passed 4-0.
- PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING; Commissioner Osborne stated that it has been brought to the attention of the Board that there is a member of the Planning and Zoning Board that no longer meets the requirements to serve on the Board, further stating that the member is Mr. Keith Campbell. Commissioner Osborne motioned to hold a hearing to allow Mr. Campbell to present to the Board his qualifications for remaining on the Board. Mayor Fisher asked to table the motion until the Board can further examine the rules. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Marion. Vote passed 4-0.

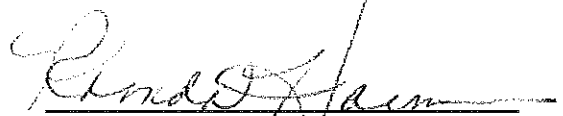
CITIZEN'S INPUT –

- Augie Pierson; shared with everyone his opinion after being questioned from residents why Mr. Bonenberger is being paid the salary he is receiving.
- Shirley Deppish; has been working to have the mayor recalled stating that she does not have a vendetta against the Mayor, she has a mission.
- Jeff Aughenbaugh; shared his opinions regarding constitutional rights.
- Tom Mumey; accused the Mayor of stalking people. Also he is opposed to the Town spending money for voting machines.
- Dee Emsley; asked the Board about the K9 and was told the town is waiting for re-certification of the dog.
- Jason Sneedin; stated he is opposed to electronic voting machines, also asked the Town to support his opposition to the new state gun laws.
- Dave Warnick; he is opposed to voting machines.

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ADJOURNMENT – With no other business before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Osborne seconded by Commissioner Naughton to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Stephen Naughton, seconded by Commissioner Travis Marion at the April 23, 2013 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 3 - 0

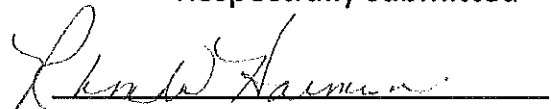
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Declaration And Verification Of Authenticity

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 here unto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this.

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)