

# TOWN OF RISING SUN

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December 11, 2007

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 December 11, 2007 at the 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. Mayor Cox asked that everyone keep in mind the decisions being made by our country's leaders and state, county and municipality.

With no additions or corrections, the minutes of the 11/27/07 meeting were approved as presented.

A Public Hearing was conducted to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2007-03: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RISING SUN ("TOWN") CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, AMENDING AND ADDING LANGUAGE TO CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF RISING SUN, IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODES AS THE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE TOWN OF RISING SUN; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. Mr. Bonenberger read the first page of Ordinance 2007-03. He explained that certain areas of the old Rising Sun Fire Code as they pertain to the duties of the Community Fire Company will still remain in effect. Items that were covered in the International Fire Code were deleted so as to avoid duplication. Mr. Bonenberger advised that the Fire Company had reviewed the proposed Ordinance and were okay with its contents. The Ordinance was also endorsed by the Rising Sun Planning & Zoning Commission. He advised that action on residential sprinklers was not included in this Ordinance, but could be added at a later date.

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Pierson to adopt Ordinance 2007-03 to change the present fire code to the International Fire Code with any adaptations as necessary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yust and carried by a vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox read a thank you letter from the National Arbor Day Foundation for the \$100 donation in memory of Dr. Neil Taylor. A copy of the letter is attached.

Mayor Cox advised that the Town had received a letter from MML offering the Town the opportunity to participate in the Municipal Main Street neighborhood exhibit at the MML Convention. It was the consensus of the Board not to participate at this time. It was noted that it could be costly and would require manpower.

Finance - Mr. Bonenberger advised that everyone had received a copy of the FY 2007 Audit by Mr. Baxter. He advised that according to the Audit, the Town is solvent, funds are in order and everything is accounted for.

Mr. Bonenberger presented a sample of a proposed purchase order that he plans to implement in the near future. Mr. Pierson questioned maintenance purchasing things on an emergency basis. Mr. Bonenberger explained that the purchase would help to marry a receipt to an invoice on such purchases.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Yust advised that the contractor that was to sealcoat the municipal parking lot has encountered various logistics and timing issues and will not be able to complete the project until May of '08. He has been requested to seal some additional cracks and separations in the parking lot surfaces to help protect the parking lot over the winter

Mr. Yust also advised that repairs to sidewalks on Wilson and Queen would be done in the spring.

Water & Sewer - Mr. Majewski advised the Board that notes from the December 7, 2007 meeting concerning Wasterwater and Water Management Strategy was provided to them as a part of their packets.

Public Safety - Mr. Pierson reported that the interview committee will meet with the 2 applicants for the vacant police officer's position in the next coming days. He also advised that applications are still being accepted..

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig reported that Community Carol Sing, hosted by Tom Connelly, went very well despite the cold.

Town Administrator - Mr. Bonenberger presented the Board with a sample of an Employee Leave Request Form. This form would be used when an employee takes leave and would be required in advance in accordance with the Personnel Rules & Regulations.

Mr. Bonenberger also presented a sample of a Request for Action form and gave examples of the types of complaints, etc. for which these forms would be used.

Planning & Zoning - Mr. Bonenberger reported that the Planning and Zoning had met on December 10 and consider the application of McDonald's for additional signage. The P & Z Board voted to recommend approval to the Board of Appeals. The next P & Z meeting is 1/28/08.

Board of Appeals - Mr. Bonenberger advised that the next Board of Appeals meeting is .1/10/08 at 7:30 PM where they will hold a public hearing concerning the McDonald's signage.

Community Development - Mr. Bonenberger reported that McDonald's is open and it is very nice inside. There are still a couple of housekeeping issues to work on. They are working on the stormwater management on the Martin's project. Giant hopes to take over the pad within a couple of weeks.

Code Enforcement – Town of Rising Sun Fire Code, which was previously adopted.

Historical Preservation Commission – Mrs. Ehrhart reported on the recent activities of the Commission which includes the Christmas Parade, Carol Sing, and the display at Perryville Outlets. The display at Perryville Outlets may stay after the holidays. If they should rent the current store, they can move the display to another empty store. The museum will be open this Friday and will hold an Open House of Sunday.

Mr. Bonenberger reported that he had received correspondence from the State of Maryland that effective 1/1/08, carbon monoxide detectors would be required in all new residential construction. Existing properties may be included if they use fossil fuel. An open discussion ensued concerning types of fossil fuel and obtaining Co2 detectors from local fire companies and hard wire vs. battery units.. Mr. Pierson advised that the free detectors were for those who could not afford to buy one. Those who can afford to buy one should do so.

Old Business – nothing to report..

New Business – nothing to report.

#### CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Tom Mumey had questions concerning CO2 detectors which were covered previously. Mr. Callahan asked if this fell under the Building Code or Fire Code. He was advised neither, it is State Law which goes into effect 1/1/08

With no other business coming before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra,  
Secretary