

TOWN OF RISING SUN

BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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May 22, 2007

Present: Judy Cox, Tom Mumey, 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 May 22, 2007 at the Rising Sun 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.

Mr. Majewski corrected the minutes under his report, he advised that the leak on Mount Street was detected not repaired. With that correction, the minutes of the 5/08/07 meeting was approved as presented.

Mr. Bonenberger introduced a new format he would like to implement with regard to the reporting done at the Town meetings. He went through and explained each individual's report format. He felt that this format would be an organized way to report to the public. A copy of this report will be attached to the minutes of each meeting

REPORTS:

Mayor- Mayor Cox presented the Board with a copy of a letter addressed to William Manlove, President of the Cecil County Board of Commissioners in support of the Neighborhood Youth Panel. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried to send the letter of support.

Mayor Cox reported that the Veteran's concert being done by the Upper Chesapeake Community Band will change location from the Rising Sun Park to Center Square in front of Town Hall. The Honor Guard of American Legion Post 194 will dedicate the new monument at that time.

Mayor Cox also advised that she would be going to Annapolis on Thursday with Erika Dixon, the winner of the "If I Were Mayor" contest.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey presented the bids for the 2007 Street Restoration Program. The bids received were S & M Paving, Inc., - \$184,258; Meadows Construction, Inc. - \$246,028.47; and Stewart & Tate, Inc. - \$284,521.00. With the recommendation of the Town Engineer, Sabine Watson, Mr. Mumey motioned to award the bid to the low bidder, S & M Paving, Inc. The streets to be paving are Reynolds, Cooper, Buckley, Crothers, and Kirk's Crt. A loan will be secured from NBRS Financial with repayment made via Highway User Revenue received by the Town.

A discussion ensued concerning the street sweeping contract for the next fiscal year. Concerns were voiced as to whether or not all streets were being done. Calvin is to do oversight and the public works department will be requested to do follow-ups. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey to approve the \$5 per hour increase for continuing the contract.

Mr. Mumey reported that the bid for drainage repair in Valley View Village was 3 times higher than expected. The Town Engineer is re-evaluating the project.

Water & Sewer - Mr. Majewski advised that there was a small leak on Mount Street that had been repaired. He advised that he and Mr. Bonenberger will be meeting with Artesian Water Supply and Kershner Environmental Technologies to discuss various wastewater systems including SBR and Biolac. When questioned by Mr. Pierson about why, he advised that they needed to be able to say that they had looked at all possibilities. Mr. Mumey advised of the differences between the SBR and the Biolac. He advised that the SBR had been chosen because it is a system that can be added onto and therefore easy to adjust for future development. We are still on line for the 2009 deadline.

Mr. Majewski reported on his meeting with CLSI with regard to the Water Allocation Project and the Legion Wells and advised they would be meeting with other agencies.

Public Safety Mr. Pierson reported that Office Dominick and his dog had completed K-9 training in Pennsylvania. They must now be certified by the State Police. Chief Michael is working on that. They are hoping to have the dog in service by Sunfest.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised that she had met with the Mr. Bonenberger and toured the park. She listed items found deficient. Most work is to be done by the public works department. A grant application has been received from MDDNR and they will be completing and submitting.

Town Administrator - Mr. Bonenberger would like to form a finance committee with 1 or 2 Commissioners a Town resident and he and Sandi servicing as non-voting members to give assistance with bills payable, etc. They would make recommendations to the Board for payments and investments. A resolution is needed to establish the Committee, then appointments can be made by the Mayor and Commissioners.

Diane Ehrhart advised that the museum opening on May 12th went well with about 150 people attending. There will be another Epic's Dance on June 8, 2007 at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall. A copy of Diane's report is attached. She shared a picture of the old train station which was on S. Queen Street painted by Debbie Craig on a piece of wood from the old station.

There was no unfinished business or new business.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Bill Barr reported on the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program in Valley View Village. He advised that There were enough volunteers so that one only needs to serve once every 3 weeks. They have adopted a zero tolerance policy and supplied some information to the police. The Chief and Town Administrator will work together to obtain signs for the development.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried to enter into executive session.

The regular session adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra
Secretary